

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MONDAY 3rd February 2014
AT THE BEECHES**

Those Present; - Cllr Beckett (DB); Cllr Patterson; (CP) Cllr Mrs H Thompson (HT); Cllr Mitchell (BM); Cllr Mrs Malkin (JM) Cllr Mrs P Wilkes (PW); Mrs Glenda Preece (GP); Cllr Chaplin; Cllr Radcliffe (RR); Cllr Mrs V Bruyneel-Smith (VBS); arrived at 7.21pm
Members 11
Quorum 4
14 Parishioners

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13-14/198 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

13-14/199 C Cllr Palmer; C Cllr Schumann

13-14/200 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on agenda
None

13-14/201 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15mins)

The play area had been removed and it was assumed that it was to be replaced as part of the contract for the development of the Beeches. This has not happened and the village is now without a play area for the children and the parishioners wished to know whether it was the intention for IPC to provide a play area and to be informed of the current position.

It was explained that the play area was never part of the Beeches development. It is a separate project and a priority for IPC to have a play area which will reflect up to date standards. Plans had been developed, a scheme approved and grant monies were applied for. In mid January IPC was informed that the Reaching Communities grant application for monies had been unsuccessful and that the preferred provider had ceased trading. The Council are now seeking alternative grant funding and new quotations. Whilst this is happening the Council will continue to review its financial position taking into account the remaining financial commitments and the receipt of grant funding already agreed for the Beeches. It is anticipated that a clearer financial position will be available by the end of March it is also hoped by then that alternative grant funding should be known to enable IPC to determine the monies available for the new play area.

The issue of how the parishioners could help was raised and whether a similar approach to that adopted in other villages e.g. West Row could be used where the equipment was erected by volunteers thus reducing costs. It was agreed that this self-help option would be explored. The Chairman asked that if parishioners were aware of grant funding bodies that they let IPC know and that their feedback on proposals for the play area would be most welcome to assist the Council in its decision making.

The Cricket Club raised the matter of the Tractor Store on the Recreation Ground. This would be covered in Recreation Ground Report.

13-14/202 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 13th JANUARY 2014

Cllr VBS arrived at 7.21pm

It was proposed by GP and seconded by CP that the minutes of the last meeting held on 13th January 2014 are approved and signed.

CARRIED

13-14/203 MATTERS ARISING/CLERKS REPORT (for information only)

- 13/14/195a. 83 Sun Street The planning notice erected on the site indicated that the

building was subject to a conservation restriction but this was not clear in the plans received from ECDC.

- Information relating to the barbed wire fence on Sun Street awaited.

13-14/204 POLICE MATTERS

- a) Nothing to report.
- b) The last Neighbourhood Panel meeting was held at 'The Beeches' on 29th January. The Police are aiming to attend the Annual Parish Meeting or where specific issues require their input. The use of Shape your Place for reporting issues was reported as providing positive responses.

13-14/205 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS

- a) RR had attended a CCC meeting of Cambridgeshire Future Transport which is working with local communities to develop more sustainable and viable transport solutions in the area as a consequence of reduced funding to £1.5 million from April 2014. This impacts on the bus services to the village the 203 and the 204 which are both subsidised. The aim is to encourage local communities and service providers in designing and delivering transport. Questionnaires have been produced for distribution locally which will be supported by a drop in session at the Beeches on 26th March. The process of redesign should be completed by end of June with implementation from October 2014.
- b) Nothing to report.

13-14/206 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

- a) Netting for Cricket to reduce the risk around the car park is being further investigated as no immediate solution to taking netting down between games is available. A further meeting between the Cricket Club and Members will be held 5th February.
- b) The plan of the proposed Tractor Store was circulated. It was proposed by PW and seconded by CP that the Tractor Store be approved.

Clerk

CARRIED

- c) It was agreed that 2 prices for the cost of building the Tractor store to be obtained together with a price for a self-build option.
It was proposed by GP and seconded by PC that the Cricket Club be granted permission to erect a temporary shelter until the Tractor Store is completed.

CARRIED

- d) It was proposed by HT and seconded by JM that the Gala Committee be granted use of the top field for Gala Day.

CARRIED

- e) A quotation had been received from CJ Murfitt for knee rail fencing at the Recreation Ground a further quote was being obtained and it was proposed by PC and seconded by GP that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and CP be authorised to approve the contractor offering the best value.

13-14/207 ICA REPORT

- a) Over 2000 people had visited the Beeches to date and events were being held successfully. Various issue relating to the building were being reported to the Architect to resolve with the Contractor. There has been no response from Archial following the meeting in January to date. The issue of the Solar Panels remained unresolved and had been passed to the Architect. The Council were informed of Issues that had been dealt with in correspondence between DB and ICA.
- b) It was proposed by JM and seconded by PC that an outside tap be provided at the kitchen wall at a cost of £100 + labour.

CARRIED

- c) The application for variation of Planning Condition for the Beeches was deferred to the March meeting.

13-14/208 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) The January bank reconciliation was deferred to the next meeting for approval. Noted
b) It was proposed by JM and seconded by PC that the February Accounts are approved and Clerk
paid.
Salaries £1,799.84
Tax & NI £415.19
Building Project £24,000
Other Expenditure £6,943.88
Petty Cash £58.72
Total: £33217.63

CARRIED

The cheques were signed by Cllr Chaplin and Cllr Radcliffe.

- c) £4,000 was paid to Amey Cespa to release the grant funding of £40,000 for The Beeches.
d) Donation Request from MAGPAS was deferred to the March meeting.
e) It was proposed by CP and seconded by JM that the quotation for the Speech Text Dialler & Alarm for the Changing Room at the Beeches of £795.00 +VAT from Cam Alarm be approved.

13-14/209 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

- a) The Clerk is to contact Highways by letter to express the Council's concern over the poor Clerk
state of repair of the footpaths in the village.
b) Letter from High Street Church requesting double yellow lines on the Causeway to Clerk
Highways. Noted.
c) The cost of the Zebra Crossing will be approximately £12,000 therefore the contribution
from IPC to Highways will be in the region of £2,000.
d) Letter has been received from Mrs Burbidge re Waterside and email correspondence with Noted
Highways from the Clerk.
e) Letter from Mrs L Kennit re dog fouling. Noted

13-14/210 CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a) Weekly Highlights sent to Councillors by email. Noted

13-14/211 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) **Planning Applications** Clerk

14/00034FUL Change of use of ground floor hair dressing salon to Solicitors' reception at 4a Church Street, Isleham for Pooley Bendall Watson Solicitors.

It was proposed by BM and seconded by RR that this application be supported.

CARRIED

- b) **Planning Approvals**
13/01074/FUL New dormer window extension at 47 Waterside, Isleham for Mr & Mrs B Peachey.

- c) **Planning Refusals**
13/1070/FUL Erection of stable block and change of use from Agricultural to paddock at land parcel west of Parkland Fisheries, Prickwillow Road, Isleham for Ms Sarah Tebbitt

- d) **Other Planning Matters** noted
Consultation on the Draft Ely Station Gateway supplementary Planning Document Public Exhibitions Thursday 6th and Saturday 8th March 2012

13/01064 83 The Causeway, Isleham – Refer to Planning Committee

13-14/212 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) 3rd March 2014

13-14/213 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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 9.42pm

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: