

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY MARCH 3RD 2008

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

3 parishioners

There were no apologies for absence.

193 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 4th FEBRUARY 2008 (Including Minutes of Exclusion) 1

It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2008 be approved with an amendment to no 185 that Mrs Malkin seconded the proposal to allow Mr Byrne to carry out a crane lift on the little wash.

CARRIED

194 MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING 4th FEBRUARY 2008

It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 4th February 2008 be approved.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING 18th FEBRUARY 2008

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Mrs R Thompson that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 18th February 2008 be approved with the addition of Cllr Beckett's apologies.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF EXCLUSION

It was proposed by Cllr Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that the minutes of exclusion be approved.

CARRIED

195 MATTERS ARISING (*for information only*)

Item 180c) The precept request was not raised from £37,500 to £39,500 as the council did not meet the final deadline for changes to made.

Item 173b) The police have acquired two speed guns at a cost of £2,500 each for the speedwatch project.

196 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST 2

197 VACANCY

Notices of vacancy have been placed on the notice board and at the Post Office; parishioners have until Friday 14th March to request an election by writing to East Cambridgeshire District Council.

If an election is not requested by at least 10 parishioners then co-option papers will be sent out and another notice will be put up

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inviting anyone who wishes to stand as a councillor to contact the

Clerk within 14 days. If more than one person stands for election then the councillors will vote at the next meeting.

198 POLICE MATTERS

a) A crime report from PCSO Barbara Neill is attached

199 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

a) Village Hall Report

- The committee has just purchased a new ladder because the rubber feet on the old one were damaged.
- The outside light fitting has been vandalised and will be replaced by the end of this week, the new fitting should be vandal proof.

200 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

a) Recreation Ground Report

- Jim Hill from Cambs FA has been out and inspected the new recreation ground; which needed verti-draining as soon as possible as well as fertilising. The chairman has taken the opportunity to have the verti-draining done; the fertiliser has been delivered and will be put on as soon as possible.

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Baines that the council approve the expenditure for the verti-draining and the fertiliser.

CARRIED

- Tractor: A tractor has been identified at a cost of £7,500.

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Baines that the chairman and vice-chairman travel to Yorkshire to purchase the tractor.

Chair
&
Vice-
Chair

CARRIED

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Baines that the expenses for travelling to Yorkshire for the tractor be met by the council.

CARRIED

Cllr Garbett left the meeting at 7.37pm

201 ISLEHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that the Parish Council agree to a 50 year lease to the ICA of the community building and car park from 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2058.

CARRIED

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that the parish council approve the model Trust Deed and Lease documents as discussed and amended at the last parish council meeting.

CARRIED

It was agreed by the councillors that the Parish Council continue to be responsible for the replacement and upkeep of the Play Area equipment.

The ICA have taken into account the cost of surfacing the area.

202 ISLEHAM INFORMER

a) Concerns were raised about deliveries of the Isleham Informer. It

seems there are a few houses in the village which are being consistently missed. However it was pointed out that this job is carried out by volunteers and 95% of copies are delivered successfully, if the councillors know any one who would be willing to help please pass details on to the clerk.

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203 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillors Report

- Council Tax increase of 5%
- Repairs to street lighting still needs to be carried out at Little London no's 4 & 6, Jubilee Close, and the broken column still needs removing from East Fen Road.
- Yellow lines on Maltings Lane, The Causeway & Sun Street need to be extended, however there is no money in the current budget to finance this. County Councillor Broadway will look into this.

District Councillors Report

- The Fenland Flier will be continuing for the next three years
- The Social Car Scheme has been agreed and will begin shortly. A request has been made of the parish council for volunteer drivers, a parish council representative and a financial contribution. Cllr Mrs H Thompson will represent the parish council on the committee.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that the parish council donate £50 towards the cost of setting up the scheme.

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204 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) February Bank Reconciliation

It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Carter that the February bank reconciliation be approved.

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b) To Pay March Accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs that the March accounts be paid. The clerk will contact the highways department to find out the details of the bidding round which was responsible for the work on Maltings Lane.

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It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the bill for tractor diesel be paid with this months accounts.

CARRIED

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A note of thanks will be sent to Mr Ellwood thanking him for providing storage for the tractor.

c) Investment Account

Quotations have been received from the Bank of Scotland, Abbey

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National, Lloyds TSB and Barclays.

It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Carter that the instant access account with the Bank of Scotland be opened as soon as possible with an initial deposit of £1,000.

CARRIED

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Chair

205 TO APPROVE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL 3
 a) It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Carter that the exclusive right of burial be approved for Mr Richard Brown
 CARRIED Clerk

206 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATH MATTERS
 a) Letter from Miss Marsh re Maltings Lane: A letter will be sent in reply to say that the parish council will consider the yellow lines amongst other projects for the jointly funded minor highways bid. Cllr Broadway arrived at 8.26pm Clerk
 b) White lines on Marina/Waterside Road
 The Parish Council will write to County Council Highways to see if they can replace the white lines on the Waterside/Marina junction or contact the owner of the roadway.
 c) Trees on the top of Waterside (Sun Street)
 Cathy White to look at the trees at the top of the pit. Clerk
 Grass verge on Waterside Road – Highways to look at this
 d) Hedge on the Corner of Dunstall Allotments
 The hedge on the corner plot of the Dunstall Allotment needs cutting back. It was proposed by Cllr Neal and Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the clerk will contact Greenwood Tree Surgery to arrange to have the hedge cut as long as it is within the restrictions of the bird nesting season. Clerk
 CARRIED Clerk

207 ALLOTMENT MATTERS
 a) Allotment Report:
 The allotment committee met on 11th February and 25th February at the Dunstall Allotment and the allotments were marked out satisfactorily. There are currently about 15 available plots marked out for rent.
 County Cllr Broadway left the meeting at 8.50pm.
 b) It was proposed by Mrs R Thompson and seconded by Mrs Hobbs that the council approve the erecting of a shed on the Dunstall Allotment by Mr & Mrs Ward.
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 c) It was proposed Cllr Mrs Wilkes by and seconded by Mrs H Thompson that the council approve the erecting of a shed on the Dunstall Allotment by Jan Lewis.
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 The Three Tree Allotment site is in poor condition and needs ploughing and drilling. It was agreed by the council that a notice be placed to advertise the allotment for seven days. If no one comes forward to rent the site then the allotment committee will arrange to have the site cleaned up.

It was also agreed by the council that there would be no objection to Mr S Thompson renting the land if he so wished. (Chairman & Vice-Chairman)

208 WASH MATTERS
 a) Wash Report
 A representative from the District Council has been out to look at the position of the roadway. A surveyor has been out and given a quotation for the cost of preparing a measured survey of the

access roadway.

It was proposed Cllr Neal by and seconded by Cllr Carter that the clerk seek two further quotations and that the cheapest quote be accepted in order that the work might be carried out as soon as possible.
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b) Duck Race:

Open Farm Sunday can the ICA hold a duck race in place of the PTA which was previously agreed in the contract.

209 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Notice of Appeal.

The council has received notice that the Appeal by Mr & Mrs Newman of 15 Church Street for a bungalow and a double garage has been allowed.

210 FEEDBACK FROM COUNCILLORS WORKSHOP

Several matters were raised and discussed and matters of particular concern will be brought back to a further meeting. The clerk will write to County Archives to request they take the council minutes which are currently being held in the council office.

211 PARISH MEETING (17th March 2008 7.30pm)

No additional items have been suggested for the meeting.

An advert will be placed in the Newmarket Journal on Thursday 13th March.

212 LATE SUBMISSIONS

Check with the insurance company re public liability

The clerk will write to ECDC and Veolia saying that the council are unhappy with the recycle collections from outside the Co-op; it seems that most weeks only one collection is being made.

High St Church have asked for permission to use the Priory Green on Good Friday and this was agreed by the council.

Razor wire for the village hall roof – next agenda

There is a dangerous deep drop on the verge of Waterside road the council will contact CC Highways about repairing the roadway.

Meeting Closed at 10.05pm

1. Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)

2. Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 Part 2

3. Exc Right of Burial SI 1977/204, art 10 (1)

Clerk

Cllr
Mrs
Malkin