

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Thorpe on 13th April 2011 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Teresa Plummer (Chairman) Cllr John Sharpe (Vice-Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Sophia Wilson, Cathy Goodson, Roy McFruin, Pam Shelton and Nick Laughton.

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer, B Cllr John Griffiths and Mr Ben Lord.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Fairgrieve.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Sharpe, Laughton, Reeve and McFruin declared a personal interest in Item 16 – Ixworth Village Hall.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meetings (March 9th 2011) as a true record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

Cllr Goodson wished to report that the bridleway near Hempyard Bridge had been repaired.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

Mr Lord enquired if any further action was being taken with reference to the parking in Peacock Rise after Havebury Housing's walk around the village in March. It was suggested by the Chairman that the Parish Council request a report from Havebury Housing after each of their visits to Ixworth. The Clerk was instructed to try and obtain a report from Havebury Housing with reference to their last two visits.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

PCSO Will Pardoe gave the following report;

POLICE REPORT
09/03/11 – 13/04/11

IXWORTH CRIMES

23/03/11 – Theft other – Money tin was taken from a club in the village hall tin was later returned but with money missing victim did not want police to further this once tin was returned.

24/04/11 – Theft of pedal cycle

28/03/11 – Burglary other building – This and the above crime both occurred at the Ixworth play and learn centre, it is believed to be done to youths but no offenders have been identified.

02/04/11 – Driving Vehicle with excess alcohol – offender has been charged

08/04/11 – Burglary other building – No details available

12/04/11 – Burglary other building – Property has been stolen from victims shed, enquires on going.

ASB (Anti Social Behaviour)

5 calls received reporting anti social behaviour. 1 of these referred to mopeds and one referred to property found on play area, with no ASB occurring at the time. Calls are all from same reporting person. One call received while officer was on patrol in the area the ASB was reported to be occurring at the new play area, officer found no youths or anyone else while on foot patrol in the play area, pub car park, village hall car park or playing field.

7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer reported that the permissive footpath would hopefully be completed within the next few weeks. Once the footpath has been finished then the Parish Council will need to discuss leaflets and signs to advertise the footpath. C Cllr Spicer reported that there may be changes to the land use at the Fire and Police stations, discussions and plans were in very early stages and C Cllr would report once ideas were more substantial. C Cllr Spicer also reported that there would not be a decision on Ixworth Court until July 2011.

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths explained that due to all elections at present there was not much happening within St Eds. B Cllr Griffiths stated that he had been once again elected to serve Ixworth Ward on the Borough Council with an uncontested election. B Cllr Griffiths explained that St Edmundsbury along with other Councils in the area is aware that the travelling families were being evicted from Basildon and are alert to them possibly coming to Suffolk and Norfolk.

Meeting Reconvened

9. Ixworth Library

The Chairman reported that the Public Forum had been well attended and a small group of people had come forward to offer assistance. C Cllr Spicer had produced a draft document for the members and suggested that this report be submitted as an expression of interest from the Parish Council in running the Library. It was resolved to send this document once it had been completed as an expression of interest but not would be fully discussed at a later date.

10. Play Area

The Clerk reported that the order for phase two of the refurbishment had been sent. Cllr Sharpe presented the members with two quotes for clearing the existing hedge, installing fence panels and planting a new hedge behind the toddlers play area. It was resolved to proceed with the firm that gave the lower quote. The clerk was instructed to contact the successful firm and it was resolved to pay a £600 deposit for materials. The clerk was also instructed to inform the second firm that they had been unsuccessful on this occasion.

11. Planning Applications

SE/11/0238 – Erection of single storey rear and two storey side extension – 110 High Street Ixworth, IP31 2HN **No objection**

SE/11/0229 - Ixworth, IP31 2HJ – 20% crown reduction to one Ash tree – 35 High Street, Ixworth, IP31 2HJ **No objection**

SE/11/0224 – Erection of single storey side and rear extension incorporating garage – Fern Cross, Stow Road, Ixworth, IP31 2JB **No objection**

SE/11/0201 – Erection of single storey rear conservatory – 12 Garrard Place, Ixworth, IP31 2EP **No objection**

SE/11/0298 – Fell one Holly tree & two Sycamore trees and reduce height by 30% to group of Sycamore trees on bank – The Nook, High Street, Ixworth, IP31 2HN **No objection**

SE/11/0265 – Erection single storey link extension between dwelling and outbuilding – Giffords, 51 High Street, Ixworth, IP31 2HN **No objection**

12. Determined Applications

SE/11/0081 – Insertion of dormer window to front elevation – Lynton House, Ixworth Thorpe, IP31 1QP **Granted**

SE/11/0178 – Replacement conservatory on rear elevation – 19 Peasecroft Road, Ixworth, IP31 2EZ **Granted**

13. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were received

SCC – Disabled Parking Order in High Street, **Suffolk Preservation Society** – email addresses for newsletter, **St Eds** – TPO appeal, The Langridge, High Street, **Suffolk Local Authority** – Air Quality Management and New Development 2011, **Mr & Mrs Morley** – Concerns over play area and **St Eds** – Parish Council Conference. It was resolved to send a reply to Mr & Mrs Morley.

14. Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts;

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| Chq No's 531/532 | Wages | £958.60 |
| Chq No 533 | Suffolk Acre (Membership) | £25.00 |
| Chq No 534 | Dent Security (CCTV) | £42.00 |
| Chq No 535 | SALC (Membership) | £614.00 |
| Chq No 536 | Chilton Office Supplies | £130.64 |
| Chq No 537 | Ixworth Village Hall (Toilet) | £155.00 |
| Chq No 538 | Zurich Insurance PLC | £1584.38 |
| Chq No 539 | Nick Laughton (Play Area Plants) | £124.95 |

15. Robins Copse

It was resolved to have the official opening on 25th June 2011 at 2pm. The clerk was instructed to invite all organisations who helped fund this project.

16. Ixworth Village Hall

Cllr Sharpe the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee reported that the car park would be resurfaced soon. Grants were being sought for the larger items such as a new heating system. It was requested that the Parish Council pay for a sign to installed with directions to the outside toilet. It was resolved by all members present that they were happy to pay for this item and Cllr Laughton volunteered to arrange for purchase and instalment of the sign. Cllr Sharpe also informed the members that the AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee would be held on 19th May 2011 at 7.30pm.

17. Chairman's Report

The Chairman wished to remind all members that the Annual Parish Meeting was being held on Wednesday 20th April at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman also informed the members that this year in Ixworth there would be an uncontested election and in fact there will be a vacancy.

The Chairman wished to thank Cllr Goodson and Cllr Fairgrieve for all their hard work over the past four years but wanted to especially thank Cllr Sharpe for all his hard work for over 30 years of hard work and dedication to the community.

18. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that a resident requested whether it was possible to reserve a plot with the new cemetery, the members agreed that this would be acceptable. Also reported was the 'Wos Up' project, St Edmundsbury had confirmed that the cost to Ixworth would be no more than £650. The clerk reminded all members that a new list of responsibilities would need to be compiled over the coming months.

19. Councillors Reports

Cllr Shelton wished to know if there were any further developments on the notice boards. Cllr Goodson requested to if it was possible to contact highways to have the 'emergency access only' sign at the emergency entrance to Street Farm Lane from Thetford Road. Cllr Laughton informed the members that he had agreed to become the link between Steve Wilson and the Parish Council. Cllr Sharpe wished to highlight the condition of the path along Stow Road. Cllr McFruin stated that he had read an information leaflet from Suffolk Acre giving information about the Parish Council becoming Sole Trustees of the Village Hall.

20. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 11th May at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

The Chairman wished to thank Cllr Goodson and Cllr Fairgrieve for all their hard work on the Council over the past years. The Chairman wished to thank Cllr Sharpe especially for his hard work representing the community on the Council for over 30 years and thank him personally for all the help he had given the Chairman over the last two years as her Vice-Chairman. Cllr Sharpe thanked the Chairman and stated that he had had a very enjoyable time.

With no further business the meeting closed at 10.20pm.

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Date