

# ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss

Power Action

Chairman Mr Derrick Beckett

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Those Present;-** Cllr Beckett, Cllr Carter, Cllr Mrs Wilkes, Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Mrs R Thompson, Cllr Mrs Hobbs, Cllr Garbett, Cllr Earl arrived at 7.07pm  
3 Parishioners

County Councillor Powley

Andy King Fenland Elite Bus Project Tom King Youth Worker

### **PQT**

Can anything be done about the ball being kicked over into the childrens play area?

There are a large number of pavilion keys around the village and there is conflict between the clubs about the mess in the pavilion.

Thanks were offered to the council for their involvement with the EA regarding a disabled access gate on the wash.

The meeting opened at 7.23pm

### **74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Mrs H Thompson, Cllr Baines,

### **75. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST (*For Items on Agenda*)**

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91c) Cllr Beckett Tree Works at 28 Mill Street, Isleham.

Any comments made by Cllr Beckett on planning matters are subject to change when presented with all the facts at ECDC planning meeting and do not constitute a pre-determination of any matter.

It is resolved by Isleham Parish Council that County and District Councillors may each speak for a maximum of 5 minutes on matters pertaining to Isleham only after which they may take questions for a maximum of 5 minutes. Also the Clerk would be grateful if key points that should be minuted could be put in writing for clarity.

CARRIED

### **76. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009**

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It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009 be approved as a correct record of the business transacted.

CARRIED

### **77. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009**

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June be approved as a true record of the business transacted.

### **78. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2009**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Carter that the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June be approved as a true record of the business transacted.

CARRIED

### **79. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF EXCLUSION 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2009**

The minutes of exclusion were taken under an exclusion order at the

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end of the meeting.

### **80. MATTERS ARISING (for information only)**

The recreation Ground maintenance has not been carried out and will be discussed under that item on the agenda.

The allotment meeting has not been held as the works required on Three Tree have been carried out.

### **81. POLICE MATTERS**

- The police reports for July and August were read to the Council.
- The next meeting of the neighbourhood panel will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at Beechurst Soham Village College.
- Andy Bartlett is the new Inspector at Ely.
- The police are aware of speeding in Mill Street and Speed watch is being carried out in the area.

noted

### **82. ICA**

The ICA draft brochure was approved by the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Mrs R Thompson that the quotation from Page Litho for the special edition of the Informer is approved.

CARRIED

Philip Aspland has asked that each Councillor takes 5 brochures each and commit to handing them out either at work or to those they may know locally who have contact with local organisations and businesses.

### **83. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

- a)
  - New booking on Tuesday evenings
  - Some decorating has been done during the summer; there is a little more to do in the October half term.
- b) A letter has been received from Mrs Bendall reporting that the sound system is not working properly. Arrangements have been made to have the equipment checked out and any repairs made.

### **84. RECREATION GROUND MATTERS**

Three quotations have been received for the works that need to be carried out on the recreation ground.

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Council accept the quotation from Bury Turfcare for spraying the old recreation ground.

It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Garbett that the Council accept the quotation from Mumby Landscapes for overseeding the new area of the recreation ground.

CARRIED

An application has been received from the family of Ian Humphries asking if a memorial bench may be sited on the recreation ground. The Council approved this proposal in principal but suggest that the bench is not situated until final decisions have been made about the new community centre site etc.

A notice has been received from ECDC authorising tree works to be carried out around the recreation field.

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Concerns were raised in PQT about play area safety as balls are being kicked over into the play area; the Council will obtain a quote from Palmers to put a six foot fence above the current fence and the flat roof.

There seem to be a number of keys for the pavilion around the village; the Council will look into this.

Following the presentation about the Fenland Elite Bus: this matter will be considered at the budget meeting at the end of September.

## 85. CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD MATTERS

- a) The notice of consecration has been put in the papers and on noticeboards around the village. noted

The first burial has taken place in the new section of the cemetery.

- b) Some work will be carried out on the trees in the churchyard in the next few weeks.

## 86. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) All councillors are in favour of attending the Code of Conduct Training; the only night the hall is available is a Friday night and this will be offered to ECDC as a venue. Clerk

- b) NHS AGM to be held at the Princess of Wales Hospital 22<sup>nd</sup> September 6.30pm. noted

- c) Cambridgeshire Acre AGM to be held at The St Ivo Leisure Centre St Ives on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm. noted

- d) Cambridgeshire Together - noted  
A letter of thanks has been received from the film crew. noted

## 87. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- a) County Councillors Report
- A vegetable packing plant sign is needed on the A142 at the Fordham junction to say indicate that lorries should go straight ahead rather than through Isleham village.
  - Traffic calming measures are needed on the Fordham Road, County Councillor Powley advised this would have to be applied for under the JFMHI bidding round.
  - It was suggested that a sign might be necessary on Fordham Road by Nature Reserve to make drivers aware of the concealed entrance this will be passed onto County Council however the Council should be aware that they will take into account the fact that there have been no accidents at this spot.
- b) District Councillors Report
- The Soham Vision consultation day was a success and there could be considerable benefit to Isleham if the proposed Eastern gateway should get the go ahead.
  - There will be two meetings in October (8<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>) then the draft masterplan will go to ECDC for approval. It is hoped the plan will be completed by March 2010.

## 88. MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the July Bank Reconciliation be approved.

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CARRIED

- b) It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded Cllr Mrs Hobbs that the August Bank Reconciliation be approved.

CARRIED

- c) It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the September accounts be paid.

CARRIED

The Cheques were signed by Cllr Carter, Cllr Beckett and the Clerk.

- d) It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Neal that the August salary payments be approved.

- e) The budget meeting will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September; any requests for items to be considered for next year need to be sent in writing to the Clerk by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

## **TO APPENDIX 90 CONCLUSION OF AUDIT**

The Annual Return has been approved by the external auditor. This was noted by the councillors and the notice will be displayed in the village for 14 days. The Chairman congratulated the Clerk on a successful audit.

### **90. POWER OF WELLBEING TRAINING**

Following a presentation by the Clerk and some discussion amongst the Councillors a vote was taken on whether to adopt the new 'Power of Well-being'

3 in favour

4 against

1 abstention

The vote was not carried and the matter may be looked at again following the next elections in 2011.

### **91. HIGHWAYS REPORT**

Highways are generally in good condition.

Notification has been received from ECDC of tree works to be carried out at 5 Dockings Lane, Isleham.

noted

Notification has been received from ECDC of tree works to be carried out at 28 Mill Street, Isleham.

noted

### **92. ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

- a) A number of allotments have been let over the summer and advertising is to be continued in the Isleham Informer.

- b) It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs that the allotment rents be increased to 80p per rod.

CARRIED

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Mrs R Thompson that the Lugger Bank rent is increased to 80p per rod in line with the other Council allotment rents.

CARRIED

- c) The date for the collection of allotment rents is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October in the small hall from 6.30-8.30pm. Tenants who wish to discuss the allotments will be invited to attend the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs R Thompson and seconded by Cllr Garbett that approval is given to Mr Doggett to have a maximum of 15

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chickents on his plot.

CARRIED

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs R Thompson and seconded by Cllr Garbett that approval is given to Mr Willoughby to erect a shed (max 6'x8') and to have a maximum of 15 chickens on his plot.

CARRIED

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Council make enquires to County Council about the possible purchase of the Three Tree allotment site.

CARRIED

### **93. APPLICATION FOR DUNSTALL APPRENTICE GRANT**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Neal that the an application for the apprentice grant from Justin Dillon is approved.

CARRIED

### **94. WASH MATTERS**

A meeting was held on the Wash in the summer with James Hooker of the EA, however there has been no information received about the gate.

### **95. ISLEHAM MARINA**

It has come to the attention of the Council that the local Vicar has approached the Ely Diocese to have Isleham Marina moved from the Ipswich Diocese because many people living there wish to hold christenings, weddings and funerals in the village church. In the light of this would it be desirable/possible to have the boundary changed to include Isleham Marina in Cambridgeshire instead of Suffolk as it is currently? The Clerk has made initial enquiries at County Council and if the Council wishes to pursue this course of action a letter needs to be sent to Stephen Moir (Corporate Director for People, Policy and Law) at County Council, giving a logical explanation as to why the Marina should be included in Cambridgeshire. It should be noted that the process is likely to take at least two years.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Malkin and seconded by Cllr Neal that the Council write to Stephen Moir about this matter.

6 in favour

2 abstentions

CARRIED

### **96. PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **a) Planning Applications**

09/00507/FUL Proposed 1 ½ storey dwelling and parking at land to rear of 48 West Street, Isleham for Mr & Mrs J Fleet – too high; out of keeping with the area (Beech Close)

09/00626/RMA Detached single storey dwelling to the rear of 48 West Street at land to rear of 48 West Street Isleham for Mr & Mrs J Fleet – no objection

09/00475/FUM Demolition of existing village hall and pavilion to provide new single storey community centre with play area, vehicular drop-off point and associated parking. Relocation of all-weather football pitch and column lighting, kick wall and cricket nets at Isleham

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Recreation Ground Mill Street, Isleham for Isleham Parish Council (Amendment: Dimensions added to visibility splays) (Plans for public information only as Parish Council have made the application and therefore approve the plans)

b) Planning Approvals

09/00465/FUL Single storey bedroom extension at 13A Station Road, Isleham for Mrs Wendy Davies

09/ 00475/CAC Demolition of existing village hall and pavilion to provide new single storey community centre with play area, vehicular drop-off point and associated parking. Relocation of all-weather football pitch and column lighting, kick wall and cricket nets at Isleham Recreation Ground Mill Street, Isleham for Isleham Parish Council.

c) There were no planning refusals

d) ECDC Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Examination information has been passed to Cllr Baines & Cllr Carter.

noted

**MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC & PRESS**

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**This motion was moved without notice and without being on the meeting agenda. The meeting closed at 9.42pm**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Neal that the minutes of exclusion are approved.

CARRIED

The meeting re-opened at 9.45pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.48pm.

1. Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001 Part 2
2. Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)
3. Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960

Signed: .....

Chairman

Date: .....