

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss

Chairman: Mr Derrick Beckett

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

MONDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2013

IN LIMESTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Those Present;- Cllr Beckett (DB); Cllr Patterson; (CP) Cllr Mrs H Thompson (HT); Cllr Mitchell (BM); Cllr Neal (LN); Cllr Chaplin (PC); Cllr Mrs Malkin (JM) Cllr Radcliffe (RR); Cllr Mrs P Wilkes (PW); Mrs Glenda Preece (GP); Cllr Mrs V Bruyneel-Smith (VBS); arrived at 7.28pm

Clerk: Mrs D Bayliss

C Cllr Palmer

Members 11

Quorum 4

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13-14/104 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

C Cllr Schumann;

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13-14/105 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on agenda

JM to Pay Accounts (Pecuniary)

PW Post Office (Personal)

13-14/106 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15mins)

None

13-14/107 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 30th SEPTEMBER 2013

It was proposed by PW and seconded by PC that the minutes of the meeting held on 30th September are approved and signed.

CARRIED

13-14/108 MATTERS ARISING/CLERKS REPORT (*for information only*)

- The nettles on footpath 5 have been cut back

13-14/109 POLICE MATTERS

a) None

b) The next Neighbourhood Panel meeting will be held on the 9th October at 'The Performing Arts Centre' at Soham Village College.

13-14/110 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS

- a)
- Plans for the new A14 continue to progress
 - There will be a press release regarding the Ely bypass this week
 - The Clerk asked if C Cllr Palmer could make an attempt to get feedback from Jason Tyrell re his lack of communication with the Council.

VBS arrived at 7.28pm

- b)
- C Cllr Palmer is pushing for better broadband connection as there is very little 3G service in this area including Cambridge and Ely
 - The wheelie bins have started to be delivered in the village and hopefully these will make a difference to how much rubbish is put in the black bags.
 - There is an ongoing review of Council services in order to make the necessary savings on the budget.

13-14/111 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

- a)
- The grass was cut by Mr Sheldrick last week. The mower was set on no2 and the grass is at an appropriate length for football
 - The recreation ground has red-thread which is a fungal disease of the grass which causes patches to die off. DB has contacted two different companies and the remedy for this is for it to be fed. The Youth Football Club will be paying to fertilise the recreation ground and spray it for weeds.
 - Dogs have again been reported on the recreation ground; a letter will be sent to the football clubs asking them to ensure that their away teams know that no dogs are allowed.

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- b) It was proposed by RR and seconded by BM that the council approve the use of the recreation ground for the Football Festival on the weekend of 17th & 18th May 2014.
1 abstained

CARRIED

- c) A meeting has been held between the recreation ground working party and the football and cricket clubs. The two football clubs seemed to be amenable to working together with regards to use of the pitches.

Fees: Current year to April fees will remain as they are. Each club will have one bill from the Parish Council covering the use of the recreation ground and the changing rooms/toilets. The Council will then pay a portion of this to the ICA for use of the changing rooms.

It was proposed by DB and seconded by RR that the fees for the Football Club and Cricket Club are increased by 50% to £525 each for the season 2014-15.

CARRIED

It was proposed by PC and seconded by CP that the fees for the Youth Football Club are increased by 40% to £1260 for the season 2014-15.

CARRIED

Tractor Store: It was proposed by DB and seconded by PC that a calculation using the price of the shed divided by the life of the shed (25 years) and then divided by the square footage will be used to establish a cost for use of the new tractor equipment store. Each club would be charged according to how much space they require.

CARRIED

- d) It was proposed by DB and seconded by PW that the wall on the recreation ground is repaired by Mr Wilding.

CARRIED

13-14/112 ICA REPORT

- a)
- The internal build is nearing the final stages.
 - The internal decorating is well under way.
 - External works have begun with paving at the rear of the building.
 - The pavilion will be demolished the week commencing 14th October; the LPG tank was removed today (30th September).
 - Interviews have taken place for the manager's position and a job offer has been made.
 - The sponsor a shrub fund raiser continues to be supported.
 - The Lloyds Community Fund Grant is live and voting will take place until 1st November; at the Mildenhall branch, online or by SMS.

It was proposed by CP and seconded by PC that the Centre is named 'The Beeches' at Isleham.

CARRIED

13-14/113 CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS

- a) It was agreed that the Council will write to the Monumental Masons asking them to notify either the cemetery keeper or the clerk before they take away memorials for cleaning or additional inscriptions.

Clerk

- b) It was agreed that quotes will be sought for creating a turning head behind the hedge on the right hand side of the cemetery.

Clerk

The cemetery working party will look at the wall of the cemetery to see if remedial works are needed to the wall this year.

JM/VBS
PW/B
M/RR

- c) It was proposed by PC and seconded by GP that the inappropriate word is omitted from the memorial but otherwise it is allowed.

5 in favour

6 against

The motion is fallen therefore the memorial is not allowed.

The clerk will write to Mildenhall Monumentals and state that the parish council consider

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that the memorial may be deemed offensive by members of the public visiting the cemetery and that the length of the remaining wording was inappropriate for a memorial of this size.

13-14/114 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) It was proposed by PW and seconded by RR that the September Bank Reconciliation is approved. Noted

CARRIED

It was proposed by PW and seconded by BM that the business reserve reconciliation is approved.

CARRIED

- b) It was proposed by RR and seconded by PC that the October Accounts excluding the account to CJ Murfitt are approved and paid. Clerk
Salaries £2339.18
Tax & NI £527.14
Other Expenditure £3658.16
Petty Cash £63.79
Total: £6,588.27

It was proposed by GP and seconded by RR that the cheque to CJ Murfitt is paid as soon as the necessary funds are cleared.

CARRIED

Building Project £284,304.65

The cheques were signed by Cllr Radcliffe, Cllr Patterson & the Clerk.

- c) A budget report by cost centre has been distributed to each councillor. A budget meeting to set next year's precept will be held on Monday 28th October at 7pm.

- d) It was proposed by DB and seconded by PW that the council insure the Community Centre Building and Public Liability with Zurich Insurance from 28th November 2013 at a cost of £1,916.32. Noted

CARRIED

- e) CP declared an interest in the following matter.

It was proposed by BM and seconded by RR that CP purchases the data cabling for the community centre on behalf of the council.

CARRIED

13-14/115 CONCLUSION OF AUDIT

- a) The annual return has been approved and signed by the external auditor and a notice announcing the closure of the audit will be displayed on the notice board with a copy of the receipts and payments for the year end March 31st 2013.

The chairman congratulated the clerk for her work.

13-14/116 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

- a) The council has been notified that Footpath 18 is a byway open to all traffic but that the County Council will only maintain it to the standard of a bridleway. Noted

- b) It was proposed by RR and seconded by PW that an extra grass cut is included in the programme for next year by S P Landscapes. If there is exceptionally dry weather then this will be removed. Clerk

CARRIED

- c) It was agreed that the footpath on Waterside should be cut back now and sprayed in the spring. Clerk

It was agreed that Mr Wilding should be asked to cut back the hedges and trees overhanging Coates Drove so that it is passable.

13-14/117 ALLOTMENT MATTERS

- a) The allotment rents will be collected on Monday 21st October between 7-8pm at Limestone Community Centre.

- b) A rent review for the Three Tree site will take place at Michaelmas 2014. Note

13-14/118 CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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Noted

- a) Weekly Highlights sent to Councillors by email.

13-14/119 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) **Planning Refusals**

13/00460/CLE Pasture land for grazing horses at Land Parcel West of Parkland Fisheries, Prickwillow Road, Isleham for Mrs Sarah Tabbitt

- b) **Planning Approvals**

13/00501/FUL Remove single storey extension, construct side extension at 9 Dockings Lane, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Ruddock

- c) **Other Planning Matters**

ECDC Schedule of Certification of Street Numbering

ECDC Permission for Tree Works to be carried out at 9 Church Lane, Isleham for Mr Alun George

ECDC Removal of TPO affecting one Dawn Redwood at Grain House, Malting Lane, Isleham

ECDC permission for tree works to be carried out at 7 Church Street, Isleham for Mr Pederson

13-14/120 POST OFFICE

- a) The council will respond to the consultation making it clear that they are in agreement that the move will have a positive impact on the village and that they are grateful that the service will be retained in the village. The response will state that the location is excellent and it is easy to get to, the premises are easily accessible, there are no concerns about the location and there are no concerns about local community issues.

13-14/121 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) 30th September 2013 (October Meeting)

The Clerk will be on holiday from 4th – 14th October 2013.

4th November 2013

2nd December 2013

A budget meeting will be held on Monday 28th October at 7pm.

A cemetery meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th October at 3.30pm.

Please note the January meeting will be on 13th January not 6th January owing to the bank holiday.

13-14/122 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 9.47pm.

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: