

**ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss**

**Chairman: Mr Derrick Beckett**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2013**

**IN LIMESTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Those Present;-** Cllr Beckett (DB); Cllr Patterson; (CP) Cllr Mrs H Thompson (HT); Cllr Neal (LN); Cllr Chaplin (PC); Cllr Mrs Malkin (JM) Cllr Radcliffe (RR); Cllr Mrs V Bruyneel-Smith arrived at 7.25pm  
Clerk: Mrs D Bayliss  
County Councillor James Palmer;  
Members 11  
Quorum 4  
3 Parishioners

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Action

**13-14/69 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

C Cllr Josh Schumann; Cllr Mrs Wilkes; Cllr Mitchell;

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**13-14/70 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on agenda**

CP 13-14/80b) To Pay Accounts

**13-14/71 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15mins)**

Mr Doggett asked for a meeting discuss the condition of the allotments and hedges on Station Road, including the new stretch of hedge at the back of his allotment plot. This was arranged for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 10am.

Mr Sheldrick informed the Council that the goal post sockets are sticking up out of the ground on the cricket outfield and that they are dangerous. He also presented another stake that had been left on the recreation ground by the Youth Football Club and asked if a letter had been sent to the club about these.

Cllr VBS arrived at 7.25pm

**13-14/72 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2013**

It was proposed by RR and seconded by PC that the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July are approved and signed.

CARRIED

**13-14/73 MATTERS ARISING/CLERKS REPORT (*for information only*)**

- No interest so far in the gang-mower
- ECDC – waste bins not emptied again today

**13-14/74 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

- a) It was proposed by PC and seconded by JM that Glenda Preece is co-opted as a Parish Councillor to Isleham Parish Council.

CARRIED

Mrs Preece joined the meeting at 7.30pm

**13-14/75 POLICE MATTERS**

- a) VBS reported that someone was driving around the field behind the recreation ground.

**13-14/76 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS**

- a) The damage on Temple Road has been reported and a response has been received from the County Council to say that they will consider future patching works on the road. The concrete section of the road is more difficult to maintain and would require major works to repair to a good standard. The road is regularly inspected and any dangerous defects will be repaired.

The District Council have to make savings of £1.3-1.8million – it is a serious situation and the matter needs to be addressed now; in light of this a petition has been drawn up stating that the Local Government Finance Settlement is unfair to rural communities. Councillors were asked to sign the petition which will be sent to Central Government.

DB asked if there was any update on the street light renewal programme – C Cllr Palmer does not have any details at the moment.

- b) Cllr Beckett reported that C Cllr Palmer has been elected as Leader of East Cambs District Council.

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**13-14/77 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS**

- a) It was proposed by RR and seconded by PC that the football club are asked to cut the sockets for the goals to below ground level. If the work is not carried out by Friday they will be cut off and the club charged for the work done.

CARRIED

A meeting will be arranged ASAP with the clubs to discuss maintenance and various other issues related to the recreation ground including stakes/goal posts/MUGA.

- b) It was proposed by PC and seconded by CP that the Council do not pay for the moving of the goal posts.  
An amendment was proposed by RR and seconded by VBS that the Council pay half as long as the original receipts are provided.  
5 in favour 4 against

Clerk

The amendment was CARRIED

- c) A letter will be sent to the Football Club inviting them to attend a meeting to discuss use of the pitches next season.  
d) A letter has been received from the Grass Group confirming that they will give full support to the Council until the problems with the mower have been rectified.  
Mr Sheldrick confirmed that since the last repair there have been no further problems.  
e) A letter has not been received from the Youth Football Club.

Clerk

Noted

**13-14/78 ICA REPORT**

- a) CP reported that progress on the Centre continues well.
- Decisions on the internal colour scheme are now being made along with many other finer details of the internal build.
  - Greene King have been appointed as the bar provider.
  - An advert has been placed for the Centre Manager and interviews should be taking place on September 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Existing hall users will be offered the hall at preferential rates if they book and pay for 1 year in advance.
  - At the Gala a 'Sponsor a Shrub' scheme was launched for the Landscaping of the Centre.

**13-14/79 CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS**

- a) Nothing to report

**13-14/80 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) It was proposed by RR and seconded by CP that the July Bank Reconciliation is approved.

CARRIED

The business reserve reconciliation was noted by the Council.

- b) CP left the meeting at 8.14pm and returned at 8.16pm  
It was proposed by RR and seconded PC by that the August Accounts are approved and paid.  
Salaries £2,248.87  
Tax & NI £519.41  
Other Expenditure £5,520.23  
Petty Cash £49.91  
Total: £7769.10  
Building Project £250,071.36

Clerk

CARRIED

Any future requests for printing work will be put in writing by the clerk and countersigned by either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

The cheques were signed by Cllr Patterson, Cllr Radcliffe and the Clerk

- c) The budget report was discussed at the finance meeting earlier this evening and was noted by the Council.  
d) It was noted that the Clerks salary will increase in line with the NALC/SLCC National Agreement backdated to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013.

Noted

Noted

**13-14/81 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS**

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- a)
- We have a new Highways contact who is not being very responsive
  - Houghtons Lane and East Fen Road past the council houses have some potholes that need attending to.
  - The hedge needs cutting back in front of 30mph sign on Fordham Road
  - The hedge overhanging Fordham Road footpath needs cutting back
  - The hedge on the corner of Beck Road needs cutting back
  - The sign for Goodchild Gardens is on the floor
  - The hedge has been cut back on footpath 18 revealing a number of artifacts and a drop down to The Pits which could be dangerous - the allotment w/p will look into this.
  - VBS queried whether the pond should have a better barrier to protect children

b) ECDC have given permission for the tree works to be carried out at the Priory.

c) The County Council will be carrying out a safety audit for the proposed zebra crossing and will also submit a cost ASAP.

Clerk

d) It was proposed by PC and seconded by HT that the council will write to Speedwatch to see if they can carry out a speed survey of Waterside Road.

Clerk

CARRIED

It was proposed by RR and seconded by CP that the Council grant Paul Chaplin permission to cut the grass on Waterside bank from the 'Swan' to the Marina.

CARRIED

It was proposed by JM and seconded by HT that the Council request that footpath signs are put up on that side of the road for pedestrians.

1 objection

1 abstained

CARRIED

The Council will also write to the County Council to ask them the procedure for reducing speed limits reducing to 20mph and extending the 30mph on Waterside

It was proposed by CP and seconded by JM that the Council write to Mr Waters and ask him to cut the tree back on his land to improve visibility.

CARRIED

The Council will reply to Mrs Smith to inform her of actions to be taken.

**13-14/82 ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

a) It was proposed by HT and seconded by JM that the Council approve the application for a shed to be placed on the allotment by Mrs S Johnson.

Clerk

CARRIED

**13-14/83 CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

a) Weekly Highlights sent to Councillors by email.

Noted

b) CAPALC Newsletter

Noted

c) A letter was received from Mr David Aves re memorabilia stored in the village hall. The Clerk has replied informing Mr Aves that everything is safely stored until the New Community Centre opens when it will be moved there.

Noted

**13-14/84 PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **Planning Applications**

13/00501/FUL Remove single storey extension, construct side extension at 9 Dockings Lane, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Ruddock – no objection

Clerk

13/00500/FUL Proposed building for Straw Burner Heating for existing green houses at Floral Farm, Fordham Road, Isleham for Mr M Cafferelli – no objection

b) 13/00390/FUL Replacement of existing garage roof with attic trussed roof to form first floor extension to existing dwelling at 51 Hall Barn Road for Mr Simon Smith

c) Other Planning Matters

TPO/E/02/81 Isleham Consent to carry out tree work at Isleham Primary School

13/00510/TRE/Isleham/CA Consent to carry out tree works at 2 Pound Lane, Isleham

**13-14/85 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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- a) 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013  
30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 (October Meeting)  
Please note the January meeting will be on 13<sup>th</sup> January not 6<sup>th</sup> January owing to the bank holiday.

**13-14/86 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

*MUGA Hire charges*

*DB reminded Councillors to notify the Clerk of any business and payments at least 7 days before the next meeting.*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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:** .....