

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
**Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss**  
**Chairman: Mr Derrick Beckett**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**  
**IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Those Present;-** Cllr Beckett (DB); Cllr Baines (SB); Cllr Mrs H Thompson (HT); Cllr Mrs Wilkes (PW); Cllr Mrs R Thompson (RT); Cllr Chaplin (PC); Cllr Mrs Malkin (JM); Cllr Neal (LN); Cllr Patterson (CP); Cllr Earl (ME);  
 Clerk: Mrs D Bayliss  
 Members 11                      Quorum 4  
 1 Parishioners  
 County Councillor Palmer

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**11-12/72            APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** 1

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Mrs Bruyneel-Smith; C Cllr Powley;

**11-12/73            COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on agenda 2

ME 11-12/68d) Petrol Pump Site Rent (personal)  
 PC 11-12/69d) Allotment Matters (prejudicial)  
 SB 11-12 78 Primary School (personal)  
 Cllr Beckett requested that it be recorded that he is also a member of the planning committee at ECDC and although he will take part in the discussions any comments made may be subject to change when he is presented with all the facts at District level and do not constitute a pre-determination of any matter.

**11-12/74            OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** 3

Mr Alberry-King asked what the duration of the loan will be.  
 The housing needs survey was not an accurate representation.  
 How many replies were received from the survey sent out by ECDC?  
 What impact does the Ark project have on the community centre?

**11-12/75            MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2011** 4

It was proposed by CP and seconded by PC that the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August are approved as a true record of the business transacted.

CARRIED

**11-12/76            MATTERS ARISING/CLERKS REPORT (*for information only*)**

SP Landscapes have been instructed to cut back the branch on the tree on Waterside  
 SB asked if any response from CC Powley re street lighting – there has been none so far.

**11-12/77            QUALITY STATUS MEETING**

a) A meeting of the QS working party has been arranged for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm.

**11-12/78            ISLEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

- A full governors meeting is to be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.
- 154 families on the register 201 pupils; 2 new teachers, reception and year 6
- The school will try to obtain a price for the barrier – PC find a local contractor
- The School Pool was broken into by some lads from the village; the perpetrators have been caught and will be doing some community payback.

**11-12/79            POLICE MATTERS**

The police reports for July and August were read and noted by the council. noted  
 Offenders are being given the opportunity to do some community service; would the council make some suggestions as to projects in the village where PC can benefit?  
 Rubbish – recreation ground; coates drove; the pond; the nature reserve; Cleaning the village hall; Graffiti in bugs alley;  
 Neighbourhood Panel review on 20<sup>th</sup> September JM & PW will attend

**11-12/80            VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

- a)
- JM and PW met at the hall during the summer and decided there were some areas in need of repair and attention and they would discuss with David a plan of action.
  - A representative from Tea and Toast contacted the clerk to ask if a stair gate can be

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placed across the fire doors. The council agreed it is not a good idea to put a barrier across the fire doors, the clerk will relay this to the group.

- Fire door by the kitchen has been repaired

**11-12/81**

**RECREATION GROUND MATTERS**

- a) Clerk
- The cricket square has been moved; the fencing has blown away in the wind and will need to be replaced.
  - The mud ramps that have been made on the site of the old AWSA are being used by children on bikes.

It was proposed by RT and seconded by HT that the soil is left on the site

7 in favour

1 against

1 abstention

CARRIED

- b) Clerk
- Councillors DB and PC have looked at the current play equipment and wish the council to consider whether the existing swings could be re-used. The current estimate for new equipment is £60,000 with another £30,000 approx for safety surfacing. This will be considered as the project proceeds.

- c) Clerk
- CCC has written encouraging the council to consider Commemorative Tree and Hedge Planting to mark the Diamond Jubilee next year. Several sources of funding have been identified and the clerk will pursue these.

**11-12/82**

**ICA REPORT**

- a) Clerk
- Meeting of the management committee will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>
  - The project is going out to tender in the next week 8 companies responded 5 will be selected to tender.
  - Tender period of one month; not by October meeting – the council may hold an extra meeting in October if the answers are available – Public/Parish meeting followed by PC meeting where the agreed tender will be approved.
  - Parish Councillors will see the tenders before the public; the council will take advice from the architect and QS as to which tender will be taken.
  - A list of tender prices will be sent out to all councillors before the meeting;
  - A meeting is to be arranged with Robert Plumbly for finance committee and members of the ICA to clarify the correct way to proceed in order to recover the VAT on the project build.
  - When the council considered demolishing the village hall it did not take into account the pavilion; obviously if there are no facilities this will have implications for playing sport on the recreation ground which in turn may affect the clubs positions in the league tables.
  - The clerk will investigate the cost of keeping pavilion open as opposed to the cost of providing on site changing facilities.

**11-12/83**

**CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS**

- a) Clerk
- Four applications for the post of cemetery keeper have been received. Interviews will be held and then a recommendation will brought to the Council meeting in October. DB proposed that he, JM, PC and the clerk carry out the interviews during September.

CARRIED

- b) Clerk
- It was proposed by PC and seconded by PW that the council approve a 5% increase in burial fees for the forthcoming year.

8 in favour

1 abstention

CARRIED

SB asked that as he not had the opportunity to speak on the matter before the vote was taken that the fees are reviewed again in 6 months.

- c) Clerk
- It was proposed by LN and seconded by SB that the quotation for cutting the cemetery hedge from Mr Wilding is approved.

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CARRIED

- d) It was proposed by LN and seconded by JM that the floodlights are repaired and cleaned in the Churchyard.

Clerk

CARRIED

**11-12/84**

**COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS**

- a)
- The leader of the CC has the drive to bring superfast broadband to the whole of Cambridgeshire
  - The CC intend to complete the southern bypass at Ely; this should be completed to a 5 year time scale the desire and money are available; Funding for A604 expansion fell through which left county council with some funding to carry out this project.
  - East Cambs Councillor David Brown is now cabinet member on the County Council for children and young people

PC's report on the Railway crossing was brought forward so that JP could comment.

PC and HT attended the meeting which was held on Saturday 9 July, to discuss the project to link the A142 around Ely allowing traffic to cross the East of England more easily; the meeting was hosted by City of Ely Council in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council and East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The County Council has identified the Ely Rail Crossing Project as one of its key transport priorities and is working with the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership to develop a funding package.

The outcome of the seminar was approval from the vast majority of delegates of Route B as the most feasible and technically deliverable option. This route would involve building a 500m viaduct over the River Great Ouse and the rail lines, avoiding the local school's playing fields and could be built with minimum disruption to traffic.

The meeting was attended by James Paice MP, representatives of local councils, Network Rail, National Express East Anglia, Fen Line Users Association, other key stakeholders and community groups who heard presentations about the future growth plans for Ely and the importance of resolving the A142 rail crossing congestion.

- b) A Working Party has been set up to look at affordable housing; options for community land trusts, rural exception sites and how they can be used as community land trusts to provide housing for 'normal run of the mill youngsters' giving them a chance of a house in the village either rented or part owned.

Allotment Matters brought forward so that JP could be part of the discussion re Three Tree Allotment site.

**11-12/85**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) It was proposed by PC and seconded by PW that the August Bank Reconciliation is approved.

CARRIED

- b) It was proposed by SB and seconded by LN that the September Accounts are approved and paid.

Salaries £1837.02

Tax & NI £397.46

Other Expenditure £15,838.54

Petty Cash £35.86

Total Expenditure £ 18,108.88

CARRIED

The cheques were signed by Cllr Baines, Cllr Chaplin and the Clerk

- c) Notification of price increase for Hire of Easi-bin. The Council would prefer to continue to pay by cheque rather than DD.

- d) The matter of methods of payment is constantly being raised, more and more companies are requesting BACS or DD payments. Occasionally providers require card payments as with the recent situation where the website renewal fee could only be paid by card or pay-pal. The Council agreed that BACS payments were acceptable but would prefer no card transactions are made if possible.

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- e) The budget meeting will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 7pm in the village hall. Finance
- 11-12/86 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS**
- a) PW declared an interest  
It was proposed by ME and seconded by JM that the Council contact Highways about having a white line outside parish church and that they pay for it.  
CARRIED
- PW abstained
- b) ME declared an interest  
A letter has been sent by the clerk to Anglian Water in support of the residents of Bowers Lane and The Causeway about the problems they have been having with sewage.
- c) It was proposed by JM and seconded by PC that a dog bin is purchased to be placed by the industrial units on Hall Barn Road.  
CARRIED
- ECDC will be moving the dog bins as previously discussed and they will install the new one at the same time.
- d) RT declared an interest  
It was proposed by SB and seconded by LN that the petrol pump site rent remains the same for the ensuing year. JM asked for an amendment to increase by 5%, however there was no seconder so a vote was taken on the original proposal.  
6 in favour  
JM/RT/ME abstained  
CARRIED
- There is still a problem with car parking on the Priory – this matter will be passed on to the police as the cars parked are a hazard.
- e) It was proposed by PC and seconded by PW that the Council Adopt the phone kiosk on the Causeway. Ideas for using the kiosk will be looked into by PC and the Clerk. PC/  
Clerk  
6 in favour  
4 against  
CARRIED
- f) It was proposed by JM and seconded by LN that Mr Ed Mayall is employed by the Council on a one year contract to collect litter for 6.5 hours per week. Clerk  
CARRIED
- 11-12/87 ALLOTMENT MATTERS (brought forward)**
- a) A meeting will be held next Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup> September) to discuss the Community Orchard. Quotes are being sought for post and rail fencing and seeding and it is hoped that the seeding will be done before the autumn.  
It is a long winded process to get grant funding and requires a bank account and a formal committee.  
JM asked if the council would provide a grant to get the project going. It was agreed that quotations will be brought back to the next meeting for consideration.  
James Palmer said that a presentation was given at last council session regarding funding for woods/orchards. It would be worth contacting ECDC for more information.(Darren Dixon or Tracy Harding)
- b) A meeting is to be held with Stephen Conrad on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, to discuss the possibility of developing the site on Beck Road. The Clerk; Derrick; Rosie; Paul will be attending. James Palmer will attend if he is free. Clerk/  
DB/PC/  
RT/JM
- c) It was proposed by LN and seconded by PC that the Council continue to rent the Three Tree allotment site. The rent will be increased to £494 for the forthcoming year in line with commercial land rents. Clerk  
CARRIED
- d) It was proposed by RT and seconded by PW that the Council increase allotment rents to £1 per rod. Clerk  
CARRIED
- PC left the room

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It was proposed by DB and seconded by PW that the Luggar Bank rent is increased to £1 per rod the same as the other allotment rents.

CARRIED

- e) It was agreed that Tim Wilding will be asked to repair the bench on The Priory Green.  
A number of hedges need cutting back; - Letters will be sent to Boundary House on Fordham Road, the occupant of house next to Buggs Alley and Mr M Clarke to cut hedge back on The Causeway.

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**11-12/88 WASH MATTERS**

- a) It was proposed by LN and seconded by PC that the angling fees remain the same for the forthcoming year.

CARRIED

**11-12/89 CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- a) Weekly highlights have been forwarded to councillors by email.  
b) The Cambridgeshire Acre AGM is to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> September - no one will attend from the Council as the budget meeting is being held that night.

**11-12/90 PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) 11/00660/FUL Installation of cess-pit to collect waste from a Caravan Club CL site at 18 Prickwillow Road Isleham for Mitchell & Mayell. (Information only)  
11/00702/LBC Internal restoration and replacing three rear elevation windows at 6 Mill Street, Isleham for Mr P Raynes. (Information only)  
11/00718/FUL Remove single storey extension, construct side extension and detached cart lodge at 9 Dockings Lane, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Ruddock – No objection  
11/00531/FUL Two storey side extension at 23A Little London, Isleham for Mr P Clarke (amendment – reduction in size and minor changes to design – no objection)  
b) Planning Approvals  
11/00604/FUL Change of materials and design to approved garage. Planning ref: 07/00250/FUL for Mr & Mrs Newman 15 Church Street, Isleham  
Other Planning Matters  
Street naming and numbering – 48A West Street

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**11-12/91 REPORT FROM ELY RAILWAY CROSSING SEMINAR**

- a) PC's report taken earlier in the meeting.

**11-12/92 CAMBRIDGESHIRE HORIZONS CRIF EVENT**

- a) SB attended a meeting hosted by recently formed quangos, was streamed live via the internet with about 200 in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to explain a new possible taxation structure for new building developments. The taxes could be used as a priority for community projects within the set catchment areas. If funding is not drawing down appropriately then it would be channelled through Government for national programmes. Local Government would be able to draw on funding so long as documented strategy for development of 'Green' projects existed; which could be as simple as solar panels on a roof. Just so long as the plan is written into a strategy document. For instance, if this scenario came into force in time, then the community centre could benefit from free access to solar panels. However, this would be from tax on the developer who will pass costs on to the purchaser, therefore increasing overall property prices.

**11-12/93 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- a) Monday October 3rd  
Monday November 7th

**11-12/94 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

*Any business and payments, to be considered at Parish Council meeting must be delivered to the Clerk for inclusion on the agenda at least 7 days prior to the meeting.*

- a) How often do working parties need to meet/Parish Plan  
Lionel - Apologies  
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.49pm

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- 1) LGA 1972 s85
- 2) Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 Part 2
- 3) Model Code of Conduct s 12 (2)
- 4) Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)

**Signed:** .....

**Chairman**

**Date:** .....