

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
3rd NOVEMBER 2014
AT THE BEECHES**

Those Present; - Cllr Beckett (DB); Cllr Patterson; (CP) Cllr Mrs H Thompson (HT); Cllr Mitchell (BM); Mrs P Wilkes (PW); Mrs G Preece (GP); Cllr Radcliffe (RR); Cllr Mrs Malkin (JM); Cllr Chaplin (PC); Cllr Neal (LN); Cllr Mrs V Bruyneel-Smith (VBS) arrived at 7.31pm

Members 11

Quorum 4

C Cllr Palmer

5 Parishioners

	P	Action
14-15/134 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE C Cllr Schumann;	1	
14-15/135 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on agenda DB 14-15/152a Planning Applications PC 14-15/153b Paul Chaplin – Sale of the Lugger Bank	2	
14-15/136 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15mins) The Council were thanked for contacting the Staploe Centre about arranging a flu jab clinic. Mr Wilding mentioned that a number of people are asking for toilets when using the play area. Questions have also been asked about the purpose of the boulders in the play area. Mr Dale Clark representing the Beach to the Beeches fundraising event informed the council that £5,091 had been raised and that those who had been involved would like to put the money towards the zip wire. DB thanked all those involved in the event and informed Mr Clark that the matter will be dealt with later on the agenda. Mr Clark also raised the matter of the planning application on West Street; however this is no longer a matter for the Parish Council DB as it had been referred to the planning committee at the District Council.		
14-15/137 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 6th OCTOBER 2014 It was proposed by PC and seconded by PW that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 th October 2014 are approved and signed with the amendment to include that the meeting closed at 10.11pm.	3	
		CARRIED
14-15/138 MATTERS ARISING/CLERKS REPORT (<i>for information only</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pot hole on Sheldricks Road has been marked for repair.• The tree stump under the notice board needs further grinding before the concrete slabs can be laid• The public works loan was drawn down on Friday 31st October• Work on the skate park was due to start today but has been delayed slightly owing to the weather.		
14-15/139 POLICE MATTERS a) Nothing to Report		

- b) East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership has produced a Members Briefing Pack on the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Pack 2014 which came into effect on Monday 20th October. Noted

14-15/140 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS

- a) JP attended a meeting today to discuss a new transport plan for ECDC. He would like input from councillors on Isleham specific issues.
- The railway station is already on the agenda.
 - There is a new zipper bus in Ely and depending how this goes it may be that this could be reproduced in the villages.
 - Cycle routes are also being discussed – possibly Isleham/Fordham/Soham.
- VBS arrived at 7.31pm

- b) Restructuring of departments at ECDC is well under way. There is a new director of regulatory services and director of support services. District Council Champions, direct dial phone numbers and emails should lead to a more efficient service.
- JP again mentioned the cuts at ECDC and suggested that when setting the precept the Parish Council should consider whether they wish to take over services e.g. Grass cutting/Gritting?
- JP left the meeting at 7.41pm

14-15/141 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

- a) Recreation Ground Report – An email complaint about the behaviour of football players on Saturday has been received. This will be forwarded to the Football Clubs. It was agreed that a notice will be placed in the next Informer stating that the Parish Council have provided a car park for village use and would parishioners please use it wisely. Clerk

- b) It was proposed by RR and seconded by VBS that the council appoint a park keeper from April 1st 2015. Clerk

CARRIED

- c) There has been no response from the Cricket Club re the safety fencing for the recreation ground. DB suggested that this is put on the December agenda for a final decision. GP asked if the cricket club will be making a contribution. CP gave an update on the 8m poles with 6m netting with confirmation that this is a suitable system for preventing cricket balls from entering the car park or play area. Clerk

- d) It was proposed by JM and seconded by PC that a bin is purchased for the front of the car park. Clerk

CARRIED

14-15/142 PLAY AREA MATTERS

- a) The see saw has been installed as have the bins, benches and picnic tables.
- b) It was proposed by CP and seconded by GP that the Council contribute the remaining cost in order to purchase the zip wire. (Quotation previously approved from Wicksted).

CARRIED

14-15/143 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) JM & BM went to visit Mrs Cowgill who was concerned about the tree roots near her house, however there was no danger to her property. JM/BM

- b) It was proposed by PW and seconded by RR that the clerk attends the cemetery compliance training course in February.

CARRIED

- c) It was agreed that the leaf vacuum will be not be purchased until next season as there is nowhere to store it.
- d) RR will lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

14-15/144 ICA REPORT

- a) Following a meeting between the consultants, contractor and the Parish Council, all the indications are that the road will be re-instated as it should have been originally.
- b) It was proposed by RR and seconded by PW that the Council donate £1000 towards the cost of a 'recognition board' for the foyer of the Centre.
CP and PC abstained from the vote as they are trustees of the centre.

CARRIED

It was agreed that the ICA should provide a detailed proposal and a cost for external signage for the centre which can then be considered by the Council.

It was agreed that the ICA should provide a detailed proposal and a cost for the smoking shelter.

It was agreed that the council would not agree to contribute to the cost of opening the centre during the afternoons.

A waste bin is being placed by the back of the youth shelter which should be sufficient. It was agreed that the ICA should provide a bin to put outside the cafe as needed.

Additional plants will be planted in the picnic area in the spring. Garden furniture will be re-considered next year.

- c) PC DECLARED AN INTEREST AND LEFT THE MEETING AT 8.28 PM

It was proposed by JM and seconded by GP that the council pay £1000 for the acoustic panels that have been put up in the Centre as the original cost of acoustic panels was removed from the contract sum.

PC RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 8.31PM.

14-15/145 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) It was proposed by PW and seconded by RR that the October bank reconciliation and petty cash reconciliation are approved.

Noted

CARRIED

- b) It was proposed by RR and seconded by BM that the November Accounts are approved and paid.

Clerk

Salaries £2791.46
Tax & NI £806.20
Other Expenditure £7,982.91
Petty Cash £48.86
Total: £10,823.23

CARRIED

The cheques were signed by Cllr Chaplin and Cllr Radcliffe

14-15/146 TO SET PRECEPT FOR 2015-16

It was proposed by DB and seconded by RR that the precept is set at £92,950 with the proviso that this can be reviewed before the end of January when the District Council need the final figure.

CARRIED

14-15/147 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

- a) VBS asked what the situation with the mud on the road in the village is. The public may contact local farmers to ask if they might clear the roads, or the District Council could be asked to sweep the road.

Clerk

There has been no follow up on the JFMHI scheme.

It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange with Greenwood Tree Surgery to have the stump ground at the front of the Centre.

Clerk

b) It was agreed that the Council would write to Highways about a stop sign at the junction of the Marina and Waterside.

Clerk

c) JM & GP reported that the Parish Paths meeting was very poorly organised. Email addresses for Karen Champion and Lawrence Smith (CC Contacts) were provided. You It was agreed that a letter would be drafted by GP & JM to be sent by the Clerk on behalf of the Council.

14-15/148 CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

a) Weekly Highlights sent to Councillors by email.

Noted

b) Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire – comments back to the next meeting.

Clerk

c) It was agreed that a tree will be put up on behalf of the Council at the Festival of Light by HT and GP.

14-15/149 ALLOTMENT MATTERS

a) None

Clerk

14-15/150 ORCHARD MATTERS

None

JM reported that a set of harrows have been dumped in the Station Road Wood. The Council will write to the farmer to ask if he knows anything about it.

14-15/151 WASH MATTERS

It was proposed by PC and seconded by RR that the quote from Greenwood tree surgery is approved.

DB

CARRIED

14-15/152 PLANNING MATTERS

a) **Planning Applications**

14/01093/FUL Single and two storey extension to rear and erection of new separate garage at 10 Station Road, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Frost –was proposed by JM and seconded by RR that the council object to the proposal on the grounds that the extension is over-bearing.

5 in favour

4 against

2 abstained

b) **Planning Approvals**

Noted

14/00990/FUL Carry out loft conversion, replace existing kitchen flat roof with new pitched roof, and internal alterations to existing building for Mr & Mrs Beckett.

14/00788/FUL Construction of 4 bed dwelling to the rear of 18 Little London, Isleham (Amendment) for Mr T Drayton.

14/00961/FUL Proposed portal framed building for HGV trailer repairs at Universal Garage 8-9 Wells Business Park, Hall barn Road, Isleham.

c) **Other Planning Matters**

Schedule of Certification of Street Numbering 41 Pound Lane (Barn South of 43 Pound Lane)

14/00309/FUL Construction of one detached dwelling at land adj 56 West Street, Isleham (ECDC Committee Wednesday 5th November).

Date of next meeting (brought forward)

PW left the meeting at 9.10pm.

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

There is to be a Charity Partnership meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 17th November.
Monday 1st December –It was proposed by DB and seconded by PC that the December meeting starts at 7pm and that afterwards Christmas refreshments will be had in the cafe.

CARRIED

14-15/153 That the public (including representatives of the press) be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item No 154 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 closed to the public and press at 9.12pm

a) Separate Minutes

PC left the meeting at 9.28pm

b) Separate Minutes

The meeting opened to the public and press at 9.42pm

14-15/154 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

a) December 1st 7pm start

Monday 12th January 2015

14-15/155 **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.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.43pm

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)

Signed:

Chairman

Date: