

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 10th February 2010 at 7:30pm

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

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), B Cllr John Griffiths, PC Tina Fairness, Sgt Kevin Jay and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Plummer a personal interest in item 13.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meetings (January 13th 2010) as a true record of that meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

4. Public Forum

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

5. Report from C Cllr Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer was unable to attend and sent her apologies. C Cllr reported via email that the waiting restrictions (yellow lines) for the High Street had been passed, and so had the new footpath by the school.

6. Report from B Cllr John Griffiths

B Cllr Griffiths reported that unfortunately the Council tax would rise by 1.9% this year, the Borough Council were unable to freeze it as they had the previous year.

B Cllr Griffiths also commented on the Governments decision about reorganisation of local Government in Suffolk. B Cllr Griffiths was very pleased that the Government had decided to leave Suffolk as it is, rather than choosing the Boundary Committee suggestion of 'One Suffolk'. B Cllr Griffiths assured the Parish Council that St Edmundsbury would be keep working with other Borough Councils to save tax payers money.

7. Report of Local Police Officer

Sgt Kevin Jay and PC Tina Fairness were present, see attached report.

Meeting Reconvened

8. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Wages	£824.70
R Estlea (VH Toilet)	£ 60.00
Anglian Health & Safety	£353.32
John A Welton	£134.06

R McFruin (stationary) £ 55.49
PWLB (direct debit) £3116.90

9. Planning Applications

SE/10/0104 –Erection of conservatory to rear elevation – 9 Carpenter Close, Ixworth, IP31
2FX –

No Objection

10. Determined Applications

SE/09/1440 – Erection of single storey front extension and car port – Sunnyside, Commister Lane -

Granted

SE/09/1564 – Erection of single storey side and rear extension – 4 Peacock Rise -

Granted

TCA09/1859 – Fell one Conifer tree – Stockacre House -

Granted

TCA10/1863 – Fell one Leylandii tree – Nurses House -

Granted

SE/09/ - Proposed footpath for access to pre-school – Ixworth Middle School –

Granted

11. Play Area

The Clerk reported that a third company had been contacted for a quote. The Suffolk Play Builder application had to be in by 31st May 2010 at the very latest. It was suggested by the Clerk that once the third quote had been received that an open evening be organised to show the Village the plans. The Clerk also reported that another application for Lottery funding would be sent ASAP.

12. Bus Shelter in Ixworth Thorpe

The Clerk reported that Paul Horne from Suffolk County Council would be contacting the Council shortly to arrange a convenient time to visit Ixworth Thorpe to confirm the placement of the bus shelter. Cllr Wilson agreed to meet him.

13. Ixworth Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan

It was agreed that the members would study the document and form their comments at the meeting in March.

14. Robins Copse

The Clerk reported that the work on the trees that are close to Hill Top House still had not been completed due to the recent weather but hopefully it would be completed by the next meeting.

15. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received in the previous two months - **Lisa Reynolds (Havebury)** – walkabouts (2nd March) **Alan Jones (traffic Man)** – A14 closures **St Eds** – play area inspection **Suffolk Acre** – new contact details **Salc** – Results of Annual surveys **Suffolk Pres Soc** - latest Suffolk View **Boundary Committee War Memorial Trusts** - Invitation to conference **St Eds** – Core Strategy **St Eds** – LDF newsletter **Age Concern** - cold weather advice **Hedgerow Survey** – latest newsletter **West Suffolk Wheelers** – cycle race 3rd May 2010.

16. Chairman's Report

The Chairman had nothing to report this month.

17. Clerks Report

The clerk reported that she was still chasing St Eds and Suffolk County Council about the two bins and road signs that need replacing. The new grit bins had been ordered and hopefully

would be installed by the next meeting. The Clerk requested some help from Councillors to update the list seats owned and looked after by the Parish Council and update the details of the insurance document. Cllr Sharpe offered to complete the seating plan and Cllr McFruin offered to help the Clerk with the insurance document. The Clerk asked permission to place a small article in the magazine about the website, permission was given.

The Clerk also reported that as a piece of equipment in the play area was damaged, the Clerk was instructed as a matter of health and safety to get the equipment repaired ASAP. The Clerk reported that Bob Bishop had contacted her about the refurbishment of the notice boards, each be cost approximately £200, the clerk was instructed to inform Mr Bishop to repair the two that are in the worst condition.

18. Councillors Reports

Cllr Wilson requested that the pot holes on the A1088 by the Church needed reporting.

Cllr Shelton reported that the surface of Crown Lane and Commister Lane was still cause for concern. Cllr Shelton also reported that the Village Hall Management Committee have got a new Secretary.

Cllr Reeve reported that the Church clock was nearly completed and would hopefully be striking soon. Cllr Reeve requested the opinion of the Council members on the clock striking after midnight. This item for discussion will be added to the agenda in March.

Cllr Reeve also reported that the permissive footpath was still not open as the trees had not been cleared. It was suggested that C Cllr Spicer be approached again to find out when this work would be completed. Once the path was open the leaflet showing the route still had to be printed, Cllrs McFruin and Fairgrieve suggested that the present circular walk of the Village be included.

Cllr Goodson reported that the young offender who was going to work with Steve still had not completed any work. Cllr Goodson reported the bin had been put back outside the butchers as the Village Stores owner had installed a new bin outside the shop and confirmed that they were going to be responsible for emptying it. Cllr Goodson requested the Clerk supply her with the figures of how much the outside toilet had cost to run this financial year.

Cllr McFruin reported that nothing had been completed on the website that Mr Lord was constructing, it was agreed by all to put this item back onto the agenda in March. Cllr McFruin wished to know on the progress of the cobbled area in the High St, Cllrs Wilson and Laughton reported that they were having a meeting soon and this item would be on the March agenda.

Cllr McFruin suggested that the Parish Council pay for the clearing of the path near the permissive footpath, it was suggested by members that he seek a quote for this work.

Cllr Sharpe reported that he had ordered various trees from the 'free tree scheme' for the area near the permissive footpath. Cllr Sharpe reported that help was needed to plant these trees, Cllrs Laughton and McFruin offered to help. Cllr Sharpe reported that the hedge near Peacock Rise had been trimmed by Havebury Housing. Cllr Sharpe also requested that James Chapman (Anglian Tree Solutions) be approached to get a quote for the work needed in the Churchyard.

19. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is 10th March 2010.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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Date