

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 12th December 2012 at 7:30pm

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

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer and one member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Reeve declared a pecuniary interest in planning application **SE/12/1539**
Cllrs Laughton & McFruin declared a non pecuniary interest in item 14.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th November 2012 as a true record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

No comments were received.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

No report had been received for this month's meeting.

7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer reported that the Police would be moving into the Fire station on 17th December 2012. All alterations to the Fire station had now been completed to accommodate both the Police and Fire personnel. C Cllr Spicer hoped that there would be an official opening in the New Year.

C Cllr Spicer reported that she had been informed that there would now be two bids for a Free School in Ixworth. C Cllr Spicer urged members to show their support for a Free School rather than a particular bid.

C Cllr Spicer also reported that she had received an email from a resident concerning the permissive footpath, apparently a couple of cows were grazing on the field the permissive footpath goes through. Cllr Reeve confirmed that they were there at present but would be removed soon. C Cllr Spicer had been in touch with Rights of Way Officers at Suffolk County Council to discuss the residents concerns and it was agreed for C Cllr Spicer to contact the resident to explain the situation.

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths sent his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

B Cllr Griffiths requested the Clerk convey to members his best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meeting Reconvened

9. Planning Applications

SE/12/1404 – Standalone 2 Classroom extension with block of shared WC's – Ixworth Primary School, Crown Lane, Ixworth

The members **objected** to this application on the grounds of; traffic increasing in Crown Lane, construction traffic in Crown Lane & no sprinklers in the classrooms

SE/12/1489 – Extension of time for an additional 3 years for commencement of development authorized by planning application SE/09/1216 – The Fish Shop, Thetford Road, Ixworth

No objection

SE/12/1437 – Retention of (i) 2no. Illuminated fascia signs (ii) 1no. double sided illuminated hanging sign (iii) 2no. Non-illuminated hanging signs (iv) 3no. non-illuminated car park signs (v) 3no. non-illuminated amenity signs (vi) 1no. non-illuminated storm board – The Pickerell, High ST, Ixworth

No Objection

SE/12/1495 – TPO291 Walnut tree – 25% crown reduction – Walnut Tree House, 21 Fordham Place, Ixworth

No Objection

SE/12/1452 – Single storey extension to create new consulting room and revised access – Ixworth Surgery, Peddars Close, Ixworth

No Objection

SE/12/1457 – Erection of single storey front extension (following demolition of existing porch) – 27 Chalk Lane, Ixworth

No Objection

SE/12/1542 – Determination in Respect of Permitted Agricultural Development 0 Re-siting of feed storage bins –Baileypool Lane

Application Withdrawn

Cllr Reeve left the meeting after declaring a pecuniary interest in the following application

SE/12/1539 – Erection of free standing log store within garden– 10 High Street, Ixworth **No Objection**

Cllr Reeve returned to the meeting

10. Determined Applications

SE/12/1057 – 4 Fordham Place

Granted

SE/12/1291 – Nurses House, Thetford Road

Granted

SE/12/1432 – Ixworth Fire Station

Granted

SE/12/1283 – Ixworth Village Hall

Granted

11. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received;

- **St Edmundsbury Borough Council** – play area monthly report and a letter regarding the precept request for 2013/14
- **East Anglian Air Ambulance** – a request fro a donation
- **Suffolk Sport** – funding for villages

It was agreed to grant £100 to East Anglian Air Ambulance.

The Clerk informed members that the letter regarding the precept request meant that in the New Year the members may have to reconsider the amount of precept that is requested.

12. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 683/684	Wages	£998.53
Chq No. 685	H M Revenues & Customs	£354.19
Chq No. 686	Ixworth Village Hall	£163.00
Chq No. 687	Keystone Law Ltd	£318.00
Chq No.688	Clarks of Walsham	£3.02
Chq No. 689	A Adlington	£90.00

The RFO was authorised to transfer £2000 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

13. Ixworth Free School

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed by all present the Parish Council fully supports the forming of a Free School within Ixworth but, not to support any particular bid. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to this effect to pass to the relevant body evaluating the bid. The letter could also be passed to each of the applicants making bids if it was requested.

14. Ixworth Village Hall

The Chairman confirmed she had received a letter from the Solicitor she had contacted outlining the Parish Council's duties as Custodians/Trustees of the Jiggins Memorial Village Hall and Playing Fields. The letter would be kept with all other official documents relating to the village hall for future reference.

The Clerk informed members that an email had been received that afternoon requesting the Parish Council install two dog bins within the village hall grounds. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to inform the village hall committee that at this time the Parish Council were unable to grant expenditure for these items.

15. Peacock Rise

Cllr Lord reported that the Clerk, Cllr McFruin and he had met with Mike Nunn to discuss a date for work on Peacock Rise. Mr Nunn confirmed he would start the work in March and would be finished by the end of March. The Clerk confirmed she would be sending a letter awarding the contract to Mr Nunn stating the agreed quote and completion date.

Cllr Lord confirmed he would be informing Havebury Housing of the suggested completion date. Cllr Lord requested the Clerk write to Cllr Spicer for her contribution of £1000 to this project.

16. Chairman's Report

Cllr Plummer reported that several cars at various times were parked on the banks near Mulleys' roundabout.

17. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that there were still several issues outstanding with Suffolk County Council Highways department.

The new grit bin for Street Farm Lane would be installed in the New Year.

Two residents had contacted the Clerk with reference to the Parish Councillor vacancy. The members instructed the Clerk to request the interested residents write a short letter to the Council explaining why they would like to become a Parish Councillor. Once the letters had been received the members could decide then who to co-opt onto the Council.

The Clerk also reported that in the coming months the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations needed updating.

18. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Lord expressed his concerns that matters discussed at the Parish Council meeting were then being discussed with members of the public before the minutes had been agreed.

Cllr Lord also reported that Walsham Road had leaves and mud on the road which may become dangerous.

Cllr Lord also asked if the Parish Council were the owners of the land known as Robin's Copse, the Clerk confirmed that they were.

Cllr Laughton reported that the group looking after Robin's Copse would be doing the annual review of the trees within the area.

Cllr Reeve stated the road sweeper had been up and down the High Street early one morning. Unfortunately, cars were parked overnight so not much of the High Street had been cleaned, Cllr

Reeve requested if it was possible for the relevant company to inform residents when it intended visiting Ixworth.
Cllr McFruin enquired if the Wood Street gate had been repaired yet, the Clerk confirmed that it had not.

19. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is 9th January 2013 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.
(Planning and Finance only)

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

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Date