

**ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss

Chairman: Mr Derrick Beckett

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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2009  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Those Present;-** Mrs R Thomspson, Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs Malkin, Mrs Wilkes, Mrs H Thompson, Cllr Baines, Cllr Beckett, Cllr Carter,

Members 11 Quorum 4

4 Parishioners

**PQT**

Mr Houghton brought it to the attention of the council that the EA will be dredging the river starting at the Marina bridge and working towards Prickwillow. Work will commence after Christmas.

The meeting opened at 7.03pm

**09/120 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Mrs Hobbs, Cllr Earl, Cllr Garbett, Cllr Powley, Cllr Palmer,

**09/121 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST (For Items on Agenda)** 1

Cllr Mrs R Thompson 136c) Highways and Footpath matters

Cllr Baines 139b) Planning Refusals

Cllr Beckett 139a) Planning Approvals

**09/122 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009** 2

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Baines that the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 be approved as a correct record of the business transacted.

CARRIED

**09/123 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2009** 2

It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Carter that the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009 be approved as a correct record of the business transacted.

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**09/124 MATTERS ARISING (for information only)**

There were no matters arising.

**09/125 POLICE MATTERS**

a) The police report for September was read to the Council. noted

b) The Neighbourhood panel meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> October. There were a few parishioners from Isleham however still more residents are needed to make the evening more interactive. One of the issues raised was the parking situation on Beck Road – this is currently being monitored.

**09/126 ICA**

Cllr Mrs R Thompson attended a fund-raising meeting of the ICA last week and the committee have asked if the parish council can do anything to make the village more aware of the requirements for upkeep of the current hall in order to show the benefit of building the new centre.

**09/127 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

a) The entrance lobby to the hall was painted during the half term holiday.

**09/128 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS**

a) The recreation ground was sprayed and fertilised on Friday.

The council will write to the YFC about the parking situation on Saturdays as the vehicle

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entrances to the recreation ground should not be blocked.

The Shell gas tank is empty and so the showers are not working in the pavilion. The Clerk has contacted Shell but they are unable to re-fill it until the tank is replaced according to HSE requirements. An urgent message has been sent through from Shell to the planners regarding a delivery date for this.

- b) It was noted by the council that the cricket square was recently vandalised; it was stamped across when it had been newly fertilised and the temporary fencing had been pulled down.

### 09/129 CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD MATTERS

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Baines that two notices are put up in the cemetery advising people that all ornaments should be removed from the grave spaces or they will be removed by the cemetery keeper on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

- b) A repair will be carried out on the old cemetery wall by the cemetery keeper as soon as weather permits.

- c) It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that a teak headstone is allowed to be placed on the grave of the late Tom Chipper as long as it conforms to the standard height of 3 feet.

Cllr Beckett and Cllr Mrs Malkin abstained from the vote.

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- d) The Clerk and Cllr Mrs Malkin will be responsible for the Christmas tree at the Festival of Light at St. Andrews church this year.

- e) Cllr Beckett will lay the wreath at the Remembrance Day service at St. Andrews on Sunday 8<sup>h</sup> November

### 09/130 TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that the purchase of exclusive right of burial be approved for Roger Murfitt.

CARRIED

### 09/131 PARISH PLAN

The parish plan is nearing completion and should be ready for adoption at either the December or January meeting. Each councillor has a copy of the action plan.

### 09/132 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a) ECDC Biodiversity – Copies to Cllr Baines and Cllr Mrs Malkin.

- b) CPALC AGM – None of the councillors are able to attend.

### 09/133 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Malkin and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that a donation of £50 is made to the Ely & Soham Dial-a-Ride service.

Cllr Neal abstained from the vote.

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- b) It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Neal that the council do not make a donation to Victim Support.

CARRIED

- c) It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Baines that a donation is sent to the CAB for £130 as previously included in the budget.

CARRIED

- d) It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs R Thompson that the gala committee are allowed to use the village hall and recreation ground on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009 including a dog show with terms agreed as previous years. The council will also make

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a contribution of half the cost of the toilets providing the cost is in line with previous years.  
(Cost to be confirmed in April by the Gala Committee)

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- e) It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Baines that the council write to OFCOM asking that the telephone box on Mill Street is retained as it is used as the emergency contact telephone from the village hall and also ask that they would make an assessment of the mobile coverage in the village as not all networks operate here.

Clerk

CARRIED

It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Neal that the parish council do not adopt the telephone box on The Causeway.

Clerk

CARRIED

**09/134 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

- a) County Councillors Report
- There was no report from the County Council.
- b) District Councillors Report
- There was no report from the District Council.

**09/135 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) There was no bank reconciliation as the parish council computer is out of action and so there was no access to the soft ware package last month this will be carried forward to the next meeting.
- c) It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the November accounts attached are paid.
- Salaries: £1629.23  
Tax & NI: £344.11  
Other Expenditure: £2169.50  
Petty Cash: £38.96

Clerk

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

**09/136 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATH MATTERS**

- a) The council will write to the occupier of the first house in Croft Road as their garden fence is overhanging the footpath.
- b) The council will write to the owner of the property in Sparkes Close about the clunch wall at the back of their house which is crumbling away and is need of repair.
- c) Cllr Mrs R Thompson remained in the meeting for this item.  
The agreement made with the Thompons last year about using the Priory Green for their meat stall was due to be reviewed at this meeting, however the stall is now held on the property of the Priory Garage and so permission is no longer required from the parish council.

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**09/137 ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

- a) A meeting of the allotment working party is to be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at Cllr Earls house at 7.30pm
- b) A letter will be sent to a tenant of the Dunstall Allotments requesting that they desist from burning rubbish other than organic waste on their allotment plot or the matter will be referred to the EA.
- c) Prices will be sought for a gate for the front entrance to the Dunstall Allotment and brought back to a further meeting with other matters arising from the Allotment committee meeting.

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**09/138 WASH MATTERS**

The comments from a parishioner about the dredging works to be carried out at the river were reiterated here.

**09/139 PLANNING MATTERS**

a) Planning Approvals

- 09/00551/FUL Change of use of part of agricultural field at rear of the gardens of 34, 36 and 38 East Fen Road for residential amenity land at Land to rear of 34, 36 and 38 East Fen Road Isleham for Mr Russell Milne
- 09/00678/RMA Residential development for 6 dwellings at 55 Sun Street, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Waugh

b) Planning Refusals

- 09/00647/FUL Erection of detached house and garage to the rear of existing dwelling at land rear of 8 East Fen Road, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Baines

**09/140 MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

That the public (including representatives of the press) be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item Nos 141 & 142 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 was closed to the public and press at 8.30pm

**09/141 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF EXCLUSION**

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The minutes were approved under the exclusion order as they remain confidential until the matter is resolved.

**09/142 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

This discussion was held under the exclusion order.

The meeting was reopened at 9.04pm.

**09/143 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

- 1) 1. Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 Part 2
- 2) Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)
- 3) Exc Right of Burial SI 1977/204, art 10 (1)
- 4) Transport Act 1985 ss22-23 and s 106A inserted by LG and Rating Act 1997

Signed: .....

Chairman

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