

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL
 Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss
 Chairman: Mr Derrick Beckett
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
 MONDAY 4th JULY 2011
 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 Mrs Malkin (JM); Cllr Neal (LN); Cllr Patterson (CP) Cllr Mrs Bruyneel-Smith (VBS) arrived at 7.04pm
 Clerk: Mrs D Bayliss
 Members 11 Quorum 4
 4 Parishioners
 County Councillor Powley
 Catherine Shilton – Cambridgeshire Acre; Oliver Cook, Jane Hollingsworth ECDC; Mark Osbourne Sanctuary Housing; Stephen Conrad CCC

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11-12/54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 1

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Earl; C Cllr Palmer;

11-12/55 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on agenda 2

RT 11/12-69c Personal
 PW 11/12-69c Personal
 JM 11/12-69c Personal

11-12/56 CAMBRIDGESHIRE ACRE – HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The results of the housing needs survey were presented to the council by Catherine Shilton showing that at the present time 41 affordable homes are needed in the village. The council will consider appropriate sites and discuss these with Sanctuary Housing.

11-12/57 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 3

Mr Sheldrick asked the council whether he was allowed to work on the recreation ground when there are people using it.

Mr Ellwood asked how much interest was being paid on the public works loan and whether it had been taken out yet. He also asked for a copy of the latest plans for the new community centre.

He also asked about the yellow lines on Pound Lane. (See June minutes)

11-12/58 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 6th JUNE 2011 4

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

CARRIED

11-12/59 MATTERS ARISING/CLERKS REPORT (*for information only*)

The Chairman informed the Council that Mr Cox is improving slowly.

11-12/60 QUALITY STATUS

a) The first annual report has been published on the website on the notice board and has been distributed to Councillors. Hopefully it will be included in the next issue of the Informer.

11-12/61 POLICE MATTERS

b) There was no police report. noted

The Neighbourhood Panel meeting was held on 29th June and attended by Cllr's PW and JM. PW read a report from the meeting.

11-12/62 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

a) The manhole cover has been repaired. Clerk

One of the side windows on the pavilion was smashed and has now been repaired. Concern was raised about whether the trees on the recreation ground are being watered regularly. The Clerk will investigate this ASAP as one of the trees is looking a bit unhealthy. Bloor homes have still not removed two of the posts from the recreation ground. The work that has been carried out around the MUGA is not satisfactory. CP and PW visited the site with the clerk and request that the account is not paid until the situation has been rectified.

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The Council have no problems with Mr Sheldrick working on the recreation ground when people are there as long as he takes due care which he does.

11-12/63 ICA REPORT

- a) VAT Consultant – It was proposed by DB and seconded by PW that Mr Robert Plumbly is appointed to advise the Council on the VAT issues surrounding the building of the new community centre. noted

CARRIED

- b) In the light of the circumstances regarding this issue DB proposed from the chair that Isleham Parish Council agrees to let the new community centre to an ICA management committee, subject to all legal and financial matters regarding this being resolved satisfactorily. If not then the matter will need to be reconsidered. Clerk

7 votes in favour

2 votes against

CARRIED

RT reported that the Gala Festival was a great success. A letter of thanks will be sent to the ICA fundraising committee. The Gala itself was again hugely successful and a letter of thanks will be sent to the Gala Committee.

11-12/64 CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS

- a) Mr Wilding will be tending the cemetery while Mr Cox is unwell. Another large ornament has been placed on one of the graves; the Clerk will contact the family and ask them to remove it. The hedge at the side of the Cemetery is too wide to be cut back by hand so other arrangements need to be made to cut it. The hedge at the bottom of the cemetery is overgrown with ivy however this does not belong to the Council but to Sanctuary housing therefore a letter will be sent to them asking them to cut it back. Clerk

11-12/65 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS

- a) C Cllr Powley (JP) pointed out that to the Council that any speed limit changes requested by the council would have to be paid for from the Council's precept. 80% of the street lighting in Cambridgeshire is to be replaced over the next five years. There may be less lights but with a greater spread of light. SB asked if JP could find out if there are any known issues with the lighting as it seems that the brightness of a new light in East Fen Road has decreased over the year.

- b) There was nothing to report from the District Councillor.

11-12/66 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

CARRIED

- b) It was proposed by PW and seconded by SB that the July Accounts are approved and paid with the exception of cheque no 522035 for Mr Billitt.

Salaries £1680.07

Tax & NI £355.66

Other Expenditure £9655.62

Petty Cash £45.65

Total Expenditure £11737.00

CARRIED

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

A cheque will need to be reissued to Archial as the original cheque has been stolen, amended and cashed. Archial have requested that future payments are made by BACS.

- c) It was proposed by PW and seconded by RT that the quotation for storing parish council records is approved from CBS at Milton.

CARRIED

- d) The quarterly budget report was distributed to the councillors and noted.

11-12/67 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

- a) The footpath outside the Co-op has been repaired – a letter of thanks will be sent to County Highways. Clerk

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If a new street light were to be put in at Little London it would have to be paid for by the Council as new lights only tend to be put in at accident blackspots.

Bugs Alley has an elder growing out of the ground in the middle of it and some overhanging brush which needs to be removed. The clerk will contact Mr Wilding to clear this.

A letter has been received from Mrs Burbidge concerning a tree which is overhanging Waterside Road.

The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting at 8.34pm. The Vice-Chairman took the chair at 8.34pm.

It was agreed that the clerk would find out who the tree belongs to; if it is Parish Council property the clerk in consultation with SB and RT will arrange to have the necessary work carried out up to a maximum of £1000 in line with the current financial regulations.

All in favour.

The Chairman returned to the meeting at 7.37pm.

There is a tree overhanging the end of Maltings Lane, a letter will be sent to the house owner asking them to cut it back allowing access for pedestrians.

- b) Street Lighting PFI Project – see County Councillors report. Clerk
- c) Parish Paths Grass Cutting – the second cut of the year by the county council will be delayed until August or September because of the dry weather.
- d) Speed Limit Policy – see County Councillors report.
- e) Highway Wardens – the Council are happy with the current method of reporting matters to County Highways.

11-12/68 CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a) Weekly highlights have been forwarded to councillors by email. Noted
- b) A seminar about the Ely railway crossing is to be held on Saturday 9th July. PC and HT will attend the seminar and report back to the next meeting. Clerk
- c) Care and Repair information will be distributed to the churches, placed in the Informer and on the notice board. Clerk
- d) Community Action Magazine Noted

11-12/69 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Applications Clerk
 - 11/00491/FUL Extension and alterations at 34 West Street, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Webber – no objection
 - 11/00348/FUL Demolish single storey extension, construct two storey extension and detached cart lodge at 9 Dockings Lane, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Ruddock – objection on the grounds that the development is out of keeping with the character and setting of the area.
 - 11/00531/FUL Two storey side extension at 23A Little London, Isleham for Mr P Clarke – no objection
- b) Planning Approvals
 - 11/00208/FUL Single storey rear extension, new porch and replacement garage and woodstore at 8 West Street, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Flynn
- c) RT left the meeting at 9.02pm
 - A letter has been received from Will Taylor regarding a planning application he intends to make to ECDC. The Council have no objection to the proposal as long as Mr Taylor remembers that the Wash is in a Higher Level Stewardship Scheme and explains this to visitors.
 - RT returned to the meeting a 9.05pm
 - A Vision for Isleham Questionnaires have been distributed at the Co-op, by the Clerk and is available on the website.
 - Tree Work Approval – The Red House, 45 Mill Street, Isleham

11-12/70 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) Monday 8th August (if required) or 5th September
 - The Clerk and the Chairman are both away from 11th- 18th July. PC will be the contact for any Council enquiries while they are away.

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11-12/71 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

a) School Governor Report
Hedge on the Causeway
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.18pm

- 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)

Signed:

Chairman

Date: