

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL
 Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss
 Chairman: Mr Derrick Beckett
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
 MONDAY 10th JANUARY 2011
 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Those Present;- Cllr Beckett (DB) Cllr Mrs H Thompson (HT), Cllr Carter (TC), Cllr Mrs Malkin (JM) Cllr Baines (SB), Cllr Earl (ME), Cllr Mrs Wilkes (PW), Mrs R Thompson (RT), Cllr Garbett (GG),
 Clerk: Mrs D Bayliss
 Members 11 Quorum 4
 150+ Parishioners:

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10-11/218 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 1

Apologies were received and approved from C Cllr Powley, Cllr Mrs E Hobbs(P), Cllr Neal(P),

10-11/219 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on agenda 2

JM 10-11 101a)

10-11/220 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Ray Sheldrick asked if the mowers could be booked in for a service, sharpening and resetting. This will be considered under recreation ground matters.

Mr Clarke How much money has been raised from the sale of the land; the Council were bound by an agreement not to disclose the amount until after completion of the sale and if the solicitor advises that we are now free to disclose the sum this will be included on the agenda for the February meeting.

Questions pertaining to the new community centre 7.06-8.09pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8.10pm while members of the public left and reconvened at 8.17pm.

10-11/221 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 29th NOVEMBER 2010 3

It was proposed by PW and seconded by SB that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th November are approved as a true record of the business transacted and signed by the Chairman.

CARRIED

10-11/222 MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING HELD 6th DECEMBER 2010

It was proposed by PW and seconded by SB that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th December are approved as a true record of the business transacted and signed by the Chairman.

CARRIED

10-11/223 MATTERS ARISING/CLERKS REPORT *(for information only)*

- Dunstall Allotment gate has been closed and locked to stop vehicle access until the weather improves and the roadway dries up; One quotation to improve the roadway has been received – still two more to obtain.

10-11/224 POLICE MATTERS

a) The police reports for November and December were read to the Council. noted

b) The Neighbourhood Panel met on Wednesday 5th January and was a good meeting with representatives from the police, fire, health, District and County Councils and youth representatives. The new format was introduced and the discussion groups made it more interesting. JM encouraged other members to attend as the meeting is interesting and informative and issues reported are noted down and acted upon.

GG wishes to resign from NP; JM and PW will job share the neighbourhood panel representative post. The next meeting is on March 29th 2011.

10-11/225 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

a) A meeting of the Village Hall W/P is to be held on Wednesday 26th January at 7pm

b) It was proposed by HT and seconded by GG that the village hall insurance policy is renewed for the forthcoming year with AON. A cheque will be issued with the accounts paid at this evenings meeting. Clerk

CARRIED

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10-11/226 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

- a) It was proposed by GG and seconded by TC that the tractor and mowers are serviced; the diesel pump will be sorted out and the mowers will be sharpened and reset.

Clerk/
Ray

CARRIED

- b) Notification of Tree works done at the entrance to the village hall car park on Mill Street has been received from ECDC.

10-11/227 CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a) The Dial-a-Ride AGM is to be held on Tuesday 15th February 2011 if any Councillor should wish to attend please inform the Clerk.
- b) Weekly highlights with links to ECDC meetings are being sent to Councillors by email.
- c) NHS Cambridgeshire Community Services Brochures have been distributed to all Councillors.
- d) The Community Action magazine is available for any Councillor who wishes to read it.
- e) The Littleport Masterplan information was taken for perusal by SB.

SB

10-11/228 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS

- a) C Cllr James Palmer very much enjoyed tonight's debate.
The possibility of a new school for Isleham has been mentioned to the cabinet member for schools; although this won't happen overnight it is now on the list of schools to be considered for the district.
There are two problems to be sorted out on Beck Road firstly there is no fence to stop children running out in the road and secondly the brick wall on the corner has again been knocked down by a vehicle losing control on the ice. The good news is that with the New localism bill officers at County Council will look at what is needed but the PC can go out to tender to get the work done locally. The work will of course have to be done to County Council specification.
C Cllr Palmer left the meeting at 8.33pm
- b) Work is continuing on budgets – how to deliver services with no rise in council tax; any cuts in services will be made public once they are decided.

10-11/229 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

CARRIED

- b) It was proposed by PW and seconded by SB that the January Accounts are approved and paid.

Clerk

Salaries £1655.59
Tax & NI £414.50
Other Expenditure £8896.04
Total Expenditure £10,966.13

CARRIED

The cheques were signed by Cllr Baines, Cllr Carter and the Clerk.

- c) It was proposed by GG and seconded by SB that a donation of £130 in accordance with budgeted provision is made to Ely Citizens advice bureau.

CARRIED

- d) It was proposed by PW and seconded by HT that the electricity contract for the village hall is renewed with British Gas for the forthcoming year.
GG abstained

CARRIED

- e) The Clerk and SB will attend the Business Rate Payers Consultation on Monday 31st January at The Grange.

Clerk/
SB

- f) It was proposed by the chairman that the standing orders are suspended so that a paper vote can be taken; the clerk will count the vote which will be verified by the vice-chairman and a member of the public. This was seconded by TC.

CARRIED

RT and JM are unhappy about the appointment of a management committee to run the

Clerk

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Centre and feel that it should be kept under the direct control of the Parish Council. This matter will be discussed further and visits will be made to Over and St Neots before a final decision is made.

HT asked if the loan can be repaid early and if extra payments are made does this reduce the yearly payment or the term of the loan?

PW expressed concern about the term of the loan; in her opinion 25 years is too long to commit the community to repaying this debt.

It was proposed by the Chairman that the Council apply for a loan of £500,000 from the PWL board for a period of 25 years; enquiries will be made as to whether we can reduce the yearly payments or the term of the loan.

Clerk

A copy of the contract will be given to each councillor and a copy will be kept with the minutes.

6 votes in favour

3 votes against

CARRIED

- g) It was proposed by GG and seconded by TC that the quotation for the electricity supply to the recreation ground from UK Power Networks is approved.

CARRIED

10-11/230 PARISH PLAN

- a) A meeting of the parish plan working party is to be held on Wednesday 26th January at 8pm.

Clerk

10-11/231 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

- a) Patching works are to be carried out on Great Fen Road Soham between Hasse Road and Prickwillow Road on Friday 14th July. The work is likely to take three days to carry out weather permitting.

A letter has been received from Mr Challis about the hedges which are overhanging the footpath on Waterside. The clerk will contact the County Council about this.

Clerk

- b) It was proposed by TC and seconded by JM that the Council apply for an Annual Closure of Church Street and Pound Lane for Remembrance Day.

Clerk

CARRIED

- c) It was proposed by PW and seconded by JM that the bollards are ordered from the County Council for the grass verges on Malting Lane opposite the school.

CARRIED

- d) TC gave some feedback from the CC Parish Paths meeting. It is likely that the P3 grant will no longer be available and it will be up to parishes to either pay for the work to be carried out or look to councillors/parishioners to set up working parties to carry out the work.

- e) It was agreed that it would be helpful to have timetables available for the Stagecoach buses which leave from and return to Fordham in the Post Office and the Co-op. The Clerk will contact Stagecoach to see if these can be made available.

Clerk

- f) CCC have notified all Councils that salt supplies are very low and that they are looking for alternative materials so that they can keep the grit bins filled.

TC left the meeting at 9.37pm

10-11/232 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Applications

10/00978/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension at 11 Coates Drove for Mrs E King – no objection

10/01013/FUL Barn Conversion at 18 Little London Isleham for Mr Tim Drayton – no objection

10/01014/LBC Barn Conversion at 18 Little London Isleham for Mr Tim Drayton - no objection

- b) Planning Approvals

Noted

10/00874/FUL Garage Conversion and internal alterations at 19 East Fen Road for Mr & Mrs P Rogerson

- c) Other Planning Matters

Noted

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10/00895/FUL Replacement Barn at 53 Waterside, Isleham has been withdrawn
ECDC Tree Works to be carried out at The Old Vicarage, 7 Church Street, Isleham

10-11/233 TO SET DATE FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 28th March at 7.30pm.

Clerk

RT asked if we could have the same format as last year where representatives from each group were asked to come and give a presentation on what has been happening in their meetings during the year subject to a time limit of 5 minutes.

Items for the agenda will include:

The New Community Centre

The Isleham Informer

Allotments

10-11/234 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 7th February 2011

10-11/235 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Agenda items for Annual Parish Meeting

Allotments

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.56pm

- 1) LGA 1972 s85
- 2) Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 Part 2
- 3) Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)

Signed:

Chairman

Date: