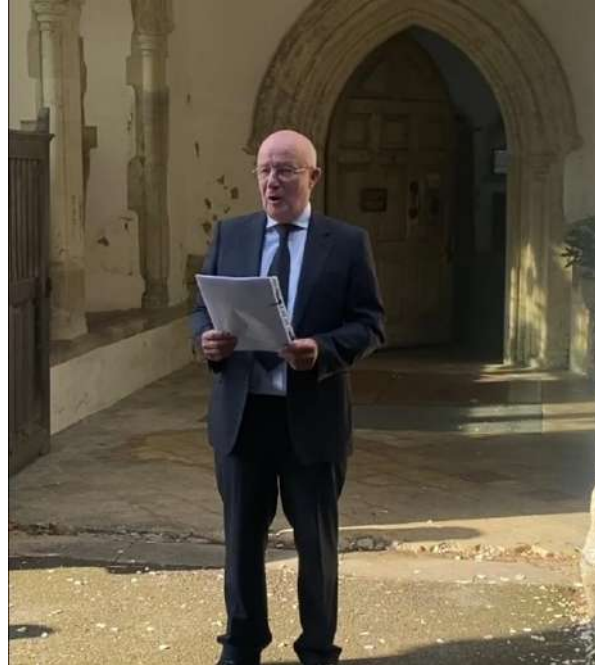


Proclamation of our New Sovereign.



*Chair of Isleham Parish Council, Richard Radcliffe,
reading the Proclamation of our New Sovereign.*

We come together this afternoon following the passing of our late Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth the Second. Our sadness at this time is shared by people across the globe, as we remember with affection and gratitude the lifetime of service given by our longest reigning Monarch.

But the basis on which our monarchy is built has ensured that through the centuries the Crown has passed in an unbroken line of succession. Today's ceremony marks the formal Proclamation to the people of the Parish of Isleham of the beginning of our new King's reign.

Today the Accession Council met at St. James's Palace to proclaim our new Sovereign. The flags which had flown at half-mast since The Queen's death were raised briefly to their full height to mark the start of His Majesty's reign.

The Accession Council also made an Order requiring High Sheriffs to cause the Proclamation to be read in the areas of their jurisdiction. The High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire discharged that duty earlier today and now, with my humble duty, I bring the words of the Proclamation to the residents of the Parish of Isleham. The proclamation of the new Sovereign is a very old tradition which can be traced back over many centuries. The ceremony does not create a new King. It is simply an announcement of the accession which took place immediately on the death of the reigning monarch.

In an age where modern methods of communication convey news around the globe in an instant, the proclamation is no longer the means by which people learn for the first time that they have a new Monarch. Today, however, is one of the first occasions when communities have an opportunity to come together and reflect on the moment in our nation's history when the reign of our longest-serving Monarch came to an end and our new Sovereign succeeded.

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Useful Information

Mobile Library	Arrive	Depart
2nd Wednesday Church Street	11.15am	1.00pm
3rd Thursday Mill Street	3.30pm	4.15pm
4th Wednesday Church St	3.30pm	4.15pm
Post Office	Mon - Thurs	9.00 - 11.30
Useful phone numbers		
Emergency for Police, Fire, Ambulance	999	
Police (Non-emergency).....	101	
Accident & Casualty (Addenbrooke's).....	01223	217118
Addenbrooke's Hospital (Cambridge).....	01223	245151
Newmarket Hospital	01638	564000
West Suffolk Hospital (Bury St Edmunds).....	01284	713000
Staploe Medical Centre (Soham)		
- Appointments	01353	624121
- Prescriptions & Dispensary	01353	727695
- Enquiries, Home Visits, Emergencies.....	01353	624123
Minor Treatment Centre, Ely.....	01353	656675
NHS Direct (for advice).....	0845	4647
GP Out-Of-Hours (non-emergency)	111	
Electricity Emergencies	0800	7838838
Gas Emergencies	0800	111999
Anglian Water Leaks	0800	771881
- 24 hour	0845	7145145
Social Services - office hours.....	0345	0455202
- out of hours emergency	01733	561370
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RSPCA	07599	522716
- Cruelty line.....	0300	1234 999
Citizens Advice Bureau	Mildenhall	01638 719111
	Newmarket	0300 330 1151
District Councillor: Julia Huffer	01638	720013
Deputy Council Leader: Joshua Schumann.....	07841	524007
Parish Council Clerk: Richard Liddington	01638	781687
MP: Lucy Frazer	lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk	

October 2022

Mon 3rd	Isleham Parish Council	7.15 pm
Wed 12th	Mobile Library, Church St.	12.15-1pm
Fri 14th	Book Club	2-3.30pm
Sat 15th	Isleham Market	10am - 1pm
Thur 20th	Isleham Society	7.15 for 7.45
Wed 26th	Mobile Library, Mill St.	3.30-4pm

November 2022

Mon 7th	Isleham Parish Council	7.15pm
Thur 10th	Fenland Friends	7.30pm
Fri 11th	Book Club	2-3.30pm
Wed 9th	Mobile Library, Church St.	12.15-1pm
Thur 17th	Isleham Society	7.15 for 7.45pm
Fri 18th	Isleham Xmas Market	6pm- 9pm
Wed 23rd	Mobile Library Mill St	3.30-4.15pm

Community Pantry at The Ark every Wednesday 10-12noon

Parish Councillors address list

Richard Radcliffe (Chairman)	45 Sun Street, Isleham Tel: 01638 780831
Dr Chris Corbin (Vice Chairman)	5 Priory Gardens, Isleham Tel: 01638 780221
Derrick Beckett	Appleyard Farm, 1 Houghtons Lane, Isleham Tel: 01638 780476
Vanessa Bruyneel-Smith	115 The Causeway, Isleham Tel: 01638 482410
Jeannette Malkin	17 Little London, Isleham Tel: 01638 780283
Bob Mitchell	10 Sparkes Close, Isleham Tel: 01638 780707
Marco Caferelli	22 Maltings lane CB7 5RZ,, Tel: 07971 335193
Glenda Preece	94 The Causeway, Isleham Tel: 01638 780734
Pauline Wilkes	6 Limestone Close, Isleham Tel: 01638 780640
Alan Dennis	2, Nursery Close, Isleham Tel: 01638 781902
Christopher Elmer	30 Limestone Close, Isleham Tel: 01638 780934
Richard Liddington (Parish Clerk)	Parish Office, The Beeches Tel: 01638 781687 Email: islehampc@gmail.co
Website: www.isleham-village.co.uk	

Notes from The Editor

Another show from the Beeches Entertainers coming in November, promising to be another sell out and a great evening. Many thanks to the Gala organisers and helpers for a great Gala day. Many thanks must go to all that contribute articles and pictures and to all that help to put all the various pieces together and then distribute the *Informer*

Keep warm now that the cooler weather is with us.
Clive Patterson



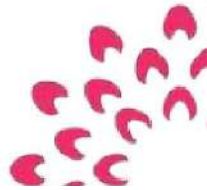
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Village Notes

Apple Days

2nd October Isleham Apple Day 2 - 4pm
8th October Ely Apple Day Palace Green

CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO

Isleham Bowls Club
Wednesday 14th December
7.30pm for 8pm start

Gala Committee

Isleham Gala Committee are holding their Annual General Meeting at The Beeches on Wednesday 12th October at 7.30pm.

All are welcome - we want to hear what you want from the Gala next year, and how we can grow the number of volunteers and helpers on the big day.
Lisa Alderson

Letter to the Editor

Thank you

To Brian Cross and Ken Stebbeds, who repaired the bench in Hall barn Road.
It was made by my brother-in-law, Barry Howe, when Neighbourhood Watch started.
He wasn't able to repair it because of ill health. It was always so well used, and I was so pleased to see the school children sitting on it recently, waiting for the school bus

Thank you again, Beryl Neal

Isleham Charities Partnership

Derrick Beckett, and the Trustees would like to express their sincere appreciation to Peter Clarke on his resignation. He has been a Trustee for 25 years, and his help and advice will bring greatly missed.

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Village clubs: information

CLUB	CONTACT		DAY/DATE	TIME	PLACE
1st Isleham Beavers (boys & girls 6-8yrs)	Emma Bucknall	07807 349754 gsl@islehamscouts.org.uk	Tuesday	5.15 - 6.15pm	The Beeches
1st Isleham Cubs (boys & girls 8-10yrs)	"	07807 349754 gsl@islehamscouts.org.uk	Tuesday	6.30 - 8.00pm	The Beeches
1st Isleham Scouts (boys & girls 8-10yrs)	"	07807 349754 gsl@islehamscouts.org.uk	Tuesday	6.30 - 8.00pm	The Beeches
Beeches Entertainers	Barbara Murfitt	07510 173412 / 01638 780373			
Book Club	Irene Brown	irene.c.brown@gmail.com	2nd Friday	2.00pm	The Beeches
Bowls Club	Rowland Wells	01638 780191			The Bowls Club
Busy Bees	Pre-School Zara King	01638 781212 zara_covington@hotmail.co.uk	Wednesday	9.30 - 11.30pm	The Beeches
Craft Club	Margo Towley	01638 781524	Tuesday	1.30 - 4.00pm	Limestone Centre
Fenland Friends	Fiona Jones	01638 780440	2nd Thursday	7.30-9.30	The Beeches
Friends of Isleham Nature reserve	Avi Stacey	01638 780023	2nd Thursday Bi- Monthly	7.30pm	Various Please ring
Gala Committee	Lisa Alderson	07947 642333	3rd Monday	7.30pm	The Beeches
Isleham Joggers	Agnieska Beswick	07840 141694 agakardys@hotmail.com	Monday & Wednesday	6.30pm	The Beeches Car Park
Isleham Performing Arts	Ruth Bendall	07894 118801 ruthbendall@yahoo.co.uk	Wednesday Thursday	7pm - 8.30pm 9.30am - 10am 4pm - 5.30pm	The Beeches
Isleham Society	Mark Fletcher	isleham.society@gmail.com	3rd Thursday	7.15 for 7.30	The Beeches
Isleham United Youth FC	Steve Isaacson	07545 395573			
Isleham United FC	Russ Boneham	07867429051/01638 780830 russ@innovoic.co.uk			
Isleham Tennis Club	Clint	07946 441351			
Isleham Cricket Club	Jamie Saunders Adrian Sheldrick	07872 507989 (Chairman) 07775 522765 (vice chairman)			
Pre-school Isleham Under Fives Ass. (IUFA)	TBA	01638 781212 islehampreschool@btconnect.com			
Pilates (Booking Essential)	Jo Simcock- Simms	07974 653775	Monday	10 - 11am 6.00 - 9.00pm	The Beeches
Pilates (Booking Essential)	"		Wednesday	12.00 - 1.00pm	The Beeches
Pilates (Booking Essential)	"		Friday	12.00 - 1.00pm	The Beeches
Salsa	D Miller	07825955971	Thursday		The Beeches
Tai Chi	Dave Cogan	01638 781705	Tuesday Wednesday	7.00 - 8.00pm 1.15 - 2.15pm	The Beeches
The Beeches	Finn Blair	enquiries@thebeechesisleham. co.uk			
Yoga	Natasha	07738477746	Friday	10am - 11am	The Beeches

• If you would like your club, society, organisation's news and photos, or anything you (and the *Informer* team) think is of interest to the village to appear in the *Isleham Informer*, please contact any member of *Informer* staff - see page 3 for contact details. Please supply your article and photos by November 9th for our December issue. We also need the photographer's name where necessary and details of photos for captions: please do ask subjects to give their permission to appear in the *Informer* - children should have parents' permission.



ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE – July 2022

Parish Council Meetings are generally held on the first Monday of each month at The Beeches. Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings and 15 minutes

are set aside each month for public questions. (No food or drink to be bought into the meeting room, please.)

Full copies of the agendas and minutes are available on the Parish Council website, the notice boards outside The Beeches and at the junction between Church Street & Pound Lane and from the Parish Clerk, Richard Liddington: tel 01638 781687, email islehampc@gmail.com. Summarised agendas are also posted on the Isleham News Facebook page. If you would prefer a copy of the agenda emailing directly to you then please contact me at the email address above.

Forthcoming Parish Council meeting dates include:

Monday 3rd October 7.15pm

Monday 7th November 7.15pm

Monday 5th December 7.15pm

Sunnica

The Parish Council remain fully committed to opposing the planning application by Sunnica to build a 2,500 acre solar farm across the East Cambs / West Suffolk border, some of which falls within our own parish boundary. Please contact <https://www.saynotosunnica.com/> if you would like help submitting objections to this planning application.

Priory Car Park We are most grateful to the vast majority of people using the Priory Car Park for adhering to the new rules. Some concerns have been expressed however that some residents are still failing to park in the designated bays and this is affecting access to / exit from the site and setting a precedent for other drivers to do likewise. We have and continue to invest in improving this area if the village and we would therefore appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

Police Matters - Reporting Crime. Although it can be extremely frustrating or even deemed a waste of time the Parish Council have been reliably informed that police response does increase if the same type of incidence is reported on three separate occasions within the period of a month. Please do call 111 or submit details via the following website https://www.cambs.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/?fbclid=IwAR1bqJ9OABmJvIdcdeCn4iNvy4D54_nu26IEsexu-MSFoWBSa54OuTxtARg if you have been affected by any type of crime

Planning Applications (June – September) *

20/00260/OUM Land Adjacent To 8 Hall Barn Road Isleham Cambridgeshire

Proposal: Application for the modification or discharge of a planning obligation 20/00260/OUM

Objection

22/00316/RMM Reserved matters for appearance, landscaping and layout of previously approved 16/00629/OUM for the erection of buildings to accommodate up to 4,160 square metres for B1, B2 and B8 uses and associated development on land allocated by Policy ISL6 of the adopted Local Plan, adjacent to Hall

Barn Road Industrial Estate. Site South East Of Hall Barn Road Industrial Estate Hall Barn Road Isleham. An amendment has been received for the development described above. The amendment involves:

Additional information received 06/05/2022

1. Additional infiltration and hydraulic calculations

2. Dimensions of buildings

3. Layout with adjacent recent developments.

Mr Martin Coulson Conditional Objection

22/00351/FUL Two storey rear extension, single storey side extension and demolition of existing garage. 92 The Causeway Isleham. An amendment has been received for the development described above.

The amendment involves:

- Annexe removed from proposal -Two storey side extension reduced to single storey

-Proposal description amended to 'Two storey rear extension, single storey side extension and demolition of existing garage'. Mr A Woolnough

No objection

22/00438/FUL 2 storey rear extension Location: 23 Mill Street Isleham. Mr B Le Coq Objections

22/00439/FUL Above ground pool, measuring 32ft(L)x16ft(W)x4ft(D), into the ground, installation of decking-type surround, electrical supplies and filtration equipment as necessary Location: 79 The Causeway Isleham Mr Stackhouse No objection

22/00462/FUL Erection of four market dwellings, garages, parking spaces, hard and enhanced soft landscaping, access and all other associated infrastructure (see 21/01636/FUL)(part-retrospective) Land Accessed Between 2 And 4 Fordham Road Isleham. An amendment has been received for the development described above. The amendment involves:

Amended plans submitted at the request of the Applicant with revisions made to the fenestration of the four dwellings with additional planting proposed within the rear gardens of the properties. Bloor Homes Objections

22/00473/FUL Single storey rear extension, extension above existing garage, part garage conversion and solar panels. 29 Sun Street Isleham Mr Wilson & Ms Ellis No objection

22/00484/FUL Proposed 3 bed chalet dwelling, garage and associated works

22 Mill Street Isleham. Mr & Mrs A Clarke Objections

22/00537/ARN POTENTIAL DEPARTURE Change of use of agricultural building to three dwelling houses. 3 Sheldricks Road Isleham Mr C McGreavy No objection

22/00675/RMM Reserved matters for Approval of the details of the landscaping of previously approved 21/01770/VARM To vary Condition 1 (Approved plans) of previously approved 20/00260/OUM for Erection of 17 dwellings and new access.

Land Adjacent To 8 Hall Barn Road Isleham Mr Atkinson Objections
 22/00473/FUL Single storey rear extension, extension above existing garage, part garage conversion and solar panels. 29 Sun Street Isleham Mr Wilson & Ms Ellis No objection
 22/00537/ARN Change of use of agricultural building to three dwelling houses
 3 Sheldricks Road Isleham An amended plan/additional information has been received for this application on 18th August 2022. Additional information received includes ATC traffic and speed survey together with revised plans demonstrating visibility splays in both directions of the boundary to address highways comments. Mr C McGreavy No objections
 22/00612/FUL Replacement dwelling and change of use of mooring storage area/building to add to residential curtilage of no.36 and building ancillary to the new dwelling. The Lowes 36 Prickwillow Road Isleham Mr & Mrs Mutton Objections
 22/00770/FUL & 22/00771/LBC Internal & external alterations and two storey extension. 7 Church Street Isleham Mr & Mrs Hindmarsh Objection
 22/00726/FUL Proposed balcony 14 Hall Barn Road Isleham. Mr Vince & Ms Bashford Objection
 22/00806/FUL Erection of 4no. new detached dwellings and associated parking. (incl amendments dated 14.7.22 & 20.7.22) Formation of 2no. new vehicular accesses off Pound Lane Land Northwest Of 15 Pound Lane Isleham. Mr C Peters Objections
 22/00839/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension and associated works. 53 Hall Barn Road Isleham Mr & Mrs Allgood No objection
 22/00844/VARM To Vary Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of previously approved 20/01517/RMM for Reserved matters of previously approved 18/01736/OUM for Residential development of 10 dwellings as 3no. 4 bed detached with single garage for private sale, 3no. 3 bed detached with single garage for private sale, 2no. 3 bed and 2no. 2 bed semi-detached with on-site parking affordable housing. Land West Of 4 Coates Drove Isleham Mr Leggett Objections.
 22/00950/FUL Proposed extension above existing single storey extension + single storey rear extension 17 Station Road Isleham. Mr & Mrs Browning No Objection
 22/00986/FUL Two storey rear extension. 23 Mill Street Isleham No objection

Planning Approvals

22/00141/FUL Construction of double garage with store room. 23 Church Lane Isleham
 22/00170/FUL Demolition of existing extensions and construction of extensions and associated works 17 Croft Road Isleham
 22/00279/FUL Demolition of 2no. existing single storey side extensions and erection of 2no. single storey side extensions. Conversion of integral garage into a workshop. Demolition of existing derelict outbuilding and erection of a large single garage with storage loft. 17 Church Street Isleham
 22/00325/VAR To Vary Condition 1 (Approved plans) of previously approved 19/01115/OUT dated 5/12/2019 for Construction of 2no. detached single storey dwellings and associated works. Site North Of

55 Pound Lane Isleham
 22/00327/VAR To Vary Conditions 1 (Approved plans) of previously approved 20/01047/RMA for Approval of the details for reserved matters for Landscaping for previously approved 20/00286/VAR for Variation of condition 1 (Approved plans) of previously approved 19/01115/OUT (varied by 22/00325/VAR) for Construction of 2no. detached single storey dwellings and associated works. 55 Pound Lane Isleham
 22/00351/FUL Two storey rear extension, single storey side extension and demolition of existing garage. 92 The Causeway Isleham
 22/00361/FUL Loft conversion to existing 3 bed semi-detached dwelling 43A West Street Isleham
 22/00368/FUL Cart lodge – resubmission. 20B Little London Isleham
 22/00430/FUL Proposed single storey rear extensions with a rear gable veranda. Willows 6A Station Road Isleham
 22/00473/FUL Single storey rear extension, extension above existing garage, part garage conversion and solar panels. 29 Sun Street Isleham
 22/00493/TRE T1 Yew - Remove 1 small tree due to close proximity to garden wall.
 T 2 Conifer group - Lightly trim and shape. 4 Mill Street Isleham
 22/00571/TCON To comply with Condition 5 (Tree Topping, Lopping & Felling) of Decision Notice 99/01005/FUL 2 Cornwell Close Isleham
 22/00696/TRE T1 Horse Chestnut - Removal 2 lowest branches immediately overhanging next door neighbours garden shed. 6 Mill Street Isleham
 22/00698/TRE T1 Cherry - Fell dead cherry tree. The Crown 10 Mill Street Isleham

Planning Refusals:

22/00438/FUL 2 storey rear extension 23 Mill Street Isleham

Other Planning Matters:

Tree Preservation Order 125 Pound Lane Isleham For information purposes only 21/01572/FUM
 Construction of 45 dwellings, new access, estate roads, driveways, parking areas, open space, external lighting, pumping station and associated infrastructure.: Land West Of Station Road Isleham Havebury Housing. An amended plan/additional information has been received for this application on 31st May 2022.

1. Amended biodiversity net gain calculations and supporting statement
 2. Amended Arboricultural Impact Assessment
 3. Amended soft and hard landscaping plans
 4. Amended Landscape Visual Impact Assessment
- .22/00484/FUL Proposed 3 bed chalet dwelling, garage and associated works. 22 Mill Street Isleham Application withdrawn
 22/00462/FUL For information purposes only: Second QC opinion provided on behalf of Bloor Homes Ltd. Requested to be uploaded by the Applicant as a public document. Erection of four market dwellings, garages, parking spaces, hard and enhanced soft landscaping, access and all other associated infrastructure (see 21/01636/FUL)(part-retrospective)

Land Accessed Between 2 And 4 Fordham Road Isleham
see 22_00462_FUL-QC_Opinion-1385099.pdf (east-cambs.gov.uk)

Being considered by ECDC Planning Committee on 7.9.22

22/00462/FUL Erection of four market dwellings, garages, parking spaces, hard and enhanced soft landscaping, access and all other associated infrastructure (see 21/01636/FUL)(part-retrospective). Land Accessed Between 2 And 4 Fordham Road Isleham.

Being considered by ECDC Planning Committee on 7.9.22

22/00459/FUL Demolition of existing extension and erection of single storey extension and associated works. 47 West Street Isleham

*Details for the reasons for objections and reasons for refusal can be found on the minutes of meetings and on ECDC /WSDC planning website: <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/planning/current-planning-applications>

Fly Tipping Incidences of fly tipping should be reported directly to ECDC via their website: <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping>

Recreation Ground We would like to thank local residents for adhering to the rule of not bringing their dogs onto the recreation field

Cemetery Wall Residents will have noticed that work is underway to replace the wall around the new cemetery, adjacent to The Causeway. This work follows a number of concerns about the wall's safety and represents a major investment for the village. We thank residents for your cooperation in following footpath diversions while this work is undertaken.

Financial Matters I'm sure that you will want to join us in congratulating our Financial Officer Mrs Jeanette Borderick for another completely clean bill of health with our annual audit of accounts. Details of the audit can be obtained from islehampcfinance@gmail.com

The Beeches The Parish Council recently approved the installation of an additional 106 solar panels and associated storage batteries for the Beeches. We expect this work will be completed before the end of the year.

Highways I'm pleased to inform residents that Isleham Parish Council has been awarded a grant from Cambridgeshire County Councils Local Highways Initiative to install a speed reducing 'build out' on Fordham Rd. Further details to follow.

Allotment Matters There are currently a small number of plots available on the Dunstall and Three Trees (Beck Road) site. Please do contact me if you are interested in taking a plot. The cost of a 10 rod (approx. 250m² plot is just £17.00 per year

Dunstall Charity Grant I'm pleased to confirm that at the recent Annual Parish Meeting it was agreed to increase the above grant from £300 to £400. I copy below the criteria for the grant.
Isleham Parish Council

CRITERIA REQUIRED FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DUNSTALL STUDENT / APPRENTICESHIP GRANTS

1/ Applicants must have been resident in Isleham for one year, be under 25 years of age and submit a letter of application to the Clerk.

2/ The maximum grant available under the scheme will be £400.

3/ Applicants must have spent the money first, and send in original receipts with their application.

4/ Applicants must be serving an apprenticeship, for example chef, mechanic, engineering, or be a University student or student of further education at university level studying for a specific career, for example geologist, computing, law.

5/ Applicants can only claim for books, uniform, protective clothing, tools and course specific software; but not for stationary, office supplies travel expenses or computers.

6/ Applicants must have already started the University, College of further education or apprenticeship/job.

7/ Applicants are required to submit a letter from their course tutor or employer, stating that they are attending the course, or that they have commenced employment

Applications and supporting evidence should be submitted to:
The Parish Office, The Beeches, 32 Mill Street Isleham or via islehampc@gmail.com

Vacancy For Finance Officer

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

(Part time -18 hours per week - £11.73 per hour)

Isleham Parish Council has an annual budget in excess of £100,000 to provide a wide range of services and support to our village.

We are seeking a well organised person with good accounting skills to be our Finance Officer.

The duties are wide ranging. These include maintaining and monitoring the Council's accounts and finances in accordance with its Policies and the Statutory Regulations together with producing regular information for the Council to assist in its operations.

If you have the skills we need and are interested in this vacancy in please contact Richard Liddington our Parish Clerk at islehampc@gmail.com

Royal British Legion

POPPY APPEAL

We, Gill Savage & Pauline Wilkes, have now been the village Poppy Appeal Organisers for more than 10 years.



Earlier this year we were both awarded "Certificates of Appreciation" for completing 10 years of service to the Poppy Appeal.



We would like to express our thanks to all those who have supported us over the years. However, we have both decided that, after completing this year's campaign, we will be standing down. This will mean that there will be no village collections after this year unless we can find someone to take on the role of Poppy Appeal Organiser for Isleham.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to be a collection organiser, please contact Gill or Pauline for more information.

Gill Savage & Pauline Wilkes.

Isleham Society

Our August event was a first for the Society, - in fact a first for the World!



The World Premier of the Isleham Mystery Play was performed in the Social Centre Garden, - a beautiful and appropriate setting on a lovely Summer's evening. The all-star cast was drawn from ISoc members, St Andrew's, and supported by several experienced members of the Beeches Entertainers, The actors all excelled themselves and it would be wrong to pick out individual performances. Suffice it to say that Adam and Eve got the show off to a rousing start.

September's event was completely different but also fascinating. We were given a tour of Turner's huge packing and distribution site on the way to Newmarket. The scale and complexity of the business, and the technical monitoring of every detail from driver braking patterns to the number of grapes in a super-market pack was an eye opener to us all. The Cold storage area lived up to its promise being at minus 25, and the discussion afterwards wide-ranging and challenging.

In October we plan an 'Isleham Connect' evening sharing ideas on recent history and current news, and in November members get a real nostalgia moment to spin a track from a favorite LP of '60's or '70's music at our Vinyl Celebration evening. Both at the Beeches. Details for all events and much else on our website. Events free to members and open to visitors for £2 contribution.

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Village Business Wins Award



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We are The Thompson Family, Fenrose Farm, Isleham for those who do not know us.

In the 1970's John and Margaret Thompson and their two sons, Steven and Martin moved to 1 Fen Bank, Isleham and began expanding their dream for the farm, mainly breeding and rearing pigs and many years later the farm was named as 'Fenrose Farm'.

When Steven was at school, he introduced cattle and as the years passed, sheep, chickens and goats have been introduced.

In the early 2000's Steven and I, his wife Roseanna Thompson, decided to open our little shop, 'TFM Butchers' here on the farm, and sell only our own produce of beef, pork aka 'Isleham Blue Pork™' and eventually lamb, chicken and goats.

In 2020, John suddenly sadly passed away. He was a farmer through and through, determined, helpful and never wanted to stop his lifelong passion for farming, sadly due to his illness, he was not able to work for the last few years of his life.

We know John was very proud of us all and what he and Margaret started; we have expanded on; this is why the awards are so very important, and also it was felt that the recognition was well deserved for all the hard work and dedication we as a family have for the British Farming Industry.

Not wanting to stop at entering one award, we decided to enter two more.

The next was The Guild of Fine Food Great Taste Awards.



Here is I bit more about this absolutely fantastic award: 'TFM Butchers' (JM & MA Thompson & Sons, has been named among the top food and drink producers globally this year, picking up a highly prize 2-star Great Taste award for its "Isleham Blue Pork™".

More than 14,000 products were put through the competition's rigorous blind judging process; and Isleham Blue Pork™ Shoulder was dubbed a "visually very appealing with crispy crackling that has cooked extremely well and is perfectly seasoned. The pork has a wonderful flavour, and the meat is firm but moist releasing delicious juices when carved" at the world's most coveted food and drink awards. 4,078 products were awarded a Great Taste 1-star – 'food and drink that delivers fantastic flavour', 1,237 were awarded a Great Taste 2-star – 'above and beyond delicious', and 241 were awarded a Great Taste 3-star – 'extraordinarily tasty food and drink'. Described as "A beautiful, impressive looking shoulder

joint with a lovely, bronzed crackling on the top. The distribution of fat throughout the meat, gives this meat its moistness and making it very delicious in flavour. We couldn't stop eating it!! What crackling! Some of the best the judges can recall eating, the skin has glorious depth of flavour. The meat is sweet and slightly gamey, and whilst not up to the same level as the skin, was universally a big hit and loved by the Great Taste Judges."

Bred from a cross between a Rare Breed Saddleback Sow and a Rare Breed Large White Boar, Isleham Blue Pork™ was the idea of Steven Thompson

What is Great Taste?

Recognised as a stamp of excellence and actively sought out by food lovers and retailers alike, Great Taste, organised by the Guild of Fine Food, values taste above all else. All products in the line-up for judging are blind tasted: every product is removed from its packaging so it cannot be identified, before entering a robust, layered judging process.

This year, the judging took place over 90 days across two judging locations (Dorset and London) with a panel of more than 500 judges. This year's line-up saw food and drink products submitted from a staggering 110 different countries from across the world.

Roseanna Thompson from TFM Butchers (JM & MA Thompson & Sons) comments: "We are delighted to have won a Great Taste award for our Isleham Blue Pork™ Shoulder. We have dreamt of this moment and are so proud to be adding the iconic black and gold Great Taste logo to our Isleham Blue Pork™.

"Isleham Blue Pork™ is only from the pigs which have been bred and reared on our Family run Farm and we are very passionate about welfare of our livestock, quality of our produce and promoting the Great British Farming Industry. Starting from humble beginnings in the 1960's and we decided to diversify and opened our on-farm shop in 2005. We registered Isleham Blue Pork™ as a Trademark in 2017. It's a constant struggle to keep going in the Farming industry for one reason or another so to be where we are today is just wonderful.

"Being recognised with a Great Taste 2-star means so much to independent producers such as ourselves, as it makes all the hard work and determination worth it! Great Taste is the most recognised accolade for taste and quality in the food and drink world, so it really is a big win! Roseanna Thompson concludes.

The last award we entered was the Meat Management Industry Awards: We found out that we in the Finals in the 'Best Pork/Pig meat Product'. Margaret and I travelled to Birmingham to attend the Black Tie Award Ceremony. It was a great achievement for us to reach the finals, however we did not win.





Finally we, Steven, Roseanna and Margaret Thompson would like to thank our Butchers, David Hartnell and Kim Downey for all the hard work and dedication to present the great displays in our on-farm shop and extra hours they put in to meet our high demands and fulfilling customer orders and also, to all our customers for your support for buying local and buying British.

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Eleanor's Story

"My name is Eleanor Norman and I am a Bridal Make Up Artist... with a twist! At age three, I was diagnosed with Aspergers Syndrome - a form of Autism that makes communication and processing social cues extremely challenging. As a result, it took me longer to reach the usual milestones most children achieve such as saying my first words.

I'm not alone; according to the National Autistic Society, as many as 700,000 people in the UK have some form of Autism. This equates to one in every hundred people living with a challenging condition that does not get better over time.

School was very hard, partially because I found processing questions difficult but also due to not feeling part of any group. Aspergers can be a lonely condition, especially for a child, as many scenarios in school life reminded me that I thought differently to my peers. I was bullied and teased; punished for having a disability.

After leaving school, I attended Cambridge Regional College to study Hair & Media Makeup as I had developed a flair and interest in beauty. Whilst I struggled still with social aspects of the setting, I finally found something that allowed me to be 'me'. It was here that

I attended a masterclass with BBC Three 'Glow Up' presenter Dominic Skinner. To see someone who has such creativity and vision only served to spur me on more.

I decided to begin my own business, 'Ellie Norman Makeup Artist'. Work was initially slow, and I found the social side of the role kept me outside of my comfort zone. But I learnt, I challenged myself, and I persevered.

In 2021, I took my next big plunge into the unknown by quitting my part time job to focus entirely on my own business. The decision caused me great anxiety as this overwhelmed my Aspergers way of thinking, but I was determined to make it work. I had to.

I enrolled with a bridal makeup agency to supplement my income and have received nothing but praise from the incredible brides and families that I have been lucky enough to meet. Did I inform them that I have a form of Autism? No, but why not? I felt this was something to be hidden thanks to my negative experiences at school.

What changed? I recently had to do the makeup for the sister of a bride who also had Aspergers. This information was presented to me almost with a sense of concern, that I may recoil in horror at this news. Instead, I informed the bride that I too had the condition, and I could almost feel the relief from the bride in knowing that this potential issue was resolved. A kindred spirit was here to help her sister.

I shouldn't hide my condition, it has made me who I am today. My condition allows me to see the finer details and to follow every instruction to the smallest details. I have provided makeup for Brides all over East Anglia. I have assisted with makeup for proms, marketing and production videos. I am in control of my own social media marketing, a beautiful website and a blog. I plan to create videos to show that despite being neurodivergent, you CAN achieve your dreams. Do not let it weigh down your motivation - your goals are there for you to grab!

My condition doesn't hold me back, it encourages me to push harder for my clients. My brides deserve the level of attention that someone with my condition can provide. Embrace yourself, and your work will speak for itself."



Ladies and Gentlemen. The Proclamation of the Accession

Where as it has pleased almighty God to call to his mercy, our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second, blessed and glorious memory. By whose decease the Crown of the United Kingdom, Great Britain and Northern Ireland is solely and rightfully come to the Prince Charles Philip Arthur George.

We therefore, the Lords spiritual and temporal of this realm and Members of the House of Commons, together with other Members of our late Majesty's Privy Council and representatives of the Realms and Territories, Aldermen and citizens of London and others, do now hereby, with one voice and consent of tongue and heart, publish and proclaim that Prince Charles Philip Arthur George is now, by the death of our late sovereign of happy memory, become our only lawful and rightful liege Lord, Charles the Third.

By the grace of God of the United Kingdom Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of his other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom we do all acknowledge all faith and obedience with humble affection.

Beseeching God, by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless His Majesty with long and happy years to reign over us.

God save the King



St.Andrew's Church bell-ringers, who joined bell-ringers throughout the country in marking the events following the death of Queen Elizabeth.



Wally Gunston, Margaret Edwards, Fiona Jones, Ruth Ogden, Richard May, David Harding, Sean Edwards

CHURCHES

The Ark Church



I write this as the noise of tolling bells and gun salutes still echo around our communities, as we give thanks for the extraordinary life of our Queen. Like most of the UK I watched the day unfold as elaborate ceremony was intertwined with heartfelt celebration and a genuine thanks and praise to God for keeping and sustaining our Queen for so long.

This Queen had been on the throne for longer than I had been alive, and I and many others had possibly come to take her for granted. The Bible is full of stories of rulers and how they affect nations, God holds them accountable for the power and influence they hold. In truth, the Bible pulls no punches, there are lots of bad leaders and a handful of good ones, and many of the good ones encountered huge problems and often made mistakes.

Last Friday evening I took one of my boys to the Ark, we have recently launched our second youth group, we already have one for 14- to 18-year-olds, this is for those who are 11 to 14. On the same evening I met a group coming out of the Ark who had been involved in grief counselling. I thought how grateful I was that volunteers would give their time to make a difference to people's lives.

May I never get used to these blessings and take time to give thanks to God and the volunteers involved who use their gifts to serve God and impact the communities in which they serve. The Queen was a great example of this, holding faith and service together. As we look to the future, I am reminded of a poem that the Queen pointed out to her father, the King, who read it at the Christmas address to the nation in 1939. The Queen has returned to the poem often. The key line is "So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me". May that be your experience in the days ahead.

Find out about what the Ark is involved with on the web site or come along on a Sunday. You will be very welcome.

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Martin Wells is part of the leadership team at The Ark.

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

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There is a hearing loop installed as well as Braille songbooks. We have a comprehensive Child Protection Policy and a CRB check has been carried out on all children's and young people's workers.

For further information on any of the above or if you would like to speak to Pastor Dave:

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Full details of all our services, events, core beliefs and contact details are on our website: www.plfc.org.uk

Operation Christmas Child: plfc will again be a Church Collection Centre from 14th -21st November 2022 for gift filled shoeboxes, these will be going to disadvantaged children all over the world, showing them God's love. If you need a shoebox or would like more information please contact us

Music Mayhem: This free group runs every Monday during term time for pre-schoolers from 9.30am to 10.45am. There are biscuits for the children and hot drinks for the adults. We have a fun time of singing action songs and Sockeroo the hand puppet makes an appearance each week. We'd love to see you there.

Valerie Mary Goodchild

VALERIE MARY GOODCHILD of Sun Street, Isleham. Passed away at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Thursday 25th August 2022, aged 80.

Much loved mother of Colin, and Keesha her lovable dog.

Funeral to be held at St Andrews Church Thursday 15th September at 2.00pm.

Many thanks to C.E.Fuller Funeral Services, and Lay Minister Carol Taylor for their caring attitudes.

All the best. Colin Lomas

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We didn't get to mention everyone in the last Informer so here's a big thank you to our lovely sponsors. If you would like to help us next year please contact the committee.

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Isleham Primary School

Autumn Term - 2022



The end of year assembly was a sorrowful event, saying goodbye to 5 members of staff, but it was also a fond reminder of how the school comes together as a collective and truly understand the Christian value of 'Community.' Singing, gifts, fond farewells as well as tears were all present in the morning, and this continued into the afternoon as the school also said goodbye to the Year 6 pupils, as they left for new learning adventures.

After their fun and dramatic production, there was a formal goodbye to them with kind words, small gifts and even some frozen lollies! Tears were a dominant feature yet again as everyone said goodbye to a fantastic Year 6 class.

One of the members of staff we said goodbye to at the end of term, was the Head Teacher, Sarah Skillern, who had been the leader of the school over the past 5 years. Her generosity, kind-heartedness and sense of fun will be hard qualities for me to continue, as I take over her role, but I will diligently and doggedly try to continue with the developments that have been made in previous years.

Being the Head of Isleham Primary School is a privilege and I'm proud to have been chosen to continue the great work that has already occurred over the past few years.

During the first day of term, I was able to walk around the school and noticed how the children were all engaged in activities, showing that they were keen to please, and with massive smiles on their faces. I felt so proud to be at Isleham! Then when the Year R children joined on Wednesday it was an equally poignant moment as the Year 6 buddies supported the children at lunch time. It is times like these when you realise the great community spirit that is present in Isleham school.

It's going to be a busy month as the children in school have a huge quantity of events to participate in, including voting for their class Eco and council members, and school roles, harvest festival, a 'Rock Steady' music day, Year 6 residential trip, and of course the usual dress up days in each classroom.

I look forward to reporting about these, and more exciting events in the coming editions.

Dawn Deacon Head Teacher

The Beeches Christmas Party

After a successful Christmas Party last year, The Beeches will be hosting the event again this year on Saturday 17th December 2022.

Doors open at 6pm where you will be greeted with an arrival drink, a festive three course meal, including after dinner chocolates and mince pies will be served at 7pm. Live DJ starts at 9pm with last orders being called at 11.30pm.

£45 per person and all profits on tickets will be used to contribute towards new bar and kitchen equipment. We hope that you can attend and support the development of our community centre

We appreciate that not everyone has someone to attend with so we are making tables available for those who want to come alone but to meet new people

For a booking form, or more information please contact Finn at thebeechesisleham@gmail.com or on 01638 780097

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Speedwatch

Whilst doing Speedwatch sessions we usually find a number of people ask questions or make comments, these are the printable questions and the answers!

Why are you wearing those high viz jackets, you won't catch anyone. Why can't you hide? The high viz jackets are for our safety and yours, we do not want cars suddenly braking because they only see us at the last minute. Usually between 10% and 20% of cars are speeding and anyone who has received a letter can tell you we do catch people speeding.

The aim is not to catch people – more a reminder that the road does have a limit.

Better a letter than a £100 fine and 3 points

Why are you standing there, you are too near the junction so everyone is slowing down anyway

The camera picks up cars 200-300m down the road which is when we record the speed, not immediately by the camera.

You should be in a different point in the road

We are only allowed by the police to do Speedwatch at specific points, usually where visibility is good for safety reasons

This is the wrong time, you should be here

We are all volunteers giving up our time, if you tell us there is a time when the traffic is bad we will try to come at that time. The more people who volunteer the more frequently we can do sessions. Please do come and join us- there is no commitment to a number of hours

Don't you have anything better to do? What sad lives you must lead.

Judging by the complaints about speeding on Facebook it is an issue for many people. We hope that by encouraging drivers to slow down we might save the life of someone's pet, or even their child.

We get various gestures aimed at us too but we do appreciate the friendly waves.

If you can spare even an odd hour and would like to join us please come along and see us or contact Anne on 07880 738076



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Sunnica Update

The Examination of the UK's Biggest Solar and Battery Farm has Started

The long anticipated Examination of the vast Sunnica solar and battery plant application began on Thursday 29th September with the first of a number of Accompanied Site Inspections. The Examining Authority (ExA) who have been appointed to review the proposal visited sites at the Sunnica West B area (next to Fordham and Chippenham Fen) and also in and around the world-famous Limekilns gallops in Newmarket.

The Examination will last for 6 months and is your final chance to have your views heard.

We need your help

Please ask the Say No to Sunnica community action group (contact details below) or your Parish Council for help with:

1) Submitting your detailed objections to the scheme in the form of a "Written Representation" to the ExA before 11th November 2022 (known as Deadline 2). This is open to registered parties and involves writing down your opinions, along with any supporting evidence if needed (photos, maps, other relevant information) to explain your concerns. Upload this to the planning inspectorate website using the 'Make a Submission' link. Details on: EN010106-002903-Sunnica Rule 8 letter - 04 October 2022 .pdf (planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

Any submission over 1500 words will also need an executive summary (no more than 10% of the original text). If you have not yet registered to take part in the Examination it may still be possible, at the ExA's discretion, to submit a representation (e.g. you may have recently moved here, etc).

2) Attending the hearings that will take place between 6-9th Dec 2022 and 14-17th Feb 2023. There will be general hearings (called Open Floor Hearings) as well as more focused sessions on a particular topic (called Issue Specific Hearings). Please do request to speak at these before 19th October 2022 (known as Deadline 1). Even if it's just to re-affirm/ explain some of the comments that you have put in your Written Representation. To register participation at a hearing, you'll need to fill out the event participation form at [Events Participation Form \(office.com\)](https://events.participationform.com)

Priority to speak at these sessions goes to registered parties, but the ExA will also open the floor to others in attendance if there is sufficient time.

3) Attending the Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI) that will take place on 2nd Nov (East Site A and East site B) and 3rd Nov 2022 (West Site A), with a possible further ASI around 14th Feb 2023. Please register to attend an ASI before 19th October 2022 (Deadline 1).

Please do register your participation before the above

deadlines and if you need to amend later you can let the case team at the planning inspectorate know.

Background:

The 2500-acre (over 1400 football pitches) Sunnica scheme would be the biggest solar and battery plant in the UK, if not Europe. It would comprise over 1 million solar panels (2.5m high) with 3 large lithium-ion battery energy storage compounds, known as BESS and 3 large substations located near to Isleham/West Row (East Site A), Chippenham/Snailwell (West Site A) and Red Lodge/Freckenham (East Site B). These are significant, industrial structures.

The perimeter of the solar fields will be fenced off (2.5m high fencing) and the panel arrays in the fields will be interspersed with 3.5m high solar stations (housing transformers etc). As well as CCTV on poles (ca. 5m high) and weather stations (ca. 6m high).

The Sunnica scheme would stretch for around 15 miles from one end (near Isleham/ West Row) to the other end (at Burwell) and would affect 16 parishes and towns along its path.

It is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) like HS2, Sizewell C, etc. and will supply energy into the National Grid.

The Examiners are not local to this area. They need your input to help them understand what this area means to you and how you would be affected by the Sunnica scheme if it went ahead. They want to hear about things such as:

- The visual impact of the scheme (the solar panels, security fencing, BESS compounds, substations etc). How does this affect you/ your enjoyment of the area? Your lifestyle?

- What do you value about the area – how you use the area, what does it mean to you, your friends, your family

- Loss of high yielding, irrigated farmland (the scheme is entirely on greenfield land)

- Any concerns about wildlife impacts, potential loss of species etc or impacts on heritage assets, local history?

- Are you affected by the compulsory acquisition required by the applicant? If so, please be sure to get involved in the Compulsory Acquisition Hearings that will take place. Register by 19th October 2022

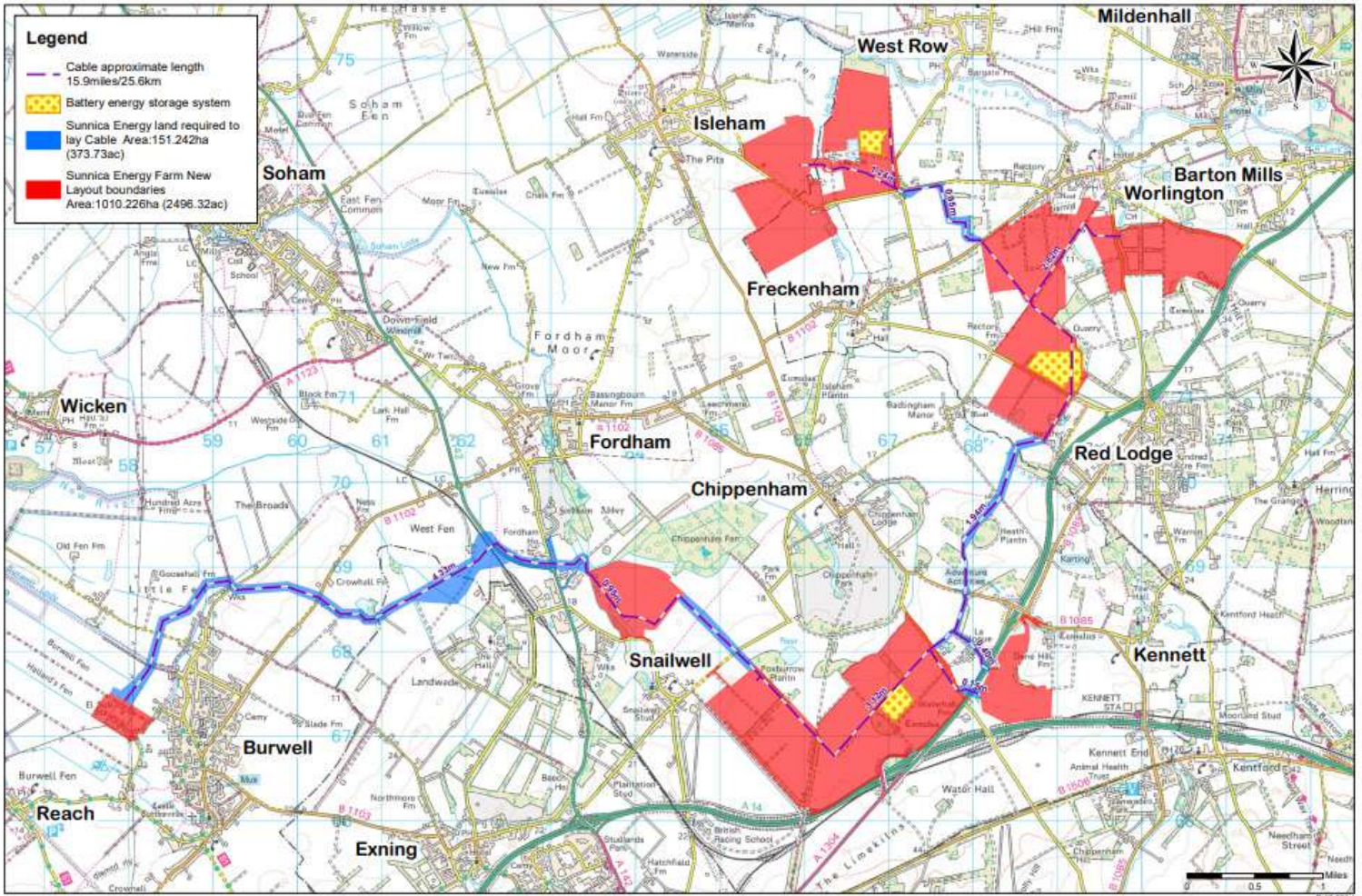
- Do you have any objections to the lithium-ion BESS storage compounds? If approved, the Li-BESS would be amongst the biggest in the world. There have been many serious fire incidents at Grid scale lithium ion BESS compounds over the past few years

- Have you considered the traffic and access impacts or any potential noise impacts?

- Assessments of alternatives/ choice of location – are there other sites that have not been considered? Do you have a view on hosting the Sunnica scheme in this area alongside the 20 or so solar farms already in operation/under construction here (plus others in the pipeline)?

- Given that this scheme is unlikely to be carbon neutral over its lifetime, how do you feel about the contribution it would make to our net zero targets

Sunnica Energy Farm Proposed Layout



- Or any other points you feel you wish to make – this is your last opportunity to make them

We really appreciate your help with this. Thank You

Contact details: Say No to Sunnica community action group

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