

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2015  
AT THE BEECHES**

**Those Present;** - Cllr Beckett (DB); Cllr Mrs H Thompson (HT); Cllr Mitchell (BM); Mrs P Wilkes (PW); Mrs G Preece (GP); Cllr Radcliffe (RR); Cllr Mrs Malkin (JM); Cllr Neal (LN); Cllr Chaplin (PC); Cllr Patterson (CP) arrived at 7.07pm;  
Cllr Mrs V Bruyneel-Smith (VBS) arrived at 7.39pm

Members 11

Quorum 4

7 Parishioners

C Cllr Palmer; Cllr Schumann;

Keeley Russell from Balfour Beatty

The meeting opened at 7.15pm.

	P	Action
<b>14-15/199 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>		
None	1	
<b>COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> for items on agenda DB 14-15/215a) Planning Applications (ECDC Planning Committee)	2	
<b>14-15/200 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15mins)</b>		
Mr Tim Wilding reported that the tunnel through the mound in the play area is flooding when it rains.		
Mr Adrian Sheldrick raised the matter of the recreation ground fees for the cricket club going up a considerable amount and including VAT which hadn't been expected. Although there are new facilities there is still no tractor/equipment store.		
The Chairman stated that the tractor store is on the list of priorities to be built ASAP.		
Mrs Strand – now the Priory garage has gone would it be possible to make the area in front of the Co-op Disabled only parking? Not PC land – belongs to the Co-op.		
Keeley Russell attended the meeting on behalf of Balfour Beatty to inform the Council about the street lighting programme for Isleham which will begin in March 2014. The proposal is that there will be 23 column removals in Isleham. A map showing the removals will be provided and there will be an opportunity to ask for amendments to the programme. All resident queries should be directed to Balfour Beatty.		
VBS arrived at 7.39pm		
<b>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT (Brought forward to 7.52pm)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The County Council gritting service will continue as it is.</li><li>• The County Council is not in a healthy financial position</li><li>• With regards to the new street lighting JP pointed out that Keeley Russell is very helpful.</li><li>• A copy of the letter from C Cllr Palmer to Littleport PC has been distributed to the Councillors. East Cambs District Council should be able to use the new leisure centre in Ely to help fund other centres in the District.</li><li>• DB mentioned that although leisure centres have been a drain on the District Council they have always supported them.</li></ul>		
RR asked as the JFMHI bid was not successful whether there is another avenue that can be pursued for funding of footpath repairs.		
C Cllr Palmer left the meeting at 7.59pm.		

**14-15/201 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015**

It was proposed by PC and seconded by JM that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 are approved and signed.

CARRIED

**14-15/202 MATTERS ARISING/CLERKS REPORT (*for information only*)**

- A litter pick has been arranged for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 10-12pm

**14-15/203 POLICE MATTERS**

- a) An email response has been received from Donna Wass, the East Cambridgeshire Area Commander regarding speeding in the village. More information about which vehicles and specific times are needed.
- b) It was agreed that the Crime Reduction Officer will be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting. The date is to be agreed later in the meeting.

**14-15/204 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS**

- a) Taken earlier.
- b) DB reported that the District has set a balanced budget which will draw on the Council's reserves; therefore there will be no council tax increase for the next two years.

**14-15/205 RECREATION GOUND MATTERS**

- a) White liner paint spilt over the grass – a letter will be sent to the clubs  
Youth Football Club will provide a boot scraper if the council put it up (find out what it costs)  
Football players banging their boots off on the wall and on the paving around the centre – a letter will be sent asking them to show more respect for the centre

JM and PC have met with Chris Maxfield to discuss the planting around the centre.

- b) It was proposed by LN and seconded by RR that the quotation from Cambridge Courts for £6,766 for remedial works to the MUGA is approved.

CARRIED

- c) It was agreed that more information on the load specifications/impact of wind on the netting will be obtained before the next meeting.

**14-15/206 PLAY AREA MATTERS**

- a) Wicksteed will be contacted about the water gathering in the small tunnel in the play area.  
The Zip Wire has been repaired and is running better although it is not as fun as it was expected to be.

**14-15/207 CEMETERY MATTERS**

- a) VBS mentioned that there are some big bits of stone coming away from the cemetery wall.
- b) The concrete is breaking off the wall around the War Memorial. The Council will contact ECDC to see if they are responsible for repairing it.
- c) It was proposed by PW and seconded by PC that the Exclusive Right of Burial is approved for Mr G Cafferelli and Mr B Bird.

CARRIED

**14-15/208 ICA REPORT**

- a)
  - There will be a meeting of the trustees this week.
  - It was suggested that there might be some no entry signs placed in the car park to make use of the car park clearer.
  - PC has checked the drains at the front of the site and found no problems.

- An offer was made to service the boiler in the centre, however it was suggested that it had not been installed correctly. This should be sorted out under the final snagging of the building which is taking place this week.

b) The Chair and Vice-Chairman agreed a way forward with the contractor regarding the and it is being re-instated this week.

**14-15/209 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) It was proposed by PW and seconded by BM that the January bank reconciliation and the petty cash reconciliation are approved. Noted

CARRIED

b) It was proposed by RR and seconded by PC that the February Accounts are approved and paid. Clerk

Salaries £2,059.43  
Tax & NI £369.75  
Other Expenditure £4,542.43  
Petty Cash £45.56  
Total: £7017.17

CARRIED

The cheques were signed by Cllr Chaplin and Cllr Radcliffe

**14-15/210 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS**

a) Clerk

- There is a large pothole on Waterside Road opposite the lay-by beyond the 30mph sign.
- The hedge is still overhanging the footpath and the streetlight outside 79 The Causeway
- There have been two accidents on the Fordham Road in the past couple of weeks. The Council have contacted highways about signs to make clear that there are exits either side of the bridge. There was originally a planning condition on the lorry park stating that there should be no right turn towards Isleham. The Council will write to the lorry yard asking them to remind drivers of this.

C Cllr Schumann arrived at 8.57pm. He reported that the website 'Shape Your Place' is coming to an end therefore the County Council is looking at alternative ways of communicating with parish and town councils and the public.

DB briefed Cllr Schumann about the situation on the Fordham Road.

b) A letter has been received from St Andrews Church thanking the Council for organising the repair to the footpath at the entrance to the social centre. Noted

c) The JFMHI bid for repairs to footpaths was not successful. Noted

**14-15/211 CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

a) Weekly Highlights sent to Councillors by email. Noted

b) Information on the Community Payback Scheme has been received from ECDC. The only suggestion currently is for litter collection in certain areas of the village (i.e. The Doves).

**14-15/212 ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

a) Nothing to report. Clerk

**14-15/213 ORCHARD MATTERS**

Louise Parker from Simpsons helped prune the trees in the orchard.

**14-15/214 WASH MATTERS**

The fallen tree has been removed from the Wash.

**14-15/215 PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **Planning Applications**

14/01336/FUL Remove existing single storey extension and replace with a two storey extension which incorporates existing outbuilding at 14 Pound Lane, Isleham for Mr Jamie Stevens – The council continue to object on the grounds that this a gross overdevelopment of the site leaving no garden.

14/01399/FUL Camp Site at Karma Farm, 8Fen Bank, Isleham for Mr William Taylor – no objection

**PW declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting at 9.16pm and returned at 9.17pm**

14/01347/ADI 3No. Illuminated signs (retrospective) 2 West street, Isleham for the Co-operative Food – no objection

14/01244/FUL Single storey side extension to replace existing conservatory, alterations to main roof and external insulation at 6 The Pits, Isleham for Mr Tim Acheson – no objection

b) **Planning Approvals**

Noted

14/00309/FUL Construction of one detached dwelling at land adjacent 56 West street, Isleham for Messrs Clarke & Clarke

14/01365/FUL Garage conversion and separate cart lodge at Poppies 23 Prickwillow Road, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Mesher

c) **Other Planning Matters**

Schedule of Certification of Street Numbering 20 Little London (site rear of 18)

CIL Consultation (Sent by email)

Parish Boundary change.

It was proposed by PW and seconded by PC that the council write to the boundary commission asking them to consider changing the boundary between Isleham and the Marina to bring it into Cambridgeshire.

CARRIED

**14-15/216 TO SET DATE FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

16<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

Crime Prevention Officer; Keeley Russell – Balfour Beatty

Local Interest Groups will be contacted and asked to give a report as in previous years.

**14-15/217 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

a) Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**14-15/218 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.*

Priory Garage

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.26pm

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: .....