

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MONDAY 2nd JUNE 2014
AT THE BEECHES**

Those Present; - Cllr Beckett (DB); Cllr Patterson; (CP) Cllr Mrs H Thompson (HT); Cllr Mitchell (BM); Cllr Mrs Malkin (JM) Cllr Mrs P Wilkes (PW); Mrs Glenda Preece (GP); Cllr Chaplin; Cllr Radcliffe (RR); Cllr Neal (LN); Cllr Mrs V Bruyneel-Smith (VBS) arrived at 7.23pm
Members 11
Quorum 4
10 Parishioners

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14-15/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

C Cllr Palmer; C Cllr Schumann

14-15/26 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on agenda

None

14-15/27 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15mins)

Mrs Turner asked why moving the play area to the back of the centre is not being discussed.

Mrs Cant asked that it is minuted that in her opinion the decision to keep the play area at the front of the site is not a fair representation of what parents and grandparents want.

Mrs Cull asked if notices could be put up saying that the play area would be closed during the cricket matches; and also whether there would be picnic benches etc in the play area.

Mr Adrian Sheldrick - reiterated the need for two fences; 3m around the play area and 4m around the car park, which would reduce the risk by 95%. He considered that there would be an increased risk with just one 8m net. The Cricket Club stand by their original risk assessment (based on play park and car park).

VBS arrived at 7.23pm

Cllr Wilkes raised the matter of the hedge at the back of Orchard Close which has a gap which is being used as an access to The Causeway. (This will be considered under the Highways Report)

14-15/28 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 12th MAY 2014

It was proposed by PC and seconded by BM that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2014 are approved and signed.

CARRIED

14-15/29 MATTERS ARISING/CLERKS REPORT (*for information only*)

- The paint has been ordered for the crossings in the car park.

14-15/30 POLICE MATTERS

a) JM reported that quad bikes are congregating at the bottom of Little London and although this has been reported to the police they have not been very helpful and no incident number has been given.

It has also been reported that drugs are being used around the youth shelter and that they are possibly being distributed in the car park at the front of the centre. This matter will be reported to the police.

A van was broken into at the top of Limestone Close last week. This has been reported.

14-15/31 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS

- a) None
- b) At the Annual Council meeting in May the re-structure of the committee system was inaugurated. There are now 3 main committees which will be looking to reduce hours and paperwork associated with the council. DB has not yet attended any new committees yet so is not able to comment.

14-15/32 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

- a)
 - DB offered a vote of thanks to Paul for the work he has done clearing and seeding outside the centre over the weekend.
 - David Parker has seeded the play area and the side of the car park over the weekend; however some of the ground was too wet for this to be completed.
 - 6 areas in the car park where shrubs and trees have been set are badly in need of weeding.

It was proposed by PC and seconded by RR that Mr Wilding is asked to weed and bark these areas.

CARRIED

- Mr Wilding will also be asked to plant some annuals at the front of the centre.
- PW asked who gave the Youth Football Club permission to charge £3 per car for parking at the Football Festival. Parking included the programme. The Parish Council gave permission for the event but no conditions were imposed on the event.
- PW asked if permission had been given to hold the Youth Football presentation on Sunday 1st June. The Council were not asked about this event.
- Future events need to be considered at a forthcoming meeting. This would include use of the recreation ground by all user groups.

It was proposed by RR and seconded by JM that 7 bags of mulch are purchased from Barcham Trees who will spread it and secure the trees better.

CARRIED

- b) It was proposed by RR and seconded by JM that the Council accept either the quotation from Gravity or Bendcrete (both £50,000) subject to consultation with the group who have been raising funds for the project. Clerk

CARRIED

- c) A new risk assessment will be carried out on the proposed 8m cricket fencing. This will be brought back for full consideration at the meeting on June 30th. Clerk
The clerk will arrange a visit to Witchford village college in the next few days.

- d) It was proposed by PW and seconded by PC that the Council do not accept the proposal to pay the Isleham Gardeners to maintain the gardens for the next 6 months. Clerk

CARRIED

The clerk will speak to the group to discuss the matter further.

14-15/33 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Mr Wilding asked the council if they would consider allowing him to purchase some weed killer for the moss on the tarmac in the cemetery at a cost of approximately £60-£70.

It was proposed by PC and seconded by PW that the moss killer is purchased.

CARRIED

14-15/34 ICA REPORT

a) A meeting was held with the ICA on Thursday to discuss a number of issues that seemingly have not been addressed by the Council. These include:

- Grass Seed
- Service Roadway
- Car Park in general
- Stage Flooring
- Acoustics
- CCTV
- Snagging List

A meeting will be arranged between the architect and the contractor when the contractor returns from holiday to discuss the snagging list and the other issues as listed above.

It was proposed by RR and seconded by DB that the bin store is left where it is until further information on the roadway is provided. The motion fell as 70% of the Council were not in favour. (7 in favour; 2 against; 2 abstained)

Noted

It was proposed by PW and seconded by HT that the bin store is moved as agreed at the previous meeting.

CARRIED

It was proposed by RR and seconded by PW that the additional £460 to correct the wiring for the CCTV is paid.

Clerk

CARRIED

14-15/35 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) It was proposed by PW and seconded by PC that the May bank reconciliation and petty cash reconciliation are approved.

Noted

CARRIED`

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

Clerk

Salaries £2,026.08
Tax & NI £400.91
Other Expenditure £2,916.63
Petty Cash £79.28
Total: £5,422.90

CARRIED

The cheques were signed by Cllr Radcliffe and Cllr Chaplin

c) Borrowing Approval has been received for up to £100,000 for the provision of the play park including safety fencing.

Clerk

d) It was proposed by JM and seconded by PC that the clerk will be authorised as a sole signatory on the bank account in order to carry out bank transfers and BACS payments in consultation with two councillors as previously agreed.

Clerk

CARRIED

14-15/36 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

a) • Jason Tyrrell from County Highways had a meeting with the clerk on Friday and a report has been received of what if any actions will be taken.

Clerk

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss
Chairman: Mr Derrick Becket

- A letter will be sent to owners of 6 Mill Street asking them to cut back the shrub which is overhanging the wall.
- Mr Wilding will be asked to clear Footpath 9 of nettles.
- A letter will be sent to the owners of the bungalow opposite the cemetery which has bushes hanging right over the footpath
- Another letter will be sent to 79 The Causeway asking them to cut back the trees overhanging the footpath
- The zebra crossing will be operational on Monday 16th June. One of the beacons has been put on the parish council land because of the gas main running under the footpath.
- A letter will be sent to Sanctuary Housing asking them to make the hedge secure at the back of Orchard Close.

b) An offer of a few trees has been made by a parishioner. JM and the Clerk will contact Mr R Boneham to discuss further. JM/
Clerk

c) JM is to source a suitable variety of trees for the Priory Green and bring recommendation to a future meeting. JM

14-15/37 CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

a) Weekly Highlights sent to Councillors by email. Noted

14-15/38 ORCHARD MATTERS

a) It was proposed by JM and seconded by GP that concrete seating is accepted by the council and concreted in at the orchard. JM

CARRIED

14-15/39 ALLOTMENT MATTERS

a) An allotment working party meeting will be arranged.

14-15/40 PLANNING MATTERS

a) **Planning Applications** Clerk

14/00309/FUL Construction of 1no four bedroom and 1no five bedroom one and a half storey detached dwellings with garages at Land adj 56 West Street, Isleham for Messrs Clarke & Clarke – the Council object to the proposal on the grounds that the development is outside of the building line, and that the land in question is the old bull paddock which has historic significance for the village. Concerns were also raised about access as there are a number of vehicles already using the roadway and this will obviously increase with two new properties being built. It was also felt that the 1 1/2 storey buildings would overshadow the bungalows at the front of the site. No further comment.

b) **Planning Approvals** Noted

14/00391/VAR To vary condition 10 (no amplified music after midnight) of previously approved 12/00831/FUM for application to replace extant planning permission 09/00475/FUM for demolition of existing village hall and pavilion to provided new single storey community centre with play area, vehicular drop-off point and associated parking. Relocation of all-weather football pitch and column lighting, kick wall and cricket nets at Isleham Recreation Ground, Mill Street, for Isleham Parish Council.

14/00191/FUL Alterations and Extensions to Outbuilding to create two en-suite letting bedrooms at The Rising Sun at 11 Sun Street for Mr & Mrs Pearce – no objection

14/00266/LBC Alterations and Extensions to Outbuilding to create two en-suite letting bedrooms at The Rising Sun at 11 Sun Street for Mr & Mrs Pearce

As no County Councillor had arrived the District Councillor report was brought at this point.

The meeting closed to the public and press at 8.57pm

14-15/41 MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

That the public (including representatives of the press) be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item No 42 because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item(s) there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Category 1 & 2 Part 1 Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

It was proposed by JM and seconded by GP that the meeting should be closed to the public and press at 8.57pm.

14-15/42 CLERKS APPRAISAL

The Clerk left the meeting at 8.58pm

The meeting was re-opened to the public and press at 9.22pm

14-15/43 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) 30th June 2014 (July Meeting)
4th August 2014

14-15/44 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.

To Discuss conditions for the events held on the recreation ground (football foundation)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.27pm

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)
4. Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960

Signed:

Chairman

Date: