

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 14th December 2011 at 7:30pm

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Wilson and B Cllr John Griffiths MBE.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Laughton and McFruin for planning application SE/11/1350.

Cllr Reeve for planning application SE/11/1388.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meetings held on 9th November 2011 as a true record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

No matters arising, however it was requested that Church lighting be added to the January agenda to discuss whether to light the Church for the Queens Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games. This was agreed by all present.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

No comment was made by the member of public present.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

The following report was presented by PCSO Jonathan Burke;

7 Crimes reported between 09/11/11 and 14/12/11...

11/11/11 – Theft, other – Anglian Water Site, Stow lane

Approximately 7000 litres of Red Diesel was stolen by unknown means from a secure compound owned by Anglian Water.

11/11/11 – Theft from Motor Vehicle – Bridge Farm, Baileypool Lane

Overnight-unknown offenders have stolen a quantity Red Diesel from two tractor units on the farm.

15/11/11 – Theft, other – 51 High Street, Ixworth

During hours of darkness unknown offenders have stolen to heavy large plant pots from outside the front of the property.

23/11/11 – Criminal Damage, other – Shooting & Conservation Club, Crown Lane

An unknown offender has ripped up no public access signs.

02/11/11 – Theft, other – High Street

No publicity

30/11/11 – Theft, other – Scott Road

During daylight hours an unknown offender has stolen a charity bag full of clothes from the side of the street and left in a white van.

14/12/11 – Criminal Damage, other Building – Post Office, High Street

Overnight an unknown offender has glued the locks of the front door and garage making it impossible to enter the premises.

Speeding Priority:

During the last 10 months, Roads Traffic Police, Neighbourhood Response and Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been doing a vast amount of speed enforcement in the 54 villages we cover...

- **114 Endorsable Fixed Penalty Notice have been issued**
- **8 people have been reported for summons to court for speeds over 50mph**
- **4 people have received Fixed penalty notice for not wearing a seat belt**
- **2 vehicle's have been seized for no insurance and the owner's issued with a Fixed Penalty notice of £200 and 6 points on their licence**
- **169 Verbal warnings have been issued for speeds between 35 and 39mph**

Councillors once again wished to express their concerns with people parking on yellow lines in the High Street.

Cllr Lord also expressed his concerns with the parking problems along Walsham Road when the school has an evening event.

Cllr Reeve reported that rubbish had once again been dumped in Wood Street.

7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer reported that Suffolk County Council were about to finalise the new schemes for Suffolk Libraries.

C Cllr Spicer thanked the Parish Council for their letter of support for the proposed 'Free School Group'.

The fire/police station planning application was still being finalised but would hopefully be submitted in January or February 2012.

Cllr McFruin wished to highlight the slippery road surface between the two roundabouts on the by-pass, C Cllr Spicer suggested reporting it to Steve Boor in the highways department and requested to be copied into any correspondence.

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

No report.

Meeting reconvened

9. Planning Applications

SE/11/1350 – Replacement of 14no windows – Ixworth Village Hall, IP31 2HH **No objection**

SE/11/1386 – Listed Building Application – Internal and external alterations to include (i) alterations to cellar including provision of escape window and reduction in floor height (ii) removal/relocation of studwork (iii) bricking up of modern window in kitchen (iv) replacement of dormer window (v) reduction in height of chimney and maintenance to roof and (vi) redecoration of gable wall – 25 High Street, Ixworth, IP31 2HJ –

No objection, however it was noted to St Edmundsbury that this was a retrospective application as the alterations had already been carried out.

SE/11/1388 – Change of use and conversion of redundant pumping station to form 2No. dwellings and garaging – Former pumping station, Stow Rd, Ixworth –

No Objection, however it was decided to request that a condition of acceptance would be that permission for the circular walk across the land be restored.

SE/11/1416 – Erection of an agricultural storage building – Abbey Farm, Ixworth – **No Objection**

10. Determined Applications

SE/11/1229– 18 Green Lane, Ixworth Thorpe, IP31 1QN

SE/11/1198 – Abbey Farm, Heath Road, IP31 2JN

Granted

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11. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received during the month;

Age UK (Age Concern) – Spread the Warmth

St Eds – ‘Wos Up’ project – project breakdown

Joanna Spicer – Report for last meeting

NALC – Localism Act

Suffolk Police – Latest newsletter

Havebury Housing – Estate walkabout

Suffolk Police – Tasking meeting

SCC – Response from budget challenge

Havebury Housing – Havebury News & Annual report

12. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 595/596	Wages	£964.83
Chq No: 597	H M Rev & Customs	£367.18
Chq No: 598	Haward Horological	£90.00
Chq No: 599	St Edmundsbury Borough Council (play area/Wos Up project)	£659.80
Chq No: 600	Key Online	£357.60
Chq No: 601	A Adlington (expenses)	£131.06
Chq No: 602	Viking Office Supplies	£142.58
Chq No: 603	R McFruin (notice boards)	£120.52

13. Village Notice Boards & Logo

Cllr McFruin reported that he had finished restoring the notice boards. A quote for £425 had been obtained for a replacement notice board for Ixworth Thorpe, it was agreed by all present to accept this quote and the clerk was instructed to place the order.

The clerk reported that the Parish Council had received a complaint from the builder who originally quoted for the restoration of the notice boards. The gentleman was concerned that he had at no time stated, he was unable to complete the work, before receiving a letter on behalf of the Council stating it no longer wished him to complete the project. The clerk stated that unfortunately the Council had seemed to have been misled as to whether the gentleman concerned could complete the project. A very heated discussion followed and Cllr N Plummer left the meeting. It was resolved that in future all correspondence to suppliers etc would only be written on headed paper and only with the consent of the full Council.

Cllr T Plummer presented the first draft of an official logo for the Parish Council, after minor alterations it was agreed for Cllr T Plummer to contact the designer with the members suggested changes. The logo with the changes would then be presented to members at the January meeting.

14. Riverside Walk

The clerk reported that David Falk had contacted her to arrange a meeting, the clerk was instructed to arrange the meeting for January and to inform the concerned Councillors of the date and time. The Councillors concerned agreed to meet early in January and agreed to present a draft of the writing that would be printed in the leaflet to all members at the January Parish Council meeting. The approximate cost of printing 2000 leaflets would be £400.

15. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that she had recently attended a meeting and it was discussed that the actual budget cuts for the Borough and County Council would be approximately 5% over the next two years.

16. Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that as requested previously by members the following items would be included on the agenda for the January meeting, Peacock Rise and the cobbled area. The clerk also reported that the dates for next year's meetings would also be distributed.

17. Councillors Reports

Cllr Laughton reported that Steve Wilson had no big issues at present other than lots and lots of leaf clearance. Steve had again found free papers dumped again within the village and had reported it to the newspaper. Once again the bin outside the butchers was being filled with shop waste.

Cllr Reeve confirmed the signs were in place on the revised route of the Riverside Walk, however he had concerns that the path installed had sunk a bit. The Clerk was instructed to inform Claire Dickson.

Cllr Lord expressed concerns about Cllr N Plummer outburst. Cllr Lord also reported that he had attended the Havebury walkabout where he discussed the parking problems. Havebury stated they would attend a meeting with all parties. Havebury informed Cllr Lord that there was a scheme for a grant called 'Neighbourhood Investment Plan' that may be able to contribute to the cost of improving parking in the area. Cllr Lord agreed to arrange a suitable time for all parties to meet. Cllr Lord also agreed to formulate a plan of suggested changes and costs to present to the members at a future meeting.

18. Date of the Next Meeting

11th January 2012 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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Date