

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

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 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 Chaplin (PC); Cllr Patterson; (CP) Cllr Mrs Malkin (JM); Cllr Neal (LN); Cllr Earl (ME); Cllr Mrs V Bruyneel-Smith (VBS) arrived at 7.48pm  
Clerk: Mrs D Bayliss

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Members 11                      Quorum 4  
3 Parishioners

**11-12/194      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** 1

Cllr Chaplin (P); Cllr R Thompson (P); C Cllr Palmer; C Cllr Powley;

**11-12/195      COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on agenda 2

VBS Staff Salary (Prejudicial) (See Appendix 1)

PW/HT 212b personal

JM/ME 207 personal

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.

**11-12/196      ISLEHAM VISION**

Katie Child was unable to attend the meeting owing to the weather.

**11-12/197      OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** 3

Mrs Howe – appreciated how Mr Washtell and Mr Aspland explained things at the public meeting.

Mr Alberry-King – when was the existing building coming down – where the changing rooms are it is much nearer Fordham Road – this has been looked into by the professionals that the council are engaging.

Mr Flatt – Why aren't the trees coming down so the centre can be pushed back – they are going to have to come down eventually.

**11-12/198      MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012** 4

It was proposed by CP and seconded by SB that the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January are approved as a true record of the business transacted.

CARRIED

It was proposed by CP and seconded by PW that the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January are approved as a true record of the business transacted.

ME abstained as he was not at the meeting

CARRIED

**11-12/199      MATTERS ARISING/CLERKS REPORT (*for information only*)**

- Arrangements to hire a cleaner for the village hall floor have not been made as yet.
- Palmers have been asked to carry out the work on the MUGA however this has not yet been done.
- Palmers were unable to find out what was wrong with the tractor; the problem may be in the fuel cap and so this is being replaced by a new one.
- House for sale on Fordham Road – there was no-one from Isleham on the homebuyers list. The person who is buying it has links with the East Cambs District Council area. It was suggested that some information is placed in the Isleham Informer encouraging parishioners to get their names on the homebuyers list.

**11-12/200      POLICE MATTERS**

a) There was no police report.

b) The Neighbourhood Panel meeting held in January was well attended. There are going to be

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cut backs in police funding and this may affect Isleham; although we live in a very low crime area it is important to report all the things that happen in the village. The structure of local policing has changed and we now have a chief inspector at Ely who is responsible for the area covered by East Cambs District Council, with a police inspector and a CID inspector.

**11-12/201**

**VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

- a) The question of whose responsibility it is to find alternative venues for the user groups of the village hall when it is knocked down have been asked. A number of possibilities were raised including providing a list of other suitable venues; contacting the school to see if they would be willing to hire out the hall and to contact the Comrades Club (John Woollard) to see if the Council could use that.

Clerk

**11-12/202**

**RECREATION GROUND MATTERS**

- a) A meeting hasn't yet been arranged with the clubs to discuss fees.  
Positive comments have been received about the cleanliness of the pavilion.
- b) It was proposed by SB and seconded by HT that an accompanied inspection and risk assessment of the play area are carried out by Wicksteed at a cost of £82

Clerk

CARRIED

- c) The Gala committee have written requesting permission to use the recreation ground and village hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Unfortunately there is a cricket match that Saturday and so the request has to be declined, however it was agreed that if they wish to go ahead with the Gala they can use the hall/recreation ground, have a dog show and hold pony rides on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in July as in previous years (7<sup>th</sup> July).  
The committee will be asked to discuss hiring toilets with the ICA Gala Committee and the Council will then consider a donation towards the cost.

Clerk

- d) Street Snooker – put on the back burner for now

**11-12/203**

**ICA REPORT**

- a) It was proposed by JM and seconded by ME that the porch is included in the design for the new community centre.

CARRIED

- b) There will be a meeting at Tillyards on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb to discuss forward plans for the centre.  
Community Buildings Service – pass to ICA  
CP suggested that the ICA/IPC ask the Isleham Gardeners to consider landscaping the area around the new community centre.

**11-12/204**

**CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS**

- a) There was no cemetery report
- b) The War Memorial is in a bad state of repair and needs some remedial works; it was **agreed** that PW will lead a working party with ME and VBS to report on what needs doing.

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**11-12/205**

**COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS**

- a) There was no report from the County Council.  
Mrs Penny has contacted the Council again about having Beck Road included on the gritting route. The Clerk will follow this up with the County Councillors.
- b) It seems that the agreement regarding the houses built on the Lady Peyton Charity land did not include a clause stating that the houses should first be offered to Isleham residents.  
DB is following this up to see if this can be done retrospectively.

**11-12/206**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

CARRIED

- b) It was proposed by SB and seconded by CP that the February Accounts are approved and paid.  
Salaries £1809.97  
Tax & NI £462.15  
Other Expenditure £2751.37  
Petty Cash £17.31

Clerk

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Total Expenditure £5040.80

CARRIED

The cheques were signed by Cllr Baines, Cllr Beckett and the Clerk  
(See Appendix 2)

- c) It was proposed by DB and seconded by PW that the council take out the additional insurance fidelity cover to protect the monies held by the council. Noted

CARRIED

- d) It was proposed by CP and seconded by HT that £1000 is set aside to purchase Golden Jubilee mugs for the children who attend Isleham Primary School at a cost of £2.05 each. 5 S137

CARRIED

The clerk will send a letter to the head mistress to say that the Parish Council are doing this and could they possibly arrange a suitable time for them to be presented.

**11-12/207 DUNSTALL APPRENTICE GRANT**

- a) It was proposed by SB and seconded by PW that a grant of £181.56 is awarded to Joshua Darley. Clerk

CARRIED

**11-12/208 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS**

- a) It was **agreed** that a letter of thanks to WI for cleaning up The Pound. Clerk

It was **agreed** that the Council will write to Sanctuary Housing asking if the garden of no 2a Church Street can be cleared.

There are a number of pot holes East Fen Road and Houghtons Lane which need reporting to Highways.

There is a large amount of garden rubbish on the footpath behind Priory Gardens. The Council will write to the resident to ask if he is aware of any fly tipping by his garden wall; the Council would appreciate any information so that they can notify ECDC who are able to prosecute the perpetrators’.

- b) It was **agreed** that PW can remove all the notices from the telegraph posts around the village. PW

- c) It was proposed by HT and seconded by SB that the Council support St Andrews church in their application to have Church Street and Pound Closed during the Remembrance Day Parade.

CARRIED

- d) It was agreed that the Council would remain members of the County Council P3 programme.

**11-12/209 WASH MATTERS**

- a) The EA have started work on the little wash. Clerk

**11-12/210 ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

- a) The hedge around the end of the Dunstall Allotment still needs to be cut back. The Council will write to the tenant asking them to do this as soon as possible. Clerk

- b) It was **agreed** that Mr Summers can erect a shed and a chicken house and have chickens on his allotment. Clerk

**11-12/211 CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

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

- b) Care and Repair – anyone who might benefit from carbon monoxide detectors

- c) A Theatre Bus has been arranged to pick up people from Soham and Mildenhall to take them to the theatre in Bury St Edmunds. Enquiries will be made to see if the bus can stop in Isleham. Clerk

**11-12/212 PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) Planning Applications Clerk

11/01154/FUL Loft Conversion, side extension and internal alterations at 26 Hall Barn Road, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Marks – no objection; the council consider the proposal an improvement.

- b) Other Planning Matters

ECDC Tree Work Approval for 35 Pound Lane, Isleham for Mr Reed

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ECDC Tree Work Approval for 10-16 Limestone Close, Isleham for Sanctuary Housing

**11-12/213 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

- a) Date of Meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 – 7.30pm
- b) Items for the Agenda:

Orchard  
Community Centre  
Isleham Vision – Consultation?  
Quality Status presentation?

**11-12/214 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- a) Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2012

**11-12/215 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

*Any business and payments, to be considered at Parish Council meeting must be delivered to the Clerk for inclusion on the agenda at least 7 days prior to the meeting.*

- a) There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.41pm

- 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**

**Date:** .....