

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 10th August 2011 at 7:30pm

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

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr David Reeve and Cllr N Plummer

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meetings held on 13th July 2011 as a true record of that meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

4. Public Forum

The one member of the public attending wished to make no comment.

Meeting Reconvened

5. Planning Applications

No applications were received or discussed this month.

6. Determined Applications

SE/11/0687 – Erection of single storey side extension – 20 Brand Lane (also known as 20 Green Lane), Ixworth Thorpe, IP31 1QN **Granted**

7. Correspondence

Eight items of correspondence were received during the month. Two from Suffolk police, one C Cllr Joanna Spicer, one from the following organisations, Havebury Housing, St Eds (annual play equipment inspection), Age UK, Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Environmental Trust.

8. Rural Vision 2031

Cllrs T Plummer and McFruin reported that the meeting with the planning officials had been interesting. During discussions on various subjects the Cllrs attending stressed that recreational facilities, low cost housing and housing for local residents are concerns for Ixworth Parish Council in any future development plans.

9. Accounts

The following items were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 566/567	Wages	£958.20
Chq No 558	S.L.C.C.	£118.00
Chq No 569	R W Engineering	£582.00
Chq No 570	Key Online	£261.60
Chq No 571	Tripp Batt	£16.77
Chq No 572	Playdale Playgrounds	£604.80
Chq No 573	Ixworth Village Hall	£168.00
Direct Debit	PWLB	£3116.90
Due 5/09/2011		

10. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that Stephen Taylor from Suffolk Library Services had contacted her to confirm that Ixworth library were being considered for a pilot scheme during the new redevelopment of local libraries. After a long discussion it was decided to leave the Parish Council did not wish to become a pilot scheme but leave Expression of Interest with Suffolk County Council. The Chairman would arrange a meeting with the Ixworth Library Partnership to ascertain whether they wish to continue discussions with Suffolk County Council to become a pilot library.

11. Clerk's Report

It was confirmed that the opening of the toddlers section of the toddlers area would take place on Saturday 17th September 2011, Cllrs Wilson and Laughton offered once again to arrange. The clerk reported that no emergency services wished to attend a meeting to discuss the parking problems at Peacock Rise, after much discussion it was decided to not pursue this item any further at this time. It was decided to invite John Sharpe to help compile a plan of work which may need completing at Ixworth cemetery.

The clerk also reported that she was arranging a meeting with Suffolk County Council highways department to discuss issues around the village, Cllrs Laughton, Wilson, McFruin volunteered to attend once arranged.

12. Councillors Reports

Cllr T Plummer stressed that in future planning applications the members needed to look closely at parking availability on each application.

Cllr Laughton as the Parish Council Representative on the Village Hall Management Committee reported that a grant application had been applied for to assist in the installation of new windows. Cllr Laughton also reported that Robin's Copse had been recently tidied up. Cllr Laughton also gave Steve Wilson quarterly report, Steve wished to highlight that he had cleared away the overgrown vegetation from Thistledown Drive and the footpath from New Road to Stow Road and had completed various strimming around the village.

Cllr Lord reported that he had met with the Headteacher at the Middle School and the school would promote parking on school grounds when the school held functions rather than Walsham Road.

Cllr McFruin expressed his concerns about the Crown Lane development and also requested if it was possible to get a sponsor for the roundabout by Mulleys roundabout.

13. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 14th September 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

14. Exclusion of the Public

To resolve that, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded for the remaining items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by the reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

15. Staffing

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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Date