

## **IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

*Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 7:30pm*

**Present:** Cllr Teresa Plummer (Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Cathy Goodson, Roy McFruin, Pam Shelton, Alison Fairgrieve and Nick Laughton.

**Also Present:** Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer, B Cllr John Griffiths, four members of the public, PC Sheena Tate and PC Tina Furness.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Sophia Wilson and Cllr John Sharpe

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Reeve item 15

### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting (August 12<sup>th</sup> 2009) as a true record of that meeting.

*Meeting Adjourned*

### **4. Report of Local Police Officer**

#### **CRIMES FOR IXWORTH 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 09 TO 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 09**

CRIMINAL DAMAGE - OTHER 15/08/09 – COMMISTON LANE  
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - VEHICLE - 30/08/09 – CHALK LANE  
THEFT - OTHER 02/09/09 – NEW ROAD – 2 SUSPECTS  
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - DWELLING - PERSON ON BAIL  
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ABH - S.47 04/09/09 PERSONS ON BAIL  
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THE CRIMES FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR WERE 13 IN IXWORTH - A REDUCTION OF OVER 50%

#### **CRIMES FOR IXWORTH THORPE 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 09 TO 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 09**

ARSON TO HAYSTACK – BARDWELL RD – 3 PERSONS ON BAIL

100% INCREASE ON LAST YEAR AS THERE WERE NONE FOR THE SAME PERIOD

Cllr McFruin asked the Officers a question of a personal nature.

### **5. Report of County Councillor Joanna Spicer**

C Cllr Spicer reported that the new yellow lines throughout the village, that had previously been approved by the Parish Council had been advertised to the public. If there are any objections then this would obviously slow the process.

C Cllr then explained the current situation with the permissive footpath and the path from the High Street through St Mary's Church through to Commister Lane. As there had been many promises and delays C Cllr Spicer suggested that the Parish Council write to Andrew Wooding

requesting a visit to the Parish Council to explain the reasons for the delays. The Council instructed the Clerk to write this correspondence.

C Cllr Spicer reported that there was no news at present on the restructuring of Suffolk Schools.

## **6. Report of Borough Councillor John Griffiths**

B Cllr Griffiths mentioned the Local Development Framework and reminded the members that the next stage of comments was upon us. B Cllr Griffiths highlighted the importance of the Parish Council putting forward their views on each stage. The Chairman assured B Cllr Griffiths that the Parish Council would be putting forward their views before the deadline in October.

B Cllr Griffiths also reported that he had spoken to the planning department as requested at the last meeting with reference to the Fish & Chip shop application in Thetford Road. At present the application is being amended for resubmission.

## **7. Public Forum**

One member present wished to enquire whether the members knew if the local Fire Station has a key for the bollards blocking the road from Fordham's Place to Gough Place. The members were unsure and suggested speaking to Mark Walker the Station Officer at Ixworth station for this information. Also the member of the public wished to praise Steve Wilson (village cleaner) on keeping the village so tidy.

Ben Lord wished to arrange a date to meet the members to discuss the website. The members decided to have an extra meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

*Meeting Reconvened*

## **8. Matters from Previous Minutes**

None

## **9. Accounts**

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

SLCC	£ 47.00
M J Nunn	£3331.73
Wages	£ 815.95
H M Rev/Customs	£ 556.44
Ix Village Hall (toilet)	£ 155.00
Expenses	£ 103.30
Anglian Water	£ 34.03

The Clerk reported that she had received the initial report from the external auditor. A figure had been put in the wrong column. It was resolved to allow the Clerk to amend the form and return it to the external auditor.

## **10. Planning Applications**

**None**

## **11. Determined Applications**

*SE/09/0861* – Heath Farm, **Granted**

*SE/09/0820* – Beech Cottage, **Granted**

*TCA09/1787* – Ixworth Surgery, **Granted**

*TCA09/1786* – 8a Gough Place, **Granted**

*TPO45(1964)10* – Lammis Field, **Granted**

## **12. Website**

As agreed in item 7 it was agreed to have a further Council meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The Clerk reported that the One Suffolk website would be live with the next few days. The web address is [www.ixworth.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.ixworth.suffolk.gov.uk)

## **13. St Mary's Church**

The Clerk was instructed to accept the quotes previously agreed at a previous Council meeting.

## **14. Robins Copse**

The Clerk reported the gate had been delivered and she would contact Bob Bishop to fit it.

Cllr Laughton reported that Adrian Harman was in contact with the school for them to help with the notice boards, and then the benches needed to be purchased and installed.

## **15 Permissive Footpath**

Nothing further to discuss, see C Cllr Spicer's report item 5.

## **16. Play Area**

There was nothing further to report as funding applications were still awaiting replies.

## **17. Cobbled Area in High Street.**

Nothing further to report.

## **18. Local Development Framework**

The Clerk reported that the Council had received three new books on the LDF. It was agreed to add this item to the extra meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 09. All members would look at the books and bring their opinions to that meeting where the Parish Council response could be decided.

## **19. Relief in Need**

It was suggested to put forward two names forward to the Relief in Need Charity for them to contact with reference to their vacancy.

## **20. Correspondence**

The Parish Council received three letters from Suffolk County Council concerning, speed restrictions of A1088, waiting restrictions in the village (yellow lines) and an invitation to the District Police Meeting. Also received was the latest edition of Suffolk view and an invitation the Suffolk Acre AGM.

## **21. Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman wished to highlight the amount of items on the agenda and suggested that some could be reported on a bi monthly or even quarterly basis. This was agreed by all. The Chairman also suggested that a particular Councillor be given the responsibility of a particular item and have a book registering which Councillor has accepted that responsibility. Also, the Council could then decide at which meeting the item will return to the agenda. The responsible Councillor would then formulate a report on that item for all members to discuss at the relevant meeting. It was agreed by all to try this approach to future agenda items.

## **22. Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported that the refurbishment of two notice boards was still being discussed with the carpenter.

St Mary's Churchyard had become rather overgrown in places, David Thrower was going to contact Cllr Sharpe to arrange a meeting to discuss any work need to be completed and send a report to the Parish Council.

A resident in Scott Road had contacted the Clerk about the trees in the Cemetery overhanging her garden. The members instructed the Clerk to contact David Thrower to visit the property and report back to the Clerk.

The Clerk reported that a contact had been drawn up for Steve but would confirm with the Chairman that it was suitable. It was agreed by all that if the Chairman was satisfied then the Clerk could send it to Steve.

The Clerk reported that the Royal British Legion had contacted her to request if the Parish Council wished them to arrange the Remembrance Parade on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2009. It was agreed by all that this would be acceptable and as well as donating £25 for the wreath a further £75 would be donated from the section 137 budget to help towards the cost of the band.

**23. Village Cleaning Operative Report**

Cllr Goodson reported that Steve wished to highlight that the bin in New Road still had not been replaced and the liner in the bin in Peddars Close was missing. Steve was also concerned that the Tetrapak bin was always overflowing. Cllr Plummer reported that the bin would be emptied more frequently in the future.

**24. Councillor Reports**

Cllr McFruin wished to have the Village Hall Canopy discussed at a future date, as previously discussed this is a matter for the Village Hall Management Committee.

Cllr Reeve reported that the lights had been fixed at All Saints Church in Ixworth Thorpe and an invoice for the work would follow shortly.

Cllr Laughton wondered if it was possible to get sponsorship of the roundabouts near Ixworth. The Clerk reported that it had been looked at previously and Suffolk County Council was not interested.

**25. Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting would now be 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009 for two items – Website and LDF response.

The next full Council meeting would be 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

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Date