

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Manor Farm, Ixworth Thorpe on 10th April 2013 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Teresa Plummer (Chairman) Cllr Ben Lord (Vice-Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Sophia Wilson, Roy McFruin, Pam Shelton and Richard Courtnell.

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer, B Cllr John Griffiths MBE

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Laughton & Cllr Anderson.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr McFruin declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 19 on the agenda.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th March 2013 as a true record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

Cllr Lord enquired if any communication had been received from the organisation wishing to install a defibrillator in Ixworth. The Clerk confirmed that an email had been received and would report further in the Clerks report.

Meeting adjourned

5. Public Forum

None.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

Firstly the SNT would like to thank the Chairman, the Council and the community for their continued support.

There has been 1 crime of interest since the last parish meeting.

31.03.2013 – Common Assault following a verbal altercation on the High Street

Your local PCSO Claire Teakle is in the process of setting up a police surgery which will be held 4-6 weekly, as soon as it organised she will publicise the event.

Please be vigilant against counterfeit notes as they continue to be passed as genuine throughout the county; please be sure to double check large notes. Pens for this purpose can be purchased at a stationer.

Please do not become complacent crimes are being committed in rural areas throughout the county.

Theft from outbuildings and vehicles is happening all too frequently. Satnavs and other valuables left on display in vehicles; and power tools and garden equipment left in insecure sheds and garages. Do not make it easy for thieves.

Fuel oil thefts, several thefts have been reported across the SNT area.

Please ask your community to secure their property and remove personal items from view when leaving their vehicles. Do not make it easy for thieves!

Be vigilant and report any suspicious activity, for non-urgent matters dial 101 or email: stedsruralnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

If you believe a crime is in progress dial 999

7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer reported the decision of the Free School had not yet been made but hopefully it would be announced in May or June.

C Cllr Spicer stated she would report further in item 11 – footbridge & Ixworth Walks.

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths confirmed that the next stage of consultation on Vision 2031 would begin in June. B Cllr Griffiths urged the Parish Council to make a response with their thoughts and ideas.

B Cllr Griffiths also reported that changes had taken place with local Council Tax and St Edmundsbury Borough Council had put various proposals in place so that these changes would have less impact on St Edmundsbury residents.

9. Planning Applications

SE/13/0341 – The Priory, High Street, Ixworth – Fell one Yew tree

No objection

SE/13/0295 – Lynton House, Ixworth Thorpe – Erection of detached 3 bay cart lodge with log store

No objection

SE/13/0352 – Land at Former Police Station – (i) Erection of 4 no 3 Bedroom dwellings with associated driveways, garages & parking area (ii) new access for re-positioned driveway (following demolition of existing police station)

No objection

10 Determined Applications

SE/13/0156- A E Thurlow

Granted

11. Footbridge over the By-pass/Ixworth Walks

C Cllr Spicer suggested holding a meeting with perhaps two Parish Councillors and Suffolk County Council Officers to discuss this issue further. The date to be confirmed was 8th May 2013. Cllr Lord stated he would attend on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Lord also presented some information he had obtained on various footbridges and the cost involved. It was agreed that Cllr Lord take this information along to the meeting with SCC.

Cllr Lord had also obtained information on accidents along that stretch of the by-pass. Between 1998 – 2013 there have been 80 incidents with 4 fatalities.

12. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received:

- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly report & Hours change letter
- **Elizabeth Sharpe** – Concerns about pavement in Stow Road
- **Community Action Suffolk** – Neighbourhood Plans & Merging into one organisation
- **Suffolk County Council** – Revised bus timetables & Locality Budget Grants
- **SALC** – St Edmundsbury Area Meeting
- **St Eds** – Vision 2031 update
- **Havebury Housing** – Pride in your postcode walkabout
- **Ixworth Library** – Friends meeting

It was agreed by all present to discuss Steve Wilson proposal about changes to his hours at the May meeting as an agenda item.

It was also agreed that the Clerk report the pavement in Stow Road to Havebury Housing as the mud was coming from the banking in front of The Council Houses. The Clerk was also to report to Havebury the lighting near the flats in Thetford Road.

13. Peacock Rise

Cllr Lord reported that the work to provide extra parking spaces in Peacock Rise had been completed. Cllr Lord would be organising an official opening with Havebury Housing, the Parish Council and C Cllr Spicer, this date was to be confirmed.

14. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 710/711	Wages	£1033.15
Chq No 712	Ixworth Village Hall	£155.00
Chq No 713	D Thrower	£100.00
Chq No 714	N Laughton	£40.53
Chq No 715	St Eds	£151.64
Chq No 716	SALC	£644.00
Chq No 717	Viking	£233.17
Chq No 718	Clarks of Walsham	£3.96
Chq No 719	Community Action Suffolk	£30.00
Chq No 720	M J Nunn Surfacing Ltd	£20,925.57

The RFO was authorised to transfer £22,500 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

15. Play Area

Cllr Wilson reported that she and the Clerk had met with a representative from Wicksteed Play Equipment to discuss the development of phase three of the play area. It was suggested that this stage should have outdoor exercise equipment installed. Cllr Wilson stated that there were various grants that would be able to be applied for and that hopefully by the next meeting a suggested plan would be produced to show to members. It was agreed to have working party to take this project forward and to make further reports to all members. The working party would consist of Cllr Wilson, Cllr Laughton, Cllr Courtnell and the Clerk.

16. Litter Picking Campaign

Cllr McFruin stated that he had spoken with Andy Hobbs at St Edmundsbury Borough Council concerning fly-tipping. Mr Hobbs requested that if any residents could contact him if they were to see fly-tipping, along with any information such as a number plate or description of persons fly-tipping. All information received could then be stored and acted upon.

17. Ixworth Thorpe Sign

Cllr Wilson reported that she had informed Stebbings Workshop that the sign needed to be completed by the end of May. The clerk was instructed to contact local builders to requests quotes for installing the sign in a new plinth.

18. Ixworth Cemetery

Cllr Courtnell presented a report to members about work he felt needed completing in the Cemetery, the report included the following;

- Both gates need refurbishing
- Both stand pipe boxes need refurbishment
- Boundary hedges need trimming
- Walkways and turning areas need weeding or recovering with tarmac or asphalt
- A Guide or Rules of the Cemetery be produced

Cllr Courtnell offered to attend the cemetery and tidy up the area removing such things as leaves, dead flowers and trim overgrown edges. Cllr Courtnell was also given permission to obtain quotes to resurface the path within the cemetery for further discussion at another meeting. Cllr Courtnell was given permission to purchase items from Clarks of Walsham or Tripp Batt on the Parish Council account. It was also suggested that the Councillors have some type of ID card whilst carrying out Council business that could be shown to concerned residents. This item is to be looked into further.

19. Ixworth Village Hall

The Clerk read a letter from Ixworth Village Hall Management Committee requesting that the Parish Council pay for the recent white lines painted in the village hall car park. After a lengthy discussing it was agreed to pay for the white lines, one member abstained from the vote. However, responsibility for repairs to the car park was still the Village Hall Management Committee's responsibility. The Clerk was instructed to inform the management committee of the decision.

20. Chairman's Report

The Chairman confirmed that the Councillors meal would now be held on 3rd May at 7.30pm as Cllr Lord had re-booked with The Pykerrel.

21. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported the following;

- The BT Phone boxes had been repaired but still required painting
- There are still various highway issues outstanding
- Pot holes in Stow Road and Peddars Close had been reported
- Installation of a defibrillator in Ixworth – Voting boxes would be sent out in the next two weeks

22. Councillors Reports

Cllr Lord requested the Section 106 revenue be added to the May agenda. Cllr Lord also reported that he had visited the new community room at the Fire/Police station and stated that this could be considered as an alternative venue for meetings of the Parish Council or community groups. If anyone wished to book the community room they are to contact Kevin Jay at the police station. Cllr Lord also requested if employee reviews could be arranged.

Cllr McFruin wished to highlight broken signposts of the western walk. The Clerk was instructed to report this to the Rights of Way Officer at Suffolk County Council.

Cllr McFruin also suggested placing a poster on the notice boards advertising the Annual Parish meeting.

23. Date of the Next Meeting

8th May - Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall

15th May – Annual Parish Meeting

With no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm.

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Date