

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MONDAY 9th JANUARY 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 7.04pm
 Clerk: Mrs D Bayliss
 Members 11 Quorum 4
 6 Parishioners

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- 11-12/144 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** 1
 C Cllr Powley;
- 11-12/145 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on agenda 2
 RT; PW; 11-12 186b Planning Matters (Personal)
 VBS Staff Salary (Prejudicial) (See Register of Interest Sheet)
 Cllr Beckett 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.
- 11-12/146 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** 3
 Mr Fleet expressed his disappointment that answers had not been provided for all the questions that had been sent in to the council, however the information requested is currently unavailable as the tender process and business plan are still ongoing.
 Mrs Clarke asked if the building spec would be significantly reduced to achieve the cost savings.
 Mrs Clarke asked to be assured that the project would not go ahead until the funding is in place. The Chairman has made it clear a number of times that the project will not commence until the funding is in place.
 When will the business plan be available? It is hoped the business plan will be complete by the end of January.
- 11-12/147 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 5th DECEMBER 2011** 4
 It was proposed by CP and seconded by LN that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December are approved as a true record of the business transacted.
CARRIED
- 11-12/148 MATTERS ARISING/CLERKS REPORT (*for information only*)**
 - Is there any further information about the sale of the House on Fordham Road? No further information at the moment. Youngsters need to make sure their names are on the list for rent and part ownership
- 11-12/149 QUALITY STATUS**
 a) Isleham Parish Council has been awarded Quality Status. A presentation should be made by the Chairman of the Quality Panel at the next meeting.
- 11-12/150 POLICE MATTERS**
 a) A letter has been received from PCSO Barbara Neill informing the council that she will be working in Ely City and that PCSO Kieran Moran will be taking over her old role in the villages.
 Inspector Robin Sissons has moved and Paul Ormerod has taken over as Inspector at Ely.
 b) The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Panel will be held on Wednesday 11th January 2012. As many councillors and parishioners as possible are encouraged to attend.
- 11-12/151 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**
 a) The Caretaker has requested that the council hire a professional cleaning machine to clean the floor in the hall. Quotations will be sought and brought back to the next meeting for

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Noted

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consideration.

The Village Hall insurance is due for renewal and this was approved. If the hall is demolished before the end of this year then the policy will be cancelled.

11-12/152 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

- a) It was proposed by ME and seconded by JM that the quotation from Palmers for remedial works to the MUGA is accepted.

Clerk

CARRIED

The matting in the MUGA needs flattening and the Clerk will contact Cambridge Courts about this.

The tractor and mowers are due to go in for a service. There is still a problem with the fuel tank on the tractor and DB will go into Palmers to discuss what needs to be done.

- b) The Club fees are due to be reviewed and it was agreed that a meeting should be held between the Clubs and the Recreation Ground WP to discuss this.

11-12/153 ICA REPORT

- a) The revised tenders for the Centre should be in by next week. Assuming that the tenders come in within the proposed budget it is proposed by DB and seconded by CP that a public meeting is held on Monday 30th January.
ME gave his apologies in advance for this meeting.

11-12/154 CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS

- a) The mowers are being serviced on Wednesday 18th January.

TW

11-12/155 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS

- a) There was no report from the County Council.
b) The Standards Board is being abolished from 30th June. There could be some sort of code of conduct after that but it is uncertain how effective it will be. Criminal offences will be dealt with by the judicial system.

Anyone interested in attending the Shape Your Place seminar on 18th January at 6pm please notify the Clerk.

11-12/156 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) It was proposed by PW and seconded by SB 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 £2128.97

Tax & NI £243.15

Other Expenditure £9,305.89

Petty Cash £0

Total Expenditure £11,678.01

CARRIED

SB declared a personal interest in the cheque to the pre-school.

The cheques were signed by Cllr Baines, Cllr Chaplin and the Clerk

It was proposed by SB and seconded by PC that £81,409 is transferred from the Business Reserve Account to the business deposit account.

CARRIED

- c) The cheque was signed by Cllr Beckett, Cllr Chaplin and Cllr Baines
Budget Update – A copy of the latest budget report was provided to all Councillors.
Following on from queries raised in public participation the council are looking at where they are investing their money; there is to be a Finance Working Party meeting on Monday 23rd January at 7pm where additional insurance cover and interest rates will be discussed.
Some professional advice has been sought from Peters Elworthy and Moore. It was proposed by CP and seconded by PC that if further advice is felt necessary it can be sought.

Noted

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- d) It was proposed by PW and seconded by LN that Youth For Christ are allowed to keep the

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funds they are planning to send back to the Council to be used for youth work.

CARRIED

DB abstained from the vote

11-12/157 DUNSTALL APPRENTICE GRANT

- a) ME/JM declared a personal interest in this item.
The request was deferred until the next meeting.

Clerk

11-12/158 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

- a) There is a large pot hole on Beck Road which needs to be reported.
There are a number of piles of rubbish on the Prickwillow Road (B1102) which need to be cleared away. The Clerk will contact ECDC about these.
SCC can they replace reflectors on the edge of the bend
- b) Beck Road has not been added to the gritting route for this year, If the council wish it to be added they should contact Richard Kingston or ask the county councillors to take up this matter on their behalf.

Clerk

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11-12/159 WASH MATTERS

- a) A letter has been received from the Environment Agency stating that remedial works will be carried out on the weir beginning Monday 9th January.
Work on the slipway will commence at the beginning of February.
Can it be used by people in the village if they pay a fee for use of it? Private slipway to be used by villagers only.
RT declared an interest in this matter. The chairman said that she may make comments but not vote; RT had no problem with people from the village using the slipway
It was proposed by ME and seconded by SB that 3 keys are provided by the EA for the lock, one to be held by the Clerk, one by Rosie Thompson and the other by Paul Chaplin and that a £20 refundable deposit should be charged for use of the key. A notice will be made with contact details of the key holders.

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CARRIED

RT abstained from the vote.

Two trees have blown down and one other is dead on the little wash, under the terms of the Wash Agreement trees are the council's responsibility. TW or SP Landscapes will be asked to remove them while the wash is vacant.

11-12/160 ALLOTMENT MATTERS

- a) The allotment association are holding their AGM on Tuesday 17th January at 7.15pm.
A request for chickens for Mr C Winters was **approved** by the Council.

11-12/161 CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a) Weekly highlights have been forwarded to councillors by email.
- b) Dial-a-Ride AGM will be held on Tuesday 14th February, please notify the Clerk if you wish to attend.
- c) Tenants Meeting Quay Mill Hotel 16th January 7.30pm – 9.30pm
- d) A further correspondence has been received from John Fleet and Lynn Clarke. DB and the Clerk met with Ian Dewar from CPALC to discuss what the Council's responsibilities are under FOI. Subsequently not all the questions required a response.
A list of ICA members was not included in the answers and this will be delivered to Mr Fleet and Mrs Clarke tomorrow.

Clerk

11-12/162 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 9.01pm for refreshments and reconvened at 9.07pm.
Planning Applications
11/1102/FUL Part single & part 2 storey extension to rear of 45 West Street, Isleham – objection on the grounds that this is an overdevelopment of a small site; it is a very small garden and this development would cause a loss of amenity to the neighbours, as well as affecting the aspect of the neighbours at no 43.
11/1106/FUL Change of use of an agricultural building to summer recreational use and siting of a Yurt and Teepee Karma Farm 8 Fen Bank, Isleham – no objection

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- b) Planning Approvals
11/00798/PDR Construction of conservatory at 8 Orchard Close, Isleham

11-12/163 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) 16th January IPC/Lady Peyton – CLT 7pm – social centre? Finance Working Party Monday 23rd 7pm; Public Meeting Monday 30th January 7.30pm; 2012; Monday February 6th 2012

11-12/164 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 9.15pm

- 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: