

# ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD 2007

**Those Present;-** Cllr Carter, Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs Hobbs, Cllr Puckey, Cllr Mrs R Thompson, Cllr Mrs H Thompson, Cllr Mrs Wilkes Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Beckett.

Apologies for Absence from, Cllr Bishop, County Cllr Powley, County Cllr Broadway,

	Power	Action
<b>69. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b> It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs Thompson that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2007 be approved. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	1	
<b>70. MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING</b> It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Garbett that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2007 be approved. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	1	
<b>71. MATTERS ARISING (<i>for information only</i>)</b> 60a) Remains of tree to be removed soon. 60a) Recreation ground old & new been sprayed.		
<b>72. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	2	
<b>73. POLICE MATTERS</b> a) Police Report – There was no police report. b) Crime Report – There was no crime report. The PCSO's are doing a good job in the village at the moment.		
<b>74. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS</b> a) Village Hall Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There was no village hall report.</li></ul> b) Village Hall Roof – Wire The damaged wire has been removed from the hall roof and a suitable replacement needs to be found. This will need to be priced up and checked with the planning department to see whether there are any restrictions or what is an acceptable type of wire/netting structure.		
<b>75. RECREATION GROUND MATTERS</b> a) Recreation Ground Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grass needs to be cut to 2"</li><li>• Cutting around the edges – The council needs to sort out with Truelink exactly which parts of the recreation ground surround they will be cutting before the next season.</li><li>• Need to open new recreation ground officially – The committee will try for Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September if not 6<sup>th</sup> October. If possible this will be combined with the opening of the new play area equipment.</li></ul> b) Play Area		

Work on the new play area has been postponed till 10<sup>th</sup> September.

- c) Extra Surfacing – It did not seem appropriate to use further funds to improve the play area when it is likely to be moved in the near future.
- d) Terms & Conditions – It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Carter that the terms & conditions for the grant from ECDC be approved and signed.

Clerk

CARRIED

- e) Cutting of Recreation Ground – Mr Colin Ellwood was approached and has agreed to cut the recreation ground during Mr Sheldricks absence.

**76. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) ECDC Jane Hollingsworth – A letter was received about the possibility of building 14-20 affordable houses on land at Beck Road Isleham. The parish council would like to purchase this site to be used partly as a rural exception site and the chairman will be contacting someone from the County Council with regard to buying this piece of land.

Clerk

- b) ECDC Parish Renumeration – It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Puckey that the council accept the recommendations made by the panel when it meets in November.

CARRIED

- c) Ely Citizens Advice Bureau – The clerk will attend the AGM on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September.
- d) ECDC New Registration & Dec of Interest Forms – All councillors to complete and return to the clerk.

**77. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

- a) County Councillors Report – There was no report from the county council.
- b) District Councillors Report –
  - ECDC have awarded a new waste contract and Isleham will stay with weekly collections.
  - Concerns were raised about school buses clashing with Isleham Primary School finish times at the end of term when the college finishes early. The clerk will notify the PCSO and contact Soham Village College asking them to notify the council of early closure in future.

**78. MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) August Bank Reconciliation  
It was proposed by Cllr Puckey and seconded by Cllr Garbett that the August bank reconciliation be approved

CARRIED

- b) Payment has been received from Football Club

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To Pay September Accounts  
It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Puckey 3

that the September accounts be paid

CARRIED

**79. CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS**

a) Burial Working Party

A meeting has been arranged for 17<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm.  
The councillors will meet by the gate at the new cemetery.

Burial  
W/P

**80. ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

Allotment rents will be collected on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.  
A meeting with allotment tenants will be arranged for 7pm to discuss the possibility of having water on the allotments.  
Several hedges in the village are overgrown the clerk will write to the Lady Frances Peyton Charity (Station Road), Michael Clarke (The Causeway), The Lady Maynard Charity (Waterside) and the County Council (Hall Barn Road).  
Screening at the Industrial Units on Hall Barn Road is due to be completed by November.

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Clerk

**81. MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Malkin and seconded by Cllr Carter that a £20 Charge for non-parishioners requesting written information or copies of documents from the clerk.

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The Clerk and the Chairman will look at drafting a model publication scheme suitable for this council and will bring this to the full council for approval.

Clerk  
Chair

**82. LATE SUBMISSIONS**

Big Lottery – The decision on stage one of the big lottery application for the new community centre has been deferred until December.

A letter of complaint has been received about an incident on the recreation ground. The chairman & vice chairman will visit the person in question.

Chair  
Vice-  
Chair

Letter re Churchyard – An e-mail was received from a gentleman unable to find his parents grave because of the removal of the wooden cross and a vase from the site. The clerk will contact the cemetery keeper when he comes back from holiday to sort this out.

Burial Working Party will need to look at the wooden crosses and make a decision as to how long they are to remain on the graves.

Meeting Closed at 8.52pm  
Date of next meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007

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- 1. Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)
- 2. Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001 Part 2
- 3. LGA 1972 S 150A
- 4. Allotment Act 1950 10 (1)

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