

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss

Chairman: Mr Derrick Beckett

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

MONDAY 2nd APRIL 2012

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Those Present;- Cllr Beckett (DB); Cllr Baines (SB); Cllr Mrs H Thompson (HT); Cllr Mrs Wilkes (PW); Cllr Mrs R Thompson (RT); Cllr Patterson; (CP) Cllr Mrs Malkin (JM); Cllr Neal (LN); Cllr Earl (ME);

Clerk: Mrs D Bayliss

Members 11

Quorum 4

7 Parishioners

County Councillor John Powley (JP)

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11-12/242 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bruyneel-Smith; Cllr Chaplin; C Cllr Palmer

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11-12/243 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on agenda

PW 11/12-252 Prejudicial (Husband supplied quotation)

DB; RT; HT; SB 11/12 261 Personal (Charity Trustees)

RT; SB; 11/12-256 Personal (Charity Trustees)

DB requested that it be recorded that he is also a member of the planning committee at ECDC and although he will take part in the discussions any comments made may be subject to change when he is presented with all the facts at District level and do not constitute a pre-determination of any matter.

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11-12/244 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

JF asked if borrowing approval had been obtained and requested a copy of the borrowing application and the approval letter when it is received.

LC asked again why the precept was increased last year when the loan had not been taken out.

LC asked for assurance that the increased precept would be ring-fenced to pay off the last two years of the loan.

Mr A-K asked again about the drainage and the road around the back of the building.

He also expressed disappointment at the responses to the Isleham Vision questionnaire and pointed out that it was not a true representation of the needs and desires of the parishioners.

JF requested a full copy of the end of year accounts.

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11-12/245 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 5th MARCH 2012

It was proposed by and seconded by that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th March were approved with the following amendments:

11/12-232 The vote was not unanimous – 9 in favour, 1 against

11/12-231 and 11/12 -226e should both read Chaplin not Patterson

11/12-233d The Chairman abstained from the vote.

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CARRIED

11-12/246 MATTERS ARISING/CLERKS REPORT (*for information only*)

- As the Parish Council has no past history of lost emails it is not the council's policy to acknowledge receipt of each individual email but to respond as soon as possible as is done with general correspondence
- The dog bin which was at the top of the footpath 'Ship Clare' has been moved up to the post office following complaints from residents
- The PC is unable to underwrite the £100,000 as discussed at the last meeting
- The public waste bins are not being emptied weekly; according to ECDC this is due to a shortage of staff
- A large amount of rubbish has been dumped on the roadway to the Nature Reserve. This has been reported and should be cleared within 3 working days however again ECDC has said this may not happen as there is a shortage of staff

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- The football festival will go ahead on the weekend of 12th/13th May as previously requested following a recreation ground meeting amongst the clubs
- A representative from Sanctuary will contact the tenant of the property on Church Street where the garden needs to be cut back
- Both telephone kiosks have now been adopted by the Council. The telephony has been removed and the glass has been replaced. A working party needs to be set up to carry out remedial works on both kiosks
- A reply has not yet been sent to ECDC outlining why the Council does not want building to take place on the Three Tree site

11-12/247 POLICE MATTERS

- a) A note of introduction has been received from the new PCSO Matt Chennell
- b) A meeting of the Neighbourhood Panel was held on Wednesday 28th March. The meeting was attended by JM and HT who reported that a talk was given by a gentleman from BT about cable thefts in the area; the matter of a sound barrier at EMR was discussed; steps are being taken to identify areas that are being targeted by thieves and there was a discussion on the housing tenancy consultation strategy.
Other matters on the agenda included dog fouling, litter and speeding which are recurring problems in all the villages represented at the panel.

11-12/248 ISLEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

- a) It was agreed that the Diamond Jubilee Mugs will be presented at the school assembly on Thursday 31st May

11-12/249 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

- a)
 - New light bulbs have been ordered however they are not working and Mr Rampley will be able to have a look at the electrics in the village hall next week.
 - A complaint has been received about the state of the village hall following the pantomime; the clerk has spoken to the caretaker who confirmed that the hall had been cleaned and the floor swept, but there was not time to wash it between when the pantomime crew left and when the party was held.

Clerk

11-12/250 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

- a) Following the remedial works carried out on the MUGA there are some concerns about some of the panels which are still loose. ME and CP will revisit the problem areas and report back to the next meeting.
The football club have expressed concern at the cost of the padlock and the number of keys cut for the pavilion.
- b) It was proposed by JM and seconded by CP that the Council will pay ½ the cost of the cricket fencing as quoted by Palmer & Sons.

Clerk

CARRIED

- c) Wicksteed have recommended removal of the cradle swings because the frame is corroded. (replace 2 of the normal swings with cradle swings for the time being)
It was proposed by JM and seconded by CP that the swings are removed.

Clerk

CARRIED

A number of minor remedial works are needed at the play area including replacing and tightening bolts, adding topsoil and reseeding, a new notice and a self closing lock on the gate. ME and CP will meet at the play area to discuss what is necessary and will liaise with the Clerk to have the works carried out.

11-12/251 ICA REPORT

- a) Applications for grant funding are being made this week to the Football Foundation and Sport England. The application for Section 106 monies has been submitted to ECDC and will be considered at committee on 19th April 2012. The application for borrowing approval has been made and a reply is expected this week.
- b) It was proposed by SB and seconded by CP that the quotation from Oxford Archaeology East for £2,570 is accepted.

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It was proposed by CP and seconded by LN that the quotation from Oakley Engineering for £2,287.50 is accepted.

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11-12/252 CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS

a) PW left the room at 8.16pm

It was proposed by SB and seconded by CP that the quotation from Mr T Wilding for remedial works to the War Memorial is approved.

CARRIED

PW returned to the meeting at 8.20pm

11-12/253 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS

a) There are still a number of pot-hole repairs outstanding however the budget is restricted so the County Council are doing the best they can.

HT asked about the improvements to the rail crossing in Ely; although this has been agreed to in principal there is still some way to go before work begins.

b) East Cambridgeshire has been nominated No1 of places to live in the country.

11-12/254 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) It was proposed by SB and seconded by PW that the March Bank Reconciliation is approved.

b) It was proposed by PW and seconded by SB that the April Accounts are approved and paid.

Clerk

c) It was proposed by JM and seconded by PW that the donation for £140 to the CAB is approved.

Noted

CARRIED

11-12/255 DUNSTALL APPRENTICE GRANT

a) It was proposed by PW and seconded by RT that the Dunstall Apprentice Grant for £220 is awarded to Aaron Smith.

Clerk

CARRIED

11-12/256 LADY PEYTON CHARITY

a) It was proposed by JM and seconded by ME that Paul Chaplin, Clive Patterson and Pauline Wilkes are elected as Parish Council representatives to the Lady Peyton Charity.

CARRIED

11-12/257 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

a) It was proposed by RT and seconded by PW that the Isleham Gardeners are given permission to use the Priory Green to hold a plant sale on Saturday 19th May 2012.

Clerk

CARRIED

11-12/258 WASH MATTERS

a) Birse have finished the work at the wier. The remaining stone has been levelled and left as a car park. The bank of soil is to be seeded. Work will continue on the slip-way.

Clerk

11-12/259 ALLOTMENT MATTERS

a) There are seven available prepared plots on the Three Tree site. The Council agreed to a request to replace the shed previously erected by Mr & Mrs Bell.

Clerk

b) It was agreed that Mr Thompson should be given permission to erect a shed and a poly tunnel on the Dunstall Allotment site.

Clerk

11-12/260 CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

a) Weekly highlights have been forwarded to councillors by email.

b) St Andrews Church

Noted

c) Gala Committee

Noted

d) Diamond Jubilee Picnic – It was agreed that the Clerk, PW, RT and HT would attend the picnic on behalf of the council.

e) Fields in Trust/Cambridgeshire Acre/County Council Events Information

Noted

f) Letter from Mrs Clarke to Chairman/Chairman's reply – to be noted

Noted

g) Letter from Robert Blair

Noted

h) Thank you letter from Newmarket YFC

Noted

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11-12/261 PLANNING MATTERS

a) **Planning Applications**

12/00111/FUL Replacement dwelling at Richborough, Common Gate Drove, Isleham for Mrs C Counsell – no objection

12/00165/FUL Erection of a single storey front extension & associated works at 24 Hall Barn Road, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Myson – no objection

12/00189/FUL Extension & replacement roof, double garage at 3 Hall Barn Road, Isleham for Mrs Lister – objection on the grounds that it is outside of the building line; the height is out of keeping with the other properties and it is on the approach to the village with a listed building to rear on the left.

Change of use from self contained annexe to 1-bedroom self contained dwelling at 79 The Causeway, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Stackhouse – no objection

12/00249/FUM Reservoir for storage of 175,000 metres of cubed water at land parcel south of Fifty Farm Prickwillow Road, Isleham for Mr P Leonard – no objection

Planning Approvals

11/01154/FUL Loft Conversion, side extension and internal alterations at 26 Hall Barn Road, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Marks

11/00832/FUL Siting of caravan for tourist accommodation on land at 18 Prickwillow Road, Isleham for Mr S Mayle

Other Planning Matters

Journal of Local Planning

ECDC Tree Work Approval for St Andrews Churchyard

ECDC Tree Work Approval for Mr George, 41 Mill Street, Isleham

Clerk

Noted

Noted

11-12/262 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

a) DB asked those present for items to be included in the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 30th April 2012.

Reminders will be sent to the Charity Trustees reminding them to bring the accounts to the meeting.

11-12/263 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

a) 30th April 6.45pm to Approve Annual Return

b) 30th April – Annual Parish Meeting

c) 14th May 2012

d) 11th June 2012

11-12/264 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

No matters were raised for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting. DB reminded Councillors to notify the Clerk of any business and payments at least 7 days before the next meeting.

Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair to be sent to the Clerk before the next meeting.

a) There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

1) LGA 1972 s85

2) Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 Part 2

3) Model Code of Conduct s 12 (2)

4) Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)

5) LGA 1972 s137

Signed:

Chairman

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