

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss
Chairman: Mr Derrick Beckett
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MONDAY 7th JUNE 2010
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Those Present;- Cllr Neal (LN), Cllr Mrs Malkin (JM), Cllr Beckett (DB)(D Cllr), Cllr Mrs H Thompson (HT), Cllr Carter (TC) Cllr Garbett (GG), Cllr Mrs Wilkes (PW) Cllr Earl (ME), Cllr Mrs R Thompson (RT) arrived at 7.26pm. P
 Clerk: Mrs D Bayliss O
 County Councillor Palmer W
 Members 11 Quorum 4 E
 Parishioners: 10 r
 Mr Oliver Cook and Mr Stephen Conrad

- 10-11/34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** 1
 Apologies were received and approved from County Councillor Powley; Cllr Mrs Hobbs;
- 10-11/35 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on agenda 2
 Cllr Beckett 10-11-56a) Planning
 Cllr Mrs Wilkes 10-1156a) Planning
 Cllr Mrs H Thompson 10-11/56a) Planning
 Cllr Garbett 10-11 42 ICA Prejudicial
 Cllr Carter 10-11 42 ICA Prejudicial
 All Councillors have a personal interest in the ICA project. 10-11/42
- 10-11/36 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
 Mr Ray Sheldrick raised the matter of rubbish left in the car park on the recreation ground. He also reported that the 'mat' has been serviced and is back from Palmers.
- 10-11/37 Mr Oliver Cook & Mr Stephen Conrad**
 Mr Cook and Mr Conrad addressed the Council re the possibility of building some affordable homes on the Three Tree Allotment site on Beck Road which is currently leased from the County by the Parish Council.
- 10-11/38 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 10th MAY 2010** 3
 It was proposed by TC and seconded by GG that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May are approved as a true record of the business transacted.
 CARRIED
- 10-11/39 MATTERS ARISING (*for information only*)**
 There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 10-11/40 POLICE MATTERS**
 a) The police report for May was read and noted by the Councillors. noted
 b) Neighbourhood Panel newsletters have been distributed to the Councillors and the next meeting will be held on 30th June at Soham Village College – Beechurst Hall. A request has been received from Alan Williams that the NP representative should bring to the meetings issues raised by the Councillors or members of the public for discussion. GG
- 10-11/41 ISLEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL**
 a) There was no report from the school governor this month.
- 10-11/42 ICA**
 a) A meeting of the ICA Management Committee was held on Tuesday 1st June. It was proposed by PW and seconded by HT that Ian Thorburn, Tim Washtell, Mark Goldsack and Diane Bayliss are nominated as Trustees for the new Centre.
 CARRIED
- 10-11/43 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**
 a) There were no village hall matters to report.
- 10-11/44 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS**
 a) The top recreation ground has not yet been reseeded and fertilised it is hoped this will be carried out ASAP.

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- b) It was **resolved** that Wicken Cricket Club should be allowed to use the Cricket Pitch for 3 matches during the summer. The fees charged will be split between the Cricket Club for use of their nets and the Parish Council. Clerk
- c) A meeting attended by 12 young people and 5 parents was held on 26th May at the village hall to discuss the possibility of having a skate park in the village. Before they can begin fundraising they need to know if there is a site available. The Chairman will meet with members of the ICA to discuss the possibilities and will bring a decision to the meeting on 21st June. Clerk
DB
- d) A letter has been received from the Youth Football Club asking if they might have extra keys to the Fordham Road gate cut for their use. It was **agreed** that this would be allowed. With reference to the parked cars blocking the gate it is up to the club to put out cones to prevent this although the Council will contact Highways to see if it would be possible to have a single white line painted across the entrance. Clerk
- 10-11/45 CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS**
- a) The benches in the cemetery need re-varnishing. Mr Cox will be asked to carry out this work once the grass cutting season is over before the winter. Clerk
- 10-11/46 PARISH PLAN**
- a) The Parish Plan will be presented to the Neighbourhood Panel on 30th June by the Clerk and PW. Clerk
- b) It was proposed by GG and seconded by HT that the quotation from J.B. & S.B. Fencing is approved. The work will be carried out as soon as possible after the notice board arrives. Clerk
CARRIED
- c) The purchase of more dog bins will be reconsidered once the sale of the land has been completed.
- 10-11/47 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
- a) ECDC Agendas noted
- b) Cope News noted
- c) Trading Standards Information noted
- d) 'Fenland Women' noted
- e) Littleport Vision noted
- 10-11/48 CORRESPONDENCE**
- a) The letter regarding affordable housing will be forwarded to Stephen Conrad at the County Council. noted
- b) It was **resolved** that the Council give permission to the Isleham Under 5's to make use of a pony on Gala Day so that they can offer photos and pony rides for children on the recreation ground. Clerk
- c) A letter of thanks has been received from Care and Repair for the donation made by the Council last month. noted
- 10-11/49 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS**
- a) The County Councillor reported that considerable discussion is taking place re primary school provision in the Fordham/Soham villages. Temporary extra classrooms are to be provided at Fordham School and the Weatheralls Primary School. County Councillor Palmer left the meeting at 8.25pm.
- b) It was proposed by GG and seconded by PW that a response to the consultation paper on East Cambridgeshire Council's decision making process is sent to the District Council stating that the Parish Council would prefer that a Committee based system remains in place as they consider that this more accurately reflects the democratic process. Clerk
CARRIED
- 10-11/50 TO RENEW PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE POLICY**
- It was proposed by JM and seconded by LN that the insurance policy is updated to include the new notice board and money cover - allowing for loss or theft of money/cheques being transported to the bank; or kept in the safe. And for a period of 3 years thus taking advantage of a small saving on the premium. A cheque will be included with the payments

from this meeting but it will be approved and signed by the chairman and vice chairman when the final figure including the discount is agreed. (Maximum £1889.80).

CARRIED

10-11/51 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

CARRIED

b) It was proposed by GG and seconded by JM that the June Accounts are approved and paid. Clerk

Salaries £1613.94
Tax & NI £368.95
Other Expenditure £2481.40
Petty Cash £ 38.90
Total Expenditure £ 4503.19

CARRIED

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

c) It was proposed by TC and seconded by GG that the Parish Council under write the £26,000 match funding required by WREN in order to qualify for the grant to carry out the works on the new AWSA. Clerk

CARRIED

d) It was proposed by ME and seconded by GG that the Clerk attends the training day to be held on 18th June on Health & Safety as it applies to Parish Councils.

CARRIED

10-11/52 CIVIL EMERGENCY PLAN

The question was asked as to who will underwrite the cost of any emergency services provided by the Parish Council. This matter will be raised at the Neighbourhood Panel Meeting on 30th June where this document is to be discussed. GG/PW

10-11/53 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

a) The Chairman met with Luke from SP Landscapes to review the grass cutting areas. All the Councillors are pleased with the standard of the cut and a letter will be sent stating this. Clerk

b) TC reported that the studs from the old water pump on Coates Drove are reappearing on the footpath outside 8 Coates Drove as the result of soil erosion. This matter will be referred to Highways for consideration in the first instance. Clerk

The casing on the light on Coates Drove is broken and this will be reported to the County Council Lighting Department.

c) It was proposed by TC and seconded by HT that the Council request a footpath on Fordham Road from the affordable housing development to no3 Fordham Road as part of the JFMHI bid for the year 2011-12 Clerk

CARRIED

10-11/54 ALLOTMENT MATTERS

a) It was **agreed** that the Allotment Association may hold a BBQ on the Three Tree Allotment Site. Clerk

ADAS have rented 70 rod on Three Tree Allotment for 1 year only.

b) It was **agreed** that a working party is established to discuss the possibility of affordable housing on Three Tree Allotment. The group will consist of Cllr Earl, Cllr Carter, Cllr Mrs H Thompson and Cllr Mrs Wilkes.

LN and GG left the meeting at 9.45pm.

10-11/55 WASH MATTERS

a) A vole survey is to be carried out on the River Lark by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Noted

10-11/56 PLANNING MATTERS

a) 10/00272 Erection of one and one half storey dwelling, demolishing of existing outbuildings at 17 West Street, Isleham for Mr M Spiers - The Council object to the above application on the grounds that it would be overdevelopment of the site; the proximity to the neighbouring properties; have a negative impact on the street scene and have concerns about access onto the highway. Clerk

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10/00325/FUL Front and side single extension at 7 Malting Lane, Isleham for Mr Ian Granby – The Council is concerned about the proximity to the neighbour’s fence.

10/00388/FUL Proposed two storey rear extension along with covered porch to side at Field Farmhouse, 1 Temple Road, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Connor

10/00306/FUL Proposed re-development for a four bedroom house and separate garage at 31 Waterside, Isleham for Mr B T King - The Council would like the roofline to be no higher than that of the neighbouring properties so that it remains in keeping with the street scene.

Cllr Beckett declared an interest and left the meeting at 10.05pm

10/00423/FUL Replacement of existing bungalow with two storey dwelling at 10 East Fen Road, Isleham for Mr G Bruyneel - The Council feel that this proposal is an improvement on the previous design and more in keeping with no 8 East Fen Road but overall consider that the building is still too big and imposing on the surrounding area.

Cllr Beckett returned to the meeting at 10.11pm

b) 10/00210/FUL First floor rear extension at 83 The Causeway, Isleham for Mr Earl

10/00201/FUL Renovate and extend an uninhabitable 2 bedroom detached cottage to make a 4 bedroom family home at 17 East Road, Isleham for Mr James Bailey

10/00220/CLP Proposed erection of single storey side extensions, two storey rear extension, roof extension, front porch and chimney stack at Chalk Farm, Temple Road, Isleham for SP Landscapes

10/00229/FUL Replacement of asbestos roof to garage with double pitched tiled roof which includes small gable on garden side to allow for clock or sundial at 2 Bowers Lane, Isleham for Mr M Kyte

c) There were no planning refusals.

d) Forest Heath LDF

SB

10-11/57 NATURE RESERVE

The next meeting of the ‘Friends of Isleham Nature Reserve’ will be on Monday 14th June at the Nature Reserve at 7.30pm.

10-11/58 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

a) Monday June 21st (Planning); Monday 5th July 2010

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15pm

- 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: