

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss
Chairman: Mr Derrick Beckett

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MONDAY 8th APRIL 2013
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Those Present;- Cllr Beckett (DB); Cllr Patterson; (CP) Cllr Mrs Malkin (JM); Cllr Mrs H Thompson (HT); Cllr Mitchell (BM); Cllr Neal (LN); Cllr Radcliffe (RR); Cllr Mrs R Thompson; Cllr Mrs V Bruyneel-Smith
Clerk: Mrs D Bayliss
Members 11 Quorum 4
5 Parishioners
C Cllr Palmer

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12-13/264 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE **1**

Cllr Paul Chaplin; Cllr Mrs Wilkes; C Cllr Powley;

12-13/265 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on agenda
None

12-13/266 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15mins)

Mr D Alberry-King raised his concerns that Isleham Vision had not gone far enough looking at the infrastructure as well as housing needs for the village. His letter has been distributed to Councillors and his comments noted.

Mrs Tabbitt asked the Council whether they had any objections to her applying for planning permission to keep horses on land she owns on Prickwillow Road. No decision can be made until a planning application is received however the Councillors had no objection in principal to the proposal.

12-13/267 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 4th MARCH 2013

It was proposed by JM and seconded by RR that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March are approved and signed.

CARRIED

12-13/268 MATTERS ARISING/CLERKS REPORT (*for information only*)

- The Chairman thanked Mr Ellwood for bringing to the Councils attention that the yellow lines on Pound Lane had been covered up. The matter is being addressed by the Highways Department.

12-13/269 POLICE MATTERS

a) Unfortunately the latest Neighbourhood Panel meeting was not very well attended. We continue to live in a low crime area and the statistics prove this. There were two presentations at the meeting, one on the community right to challenge and the other on affordable housing.

Parking issues in the village will continue to be looked at.

b) A reply was received from the PCSO regarding parking in the village. He informed the Council that patrols had been carried out at the locations mentioned but no offences had been noted at the time of the patrols.

12-13/270 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

a) The grass has improved a lot but is suffering from the cold weather
A new deed has been received for the Queen Elizabeth 11 Dedication.
It was proposed by HT and seconded by JM that the recreation ground is put into the scheme.

4 in favour 4 against 1 abstained

The chairman had the casting vote and voted against the proposal.

b) A request has been received from the football club to deduct the cost of moving the football pitch (£98) from the cost of the keys for the padlock to the pavilion.

It was proposed by RR and seconded by RT that the clerk writes to the Football Club asking them to pay the outstanding invoice and send in invoices and a request for the funds for moving the football pitch to the Council for consideration.

CARRIED

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- c) A request has been received from the youth football club for free use of the MUGA for the Football Festival. It was proposed by JM and seconded by LN that the council allow the YFC to use it on the same basis as last year. Clerk
CARRIED
- d) It was proposed by RT and seconded by CP that the council pay £275 towards the cost of the toilets for Gala Day. Clerk
CARRIED
- e) It was proposed by CP and seconded by BM that the Gala Committee may borrow the tables from the village hall for Gala Day 2013. Clerk
CARRIED
- f) CP and DB will attend the ROSPA training session for playground inspections at Exning on Monday 22nd April.
- g) No quotations have been received for the concrete pad outside the MUGA.
- 12-13/271 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**
- a) The hall is due to close at the end of April however there will be a few meetings in the hall during May including the Parish Council meeting and the elections on May 2nd.
- b) A local resident has agreed to store the village hall equipment free of charge.
- 12-13/272 ICA REPORT**
- a) A site meeting was held on 19th March and CP informed the council that the building is continuing to progress well. A full report is attached to these minutes.
- b) The hall will be demolished in June
- c) It was proposed by LN and seconded by RR that the pavilion is not demolished until 5 weeks before the end of the build. Clerk
CARRIED
- d) It was proposed by RR and seconded by CP that the council go ahead with the air spading of the soil under the trees on the recreation ground as recommended by Cathy White (ECDC) and Lesley Dickinson (Arboriculturalist). Clerk
CARRIED
- 12-13/273 CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS**
- Power was delegated to clerk to arrange new gravel for the War Memorial Clerk
A letter will be sent to Mrs Rutterford to thank her for keeping the area tidy and putting flowers on the Memorial.
- 12-13/274 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS**
- a) The County Council Elections are to be held on May 2nd 2013. As it is possible this may be the last meeting he attends County Councillor Palmer thanked the PC for making him welcome over the last four years and congratulated them on the progress on the new centre.
- b) i. Recycling – ECDC have recently re-tendered the contract for the Paper Banks and Tins & Can banks across the district. This does not affect Isleham as we do not have either of these.
ii. The CIL levy has now been implemented as of 1st February and will add £8-10,000 to the cost of a new house.
- 12-13/275 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS**
- a) It was proposed by LN and seconded by RR that the March Bank Reconciliation is approved. Noted
CARRIED
The bank reconciliation for the Abbey Business Reserve Account was noted by the Council. LN suggested that the Clerk arrange online banking to access bank statements for this account.
- b) It was proposed by CP and seconded by RR that the April Accounts are approved and paid. Clerk
Salaries £1967.94
Tax & NI £500.17
Other Expenditure £10,648.85
Petty Cash £74.89
Total: £13,191.85

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C J Murfitt Building Works £155,522.22 (inc VAT)

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The cheques were signed by Cllr Mrs R Thompson; Cllr Radcliffe and the Clerk.

Ongoing provision of the Dial-a-Ride bus and the Youth bus will be reconsidered at the June meeting.

- c) The Annual Return has been received and an extra meeting will be held at 7pm on April 29th (before the Parish Meeting). Noted

12-13/276 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

- a) Clerk
- i. A letter has been received from a resident of Church Lane asking whether speed bumps can be installed on the bend. It was agreed that the letter should be passed on to the highways authority to see if they can make any improvements, pointing out the need for proper signage.
 - ii. The railing at the front of the pond has been replaced by the County Council.
 - iii. Footpath 19 – The County Council intend to leave the steps as they are. If the Parish Council alter this then they would become liable for any accident that may occur. A letter will be sent to the County Council pointing out their concerns and confirming that should there be an accident it would be their responsibility.
 - iv. DB went to the meeting for JFMHI and presented the case for a zebra crossing outside the recreation ground which would cost around £16,000. The Council have not yet heard if the bid was successful.
 - v. The drainage ditch at the end of Pound Lane has been filled up with rubble; the resident was referred to county highways to discuss.

12-13/277 ALLOTMENT MATTERS

- a) Noted
- It was not possible to have the hedge flailed on the Dunstall Allotment; quotes for the work necessary have been sought however it is now the bird nesting season so this will have to be left until September.
- The Chairman asked Councillors to look at the trees that are in the hedge and decide if they want them left when the hedge is cut.

12-13/278 CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a) Weekly Highlights sent to Councillors by email.

12-13/279 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Clerk
- Planning Applications
- 13/00024/FUL Proposed replacement dwelling at 22 Little London, Isleham for Mr & Mrs R Turner – no objection
- b) Noted
- Planning Approvals
- 13/00001/FUL Construction of first floor extension and reroofing of front porch at 36 Pound Lane Isleham for Mr & Mrs D Monkhouse
- 12/00398/FUL Construction of 3 dwellings with garaging and separate garage for no 27 Sun Street, Isleham for the Executors of Mrs L Rutterford
- c) Noted
- Other Planning Matters
- i. Schedule of Certification of Street Numbering 4a Croft Road, Isleham for Mr R Harlow
 - ii. Letters from Mr Alberry-King
 - iii. CCC Introduction of Electronic Consultation

12-13/280 MOTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC & PRESS

That the public (including representatives of the press) be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item No 281 & 282 because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item(s) there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Category 1 & 2 Part 1 Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The meeting was closed to the public and press at 8.42

12-13/281 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF EXCLUSION

It was proposed by JM and seconded by RR that the minutes of exclusion are approved and signed by the chairman.

CARRIED

12-13/282 STAFF MATTERS

See separate minutes.

THE MEETING WAS RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS at 8.50pm

12-13/283 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) 29th April 2013 – Annual Return/Planning?
- 29th April 2013 – APM 7.30pm
- 13th May 2013

It was agreed that the October Meeting Date will be moved to 30th September as the Clerk will be away with family on 7th October.

Meeting Venue – The clerk will make enquiries to the Limestone Community Centre and St Andrews Social Centre.

12-13/284 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.

- a) There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.54pm

- 1) LGA 1972 s85
- 2) Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2012
- 3) Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)

Signed:

Chairman

Date: