

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
**Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss**  
**Chairman: Mr Derrick Beckett**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**  
**IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Those Present;-** Cllr Beckett (DB) Cllr Neal (LN), Cllr Mrs H Thompson (HT), Cllr Carter (TC), Cllr Mrs Malkin (JM) Cllr Baines (SB), Cllr Earl (ME), Cllr Mrs E Hobbs (EH), Cllr Mrs Wilkes (PW), Mrs R Thompson (RT),  
 Clerk: Mrs D Bayliss  
 Members 11                      Quorum 4  
 3 Parishioners:

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**10-11/194            APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** 1  
 Apologies were received and approved from C Cllr Powley, C Cllr Palmer and Cllr Garbett

**10-11/195            COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on agenda 2  
 TC 10-11/201 ICA (Prejudicial)  
 SB 10-11/210c) Other Planning Matters

**10-11/196            OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
 Keith Norton from Little Downham PC gave a presentation about Community Orchards to the Council. This will be discussed under Allotment Matters later in the meeting.  
 Patrick Pearce asked whether the New Community Centre would be self-sustaining and also whether it was planning to have a full time bar open as this would potentially affect the pubs in the village. The Chairman replied that the Centre should be self-sustaining and that it was not the intention of the Council or the ICA that the Centre should adversely affect any of the other businesses in the village.

**10-11/197            MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010** 3  
 It was proposed by EH and seconded by TC that the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November are approved as a true record of the business transacted and signed by the Chairman.

CARRIED

**10-11/198            MATTERS ARISING (*for information only*)/CLERKS REPORT**  

- Allotment Roadway. Still awaiting information and prices for putting down road planings on the Dunstall.
- County Highways have been contacted about the possibility of planting shrubs on the grass verge on Croft Road.
- The potholes have been reported to the Highways Department.

**10-11/199            POLICE MATTERS**  
 a) No police report has been received for November. noted  
 b) A meeting of the Neighbourhood Panel committee was held two weeks ago and plans for the future of the Panel where discussed. It was proposed that the meetings would be more interactive so that members of the public are able to take part instead of the whole meeting being led by the committee. It is hoped that the N P would be taking a bigger role in the community in the future. At the meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup> there will be budget presentations from the police, fire, health dept and ECDC. Clerk  
 It was proposed by JM and seconded by LN that the funding request for £450 from the Neighbourhood Panel is approved.

CARRIED

**10-11/200            ICA** Clerk  
 a) A number of points have been raised by people objecting to the proposed council tax increase to help pay towards the cost of the new centre. These will be taken into account when the proposal is discussed at the January meeting.

**10-11/201            VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**  
 a) The Clerk authorised a new radiator to be placed in the men's toilets when the other one was found to be leaking at a cost of £237 in line with Financial Regulation 3.4 (Budgetary

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- b) It was proposed by SB and seconded by EH that the fire safety record book is purchased as recommended by Fenland Fire Appliances following their recent survey at a cost of £20.  
2 Abstentions.

CARRIED

**10-11/202 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS**

- a) ME, TC and LN met with Simon Gale and agreed upon some remedial works to be carried out on the new MUGA.  
A concrete fillet is needed around the edge of the court and ME will provide a spec and quotes will be obtained from Tim Wilding, Ben Creasy and Rod Billitt.  
It was proposed by ME and seconded by TC that three struts are fitted to the East side of the MUGA to reinforce the fencing.

CARRIED

- b) DB and the Clerk met with representatives from Bloor Homes and the Cabin will be erected on the recreation ground this week. Part of the barrier will be removed and a parking space will be reserved for visitors. The recreation ground will be restored to its current state when the cabin is removed in June 2011. A sign will be placed on the Fordham Road advertising the site. The site rent will be paid 3 monthly in advance.

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**10-11/203 CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS**

- a) The work has been carried out to the remaining lime trees as previously agreed.  
b) It was proposed by TC and seconded by EH that a new tree is purchased to replace the Beech in the Old Cemetery as soon as possible. It was also proposed by EH and seconded by SB that £600 is set aside for planting and maintenance of the tree for the first year.

CARRIED

JM, PW and HT will consider which tree would be most appropriate for the site.

**10-11/204 TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL**

- a) It was proposed by SB and seconded by TC that the purchase of Exclusive Right of Burial is approved for James Beer.

CARRIED

**10-11/205 CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- a) A letter has been received from Soham Town Council requesting that Isleham Parish Council join at a community event to celebrate the Olympics on July 27<sup>th</sup> 2012. The general feeling of the Council was that they would prefer to hold their own event in Isleham.  
b) ECDC Agendas & Decision Lists are now being sent out by email. Links to all meetings are included in the Chairman's Weekly Highlights from ECDC.

Clerk

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**10-11/206 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS**

- a) There was no report from the County Council.  
b) A consultation is to be held with regard to the proposals for the Eastern Gateway into Soham. Information has been forwarded to all Councillors via email.  
A letter has been received asking whether the PC would be interested in receiving legal services and/or temporary clerking services from ECDC. The Council agreed that they should make further enquiries about this.

**10-11/207 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

CARRIED

- b) It was proposed by SB and seconded by PW that the December Accounts are approved and paid.  
Salaries £1683.76  
Tax & NI £414.10  
Other Expenditure £2092.16  
Petty Cash £23.81  
Total Expenditure £4213.83

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

It was proposed by LN and seconded by EH that any extra accounts received at the end of the month are paid by the Clerk with approval from the Chair and Vice-Chair.

CARRIED

- c) It was proposed by PW and seconded by JM that the McAfee Internet Protection is purchased for a period of 3 years at a cost of £104.99.

Clerk

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8.36pm for Christmas refreshments and reconvened at 8.47pm.

**10-11/208 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS**

- a) It is uncertain who is responsible for repairing the footpath at the side of no 2 Church Street; the Clerk will try to clarify the legal position with CPALC.
- b) A letter has been received from Stephen Moir regarding the boundary at Isleham Marina. It was agreed that the request will be forwarded to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.
- c) An enquiry has been made to County Highways about having a 'gateway' into the village on the Fordham Road. The cost would have to be met entirely by the Parish Council and would cost approximately £2500. It was agreed that PW and TC would meet with a representative from Highways to discuss the possible siting of such a scheme.
- d) A complaint has been received from a parishioner about the speed bump outside the village hall. Gavin Wiseman from County Highways has inspected the site and can find nothing that needs addressing at the moment.

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**10-11/209 ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

- a) The Allotment WP will try to meet before the next meeting.
- b) An orchard workshop is to be held in January at Little Downham however RT suggested that the Allotment WP need to discuss the possibility of having a community orchard on the Dunstall site before a decision is made about sending anyone to the workshop so this will be deferred until a future meeting.

Clerk

**10-11/210 PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) Planning Approvals  
10/00805/FUL Single storey side extension at 14 Beck Road, Isleham for Mr B Houghton
- b) Planning Refusals  
10/00836/FUL New two storey house in place of previously approved garage under Ref 03/00715/FUL at 23 Little London for Mr P Clarke  
TC left the meeting at 9.21pm
- c) Other Planning Matters  
ECDC Street Numbering 29 Waterside, Isleham  
A Housing Needs Survey has been sent out to every home in the village by Cambridgeshire Acre in conjunction with ECDC.  
SB addressed the Council regarding possible changes to the development boundary in the village and the need for an affordable housing site outside of the boundary.

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**10-11/211 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Planning Meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December; Monday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2011

**10-11/212 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

No items were put forward for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.49pm

- 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)