

# ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> 2007

**Those Present;-** Cllr Carter, Cllr Neal, Cllr Cave, Cllr Garbett, Cllr Bishop, Cllr Chaplin, Cllr Beckett, Cllr Puckey,  
9 Parishoners  
Apologies from Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Borok, County Cllr Powley,

- |  | <b>Power</b> | <b>Action</b> |
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| <b>1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b><br>It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Cave that the minutes of the last meeting be approved and signed by the chairman as a true record.   | 1            |               |
| CARRIED  |              |               |
| <b>2. MATTERS ARISING (<i>for information only</i>)</b><br>Mr Cox had a different pressure washer and made a good job of cleaning the play area. It will need re-doing when the weather is drier.  |              |               |
| <b>3. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b><br>Cllr Neal Item 10C – Dial-a-Ride  | 2            |               |
| <b>4. POLICE MATTERS</b><br>a) Police Report – There was no police report given at this meeting.<br>b) Letter from Inspector Adam Gallop   |              |               |
| <b>5. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS</b><br>a) Report from Village Hall Committee<br>There was no report from the village hall committee<br>Noticeboard for New Community Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Cave that a noticeboard be attached to the side wall of the village hall.</li></ul>  |              |               |
| CARRIED  |              |               |
| <b>6. RECREATION GROUND MATTERS</b><br>a) Report from Recreation Ground Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Received £15,955 from the football foundation.</li><li>• The ground is a little rutted and needs to be rolled, use of a roller has been procured and the finance committee has agreed to the purchase of a tractor with grass tyres.</li></ul><br>b) A note of thanks has been sent to Mr Thompsett for the soil provided for the New Recreation Ground.<br>c) ECDC received a grant from the big lottery fund of £200,000. Isleham has been awarded a grant £11,250 for new play equipment which they need to match fund up to £3,750 |              |               |
| <b>7. HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS</b><br>a) CCC East Fen Drove<br>The local MP Mr James Paice will be copied in on this and original letters sent to the county council.   |              |               |

**8. TO APPROVE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL**

It was proposed by Cllr Beckett and seconded by Cllr Bishop that the exclusive right of burial for Mrs Maureen Vatcher be approved.

CARRIED

**9. CEMETERY MATTERS**

## a) Sale of Cemetery Land

As a result of the Parish Council reviewing its assets and many hours of discussion the decision has been made by the council to sell the piece of cemetery land on Beck Road for development. It was felt that this was in the best interest of the village as a whole as there is adequate burial land for at least 60 years and there are a number of needs in the community which could be adequately addressed by the funds procured by this sale.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was read and duly noted by the council;-

- a) ECDC – Notification of Local and Parish Elections - Noted
- b) Cambridgeshire Acre – Village of the Year - Noted
- c) Dial-a-Ride PC Representative Cllr Chaplin will try to attend
- d) The Wildlife Trust – Cllr Cave
- e) Mr Raey Concerns about the village centre.

The clerk will write to Mr Raey offering him the opportunity to stand for the parish council at the election in May or to get involved with the Parish Plan.

Ask the co-op to fix their sign

Neighbourhood Panel Wed 21<sup>st</sup> March two items one is police one is litter.

- f) East Cambs Access Group - Noted
- g) Code of Conduct – The new code is out for consultation and possibly due to be adopted in September.

**11. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS**

## a) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

- There was no county councillor's report.

## b) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- Transport & Access County & District - Isleham comes out top of the black spots for lack of any public transport. The Rev Mike Banyard the three rivers parishes is working as co-ordinator for a car sharing scheme.
- East Cambs are trialling alternate week rubbish collection; which seems to be working quite well. Two district councillors and the head of environmental services will be at neighbourhood panel. Food waste can go every week either in the black bag or brown bag; they also do a nappy collection.

**12. MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**FEBRUARY BANK RECONCILIATION**

It was proposed by Cllr Beckett and seconded by Cllr Garbett that the February bank reconciliation be approved.

CARRIED

**TO PAY MARCH ACCOUNTS**

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Cave that the March Accounts be paid.

CARRIED

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c) Finance Working Party –

Agreed to purchase a tractor.

A grant has been received for the play area it was noted that an amount had been set aside to match fund the grant in the budget for 2007/08

d) Lloyds TSB – It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Cave that the clerk be approved as the representing official for the New Community Centre bank account.

e) Youth Bus

It was proposed by Cllr Cave and seconded by Cllr Garbett that a donation of £150 be paid towards the cost of the youth bus. Find what level of funding is required so that we can budget next year.

f) CCC Village Grass Cutting - The council agreed to accept the proposed grass cutting budget of £1900.17 from the County Council.

**13. PLANNING MATTERS**

a) Planning Applications

07/00126/FUL Construction of two bedroom bungalow at 'Trelander' 18 Prickwillow Road, Isleham - no objection

b) Planning Approvals

07/00024/CLE - Certificate of Lawfulness of existing use of land as garden for Mr & Mrs Waugh – Query whether we have had an application for this.

06/01398/PDR – Loft Conversion at 45 West Street, Isleham for Master George Boughton-Fox

07/00004/FUL – Proposed Covered Shelter for Isleham Primary School.

07/00035/TEL – Install electronic communications apparatus at the Water Services Depot, Fordham Road, Isleham.

c) Planning Refusals

d) Planning Correspondence

06/01336/FUL The application for an extension comprising of 6 stables and feed room at 6-8 Prickwillow Road, Isleham has been withdrawn.

**14. ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

**Dunstall Allotment**

The centre section of the roadway is in an unusable condition for normal light traffic It would appear that very heavy farm type

Traffic has been using the roadway and the excessive weight has cut through the harder surface and turned this section into a series of very deep ruts.

It was suggested that a gate be fitted across the allotment entrance with a key for each allotment holder. A letter needs to be sent to all allotment holders informing them that the allotments are for horticultural uses only and not for private businesses, or extra parking spaces for houses with gardens backing onto it.

It was suggested that the allotment working party hold a meeting to discuss these issues.

The conditions of hire of allotments need to be reviewed as soon as possible and copies sent out to all allotment users.

The council noted an apology from David Clarke about the condition of the road.

**15. LATE SUBMISSIONS**

Mobile Library – Timetable - Noted

It was brought to the attention of the council that the grips had not been dug out on Sheldricks Road; the clerk will contact Highways to arrange for this to be done.

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Brand New Tractor - £7,000 + VAT will be investigated by Cllr Beckett and Cllr Cave.

It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Bishop that if the tractor is suitable it be purchased.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public and press at 8.45pm

**16. TO SIGN MINUTES OF EXCLUSION**

(Subject to a motion to exclude the public and press)

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**17. CEMETERY MATTERS**

(Subject to a motion to exclude the public and press)

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**18. NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT**

(Subject to a motion to exclude the public and press)

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**Meeting re-opened at 9. 31**

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2007

**Meeting Closed at 9.32 pm**

1 LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)

2 Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001 Part 2

3 SI 1977/204, art 10 (1)

4 Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960