

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss
Chairman: Mr Derrick Beckett
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MONDAY 1st MARCH 2010
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Those Present;-	Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Neal, Cllr Earl, Cllr Baines, Cllr Garbett, Cllr Beckett (D Cllr), Mrs R Thompson, Cllr Mrs Wilkes, Cllr Mrs H Thompson Clerk: Mrs D Bayliss County Councillor Palmer Members 11 Quorum 4 Parishioners: 6	P O W E R	Action
10/217	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Mrs Hobbs, County Councillor Powley	1	
10/218	MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on agenda 10/224 Cllr Mrs Wilkes (personal) 10/224 Cllr Mrs Malkin (personal) 10/223 Cllr Baines (prejudicial – child in preschool) 10/225 Cllr Beckett (prejudicial – trustee) 10/225 Cllr Garbett (prejudicial – trustee) 10/225 Full Council have a personal interest in the ICA 10/234d) Cllr Neal (prejudicial) 10/237d) Cllr Neal (personal) 10/238 Cllr Mrs R Thompson (prejudicial – tenant)	2	
10/219	OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Mr Richard Sheldrick expressed concern about the condition of the AWSA. Mr Ray Sheldrick expressed concern about the number of cars driving onto the recreation ground.		
10/220	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 1st FEBRUARY 2010 It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Baines that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 st February are approved as a true record of the business transacted.	3	
	CARRIED		
10/221	MATTERS ARISING (<i>for information only</i>) Feedback from the school will be reported later in the meeting.		
10/222	POLICE MATTERS a) The police report for February was read and noted by the Councillors. The covert van has been deployed in the village and 27 speeding tickets were issued. b) Neighbourhood Panel newsletters were given to each councillor. The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 30 th March.		noted
10/223	ISLEHAM PRE-SCHOOL a) A verbal request for funding has been received from the pre-school. It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Carter that the clerk should look into how much money can be donated to them under LGA s137 and report back to the next meeting for consideration.		Clerk
	CARRIED		
10/224	ISLEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL a) The primary school are waiting for funding and for a risk assessment before contacting the Council to arrange a meeting to discuss the security issues.		Chair
10/225	ICA a) It has been discussed that a joint ‘Chairman’ of Philip Aspland, Derrick Beckett, Tim Washtell and Mark Goldsack is formed for the ICA.		

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- b) Cllr Beckett will stand down as a trustee for the ICA and Cllr Carter will take his place as a representative of the parish council.
- c) A meeting of all ICA members will be held on Wednesday 10th March at 7.30pm in order to discuss the way forward on the Community Centre Project.
- 10/226 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**
- a) 2 new fire extinguishers have been put up in the hall.
A meeting of the village hall committee will take place on Monday 29th March at 7.30pm
- 10/227 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS**
- a) A number of vehicles have been on the recreation ground during the winter and concerns have been raised about the condition of the grass. A new lock will be fitted to the Fordham Road gate and keys will be issued to club chairman only. A record will be kept of who has keys and the clubs will be asked not to have further keys cut.
A letter has been received from Mr Aves about the condition of the fence around the new recreation ground. Quotes for repairing the fence will be obtained and considered at the next meeting; a reply will be sent to Mr Aves concerning the gate and dogs on the recreation ground.
Cllr Mrs Malkin and Cllr Beckett have made enquiries about new trees for the recreation ground.
It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that it should be established where the trees are to be positioned, what species are to be purchased and that the site is prepared ready for the autumn when they will be planted.
- CARRIED
- b) A recreation ground committee meeting needs to be held as soon as possible; a date will be arranged before the next parish council meeting.
- c) After reviewing the play area report from Wicksteed it was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the chain linkage is replaced on all the swings. Clerk
- CARRIED
- A letter will be sent to Wicksteed asking them to supply more information about the BS Standard. Clerk
- 10/228 CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS**
- a) The Cemetery was consecrated on Sunday 7th February; a number of councillors and a few members of the public were in attendance.
- b) A letter of thanks was received from the Reverend Mike Banyard and was read to the Council. noted
- 10/229 FENLAND ELITE YOUTH BUS**
- The youth bus will coming to the village on a Thursday instead of Wednesday as it was clashing with youth football; hopefully this will enable more young people to make use of the bus. A request was made for volunteers from the council to help with the bus but unfortunately no one is able to take this on at the present time. Clerk
- 10/230 PARISH PLAN**
- a) An application has been put forward by the County Council to Sita for funding to restore a pond in each of the districts and the pond on East Fen Road, Isleham is the pond which has been put forward for restoration in East Cambridgeshire. Clerk
- 10/231 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
- a) CPALC Bulletin noted
- b) Cope News noted
- c) Cambridgeshire & Peterborough minerals & Waste Draft Documents (Cllr Baines) noted
- d) Soham Vision – information about the proposals will be on display in the village hall from Monday 15th – Friday 19th March. noted
- e) Ely Sinfonia noted

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10/232 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) County Council Land – Three Tree Allotment noted
- b) A letter has been received from Mildenhall Parish Council acknowledging receipt of our letter notifying them of our inquiry to the Boundary Commission about Isleham Marina. noted
- c) A letter has been received from Mr & Mrs Palmer expressing concern about the possibility of flip seating being put in the bus stop by their house. The Council will write back to confirm that they will take into account their concerns if ECDC express an intention to carry out this work. Clerk
- d) The Council agreed not to have a Barnardos Textile Bank in the village at this time. noted
- e) ECDC Woodland Creation Project – Cllr Mrs Malkin and the Clerk will attend this meeting. Clerk

10/233 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS

- a) The County Councillor reported that there is still a shortage of salt in the area and so only major routes are currently being gritted.
Also there are still a large number of potholes which the highways team are trying to deal with as soon as possible however lack of finance is affecting all of these areas.
Cllr Mrs H Thompson again raised the matter of the condition of the footpaths in Limestone Close and C Cllr Palmer will contact County Highways regarding this.
- b) The District Councillor reported that Ely market had been given a reprieve. He also expressed concern at the number of complaints being made to the standards board.

10/234 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the February Bank Reconciliation is approved.

CARRIED

- b) It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Garbett that the March Accounts are approved and paid. Clerk

Salaries £1553.83
Tax & NI £415.51
Other Expenditure £3547.84
Petty Cash £25
Total Expenditure ££5542.18

CARRIED

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

- c) It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Mrs Malkin that the Gas and Electricity supplies are switched to British Gas and paid by Direct Debit in order to benefit from lower prices.

CARRIED

- d) A request for funding has been received from the Staploe Transport Association; This is already part of our budgeted expenditure. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that a cheque is paid with the March Accounts at this evenings meeting.

CARRIED

- e) It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Earl that Cllr Carter and the Clerk attend the Rights of Way training day on Wednesday 19th May.

CARRIED

It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Neal that one person from the fundraising committee is sent on the Fundraising training day on 7th July 2010.

10/235 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

- a) The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Monday 22nd March at 7.30pm. Items to be included in the agenda have been given to the clerk. Clerk

10/236 TO APPROVE REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY, HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY,

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STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Neal that the amendments to the Risk Management Policy, the Health & Safety Policy and the financial regulations are approved as outlined by Cllr Baines. The charge for photocopying will be increased to 10p per copy. The new Standing Orders had not been received when this review was carried out and so they will be considered and adopted separately.

CARRIED

10/237 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

- a) There are still a number of potholes that need to be sorted and these will continue to be reported to County Highways by the Clerk. Clerk

The hedge on the cemetery land on Beck Road is overhanging the footpath and needs cutting back as soon as possible. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Malkin and seconded by Cllr Baines that the Chairman and the Clerk are authorised to accept the lowest quotation for this work in order that it can be carried out as soon as possible.

CARRIED

- b) C Cllr Powley has informed the Council that £50,000 has been set aside for repair works to be carried out on the Prickwillow Road. Clerk
- c) A new bus service by Dial-a-Ride began on 15th February to replace the Stagecoach service which finished on February 14th. Timetables will be posted up in the village and also sent to the Isleham Informer.
- d) It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the quote from SP Landscapes for the grass cutting contract for the next three years is accepted as long as the yearly increase is no more than inflation.

CARRIED

Cllr Neal abstained from the vote.

10/238 ALLOTMENT MATTERS

- a) A meeting was held on Friday 5th February with Karen Kenny of the NSALG. Only a few allotment tenants were able to attend and so another meeting is to be held in order to formally set up the society and nominate the officers. Clerk
It was agreed that notice-boards should be placed at the allotment sites giving information about forthcoming meetings and other matters. Cllr Mrs R Thompson will look into this.
- b) It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Garbett that the application for a shed for Mr Leeson is approved.

CARRIED

10/239 WASH MATTERS

- a) The EA are continuing with works on the River Lark and although it is quite messy at the moment they have not yet finished. Clerk
- b) Cllr Mrs R Thompson left the meeting at 8.50pm
After the letter was read from Steven Thompson it was agreed that apart from the kissing gate previously approved no further remedial works are to be carried out on the little wash.
Cllr Mrs R Thompson returned to the meeting at 8.56pm.

10/240 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) There were no planning applications for consideration.
- b) 09/00973/FUL Conservatory to rear, replacement garage, replacement of existing flat roof over rear extension with new pitched roof and internal alterations for Mr Ian Waterson at 4 Church Lane, Isleham – additional information. noted
09/00923/FUL Change of use to boarding cattery, including erection of a single storey timber building at 57 Waterside, Isleham Mr G B & Mts L M Smith
- c) There were no planning refusals.

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10/241 NATURE RESERVE

- a) A new surface has been laid on the roadway and car park; new gates and fence have been erected at the entrance. There have been some complaints about the amount of mud on the site and the clerk will contact Charlotte Lowry to inform her and ask if the work is to be completed when the weather improves.

Clerk

10/242 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 215 & 216 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)

The meeting was closed at 9.05pm

10/243 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF EXCLUSION

- a) It was proposed by and seconded by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Baines that the minutes of exclusion are approved as a true record of the business transacted.

CARRIED

- The meeting reopened at 9.14pm

10/244 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) Monday April 12th 2010
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) Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)

Signed:

Chairman

Date: