

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer, B Cllr John Griffiths, Mr Gerard Brown and Mrs Louise Blackley.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Wilson, Laughton and N Plummer.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Reeve declared a personal interest in item 9.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meetings held on 10th August 2011 as a true record of that meeting.

Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

Mr Gerard Brown, Chairman of Governors, Ixworth Middle School wished to update the Parish Council on the changes to the school system in Suffolk. Mr Brown stated that a lot was happening and things changed on a daily basis but once there was any firm information he would inform the Parish Council. C Cllr Spicer confirmed that Suffolk County Council Committee has authorised the money needed to complete the school review.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

The following report was received by email;

IXWORTH CRIMES

Theft of pedal cycle – 14/07/11 – Insecure bike taken from communal area of residential building, no suspects identified.

Burglary other building – 15/07/11 – Insecure Garage entered and bikes stolen from within, no suspects identified

Burglary other building – 15/07/11 – Insecure Garage entered and bikes stolen from within, suspect arrested but released and dealt with for take or ride pedal cycle without owners consent, as insufficient evidence for burglary other building.

Theft of pedal Cycle – 22/07/11 – Insecure bike stolen, no suspects identified

Theft of pedal cycle – 28/07/11 – Insecure bike stolen, no suspects identified

Make off without payment – 29/07/11- Unknown offenders left hotel without making payment

Assault occasioning ABH – 01/08/11 – Youths had argument on playing fields resulting in one receiving minor injuries, dealt with by community resolution of words of advice.

Take conveyance other than motor vehicle without owners consent – 29/07/11 – Insecure bike stolen then recovered the next day, no suspects identified.

Priority setting meeting

The next priority setting meeting will be 7.30pm on 8th of December at Ixworth village hall

Feel free to contact us on 01473 613500 or e mail stedsruralnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer reported on the following;

Police/Fire Station – Agreement had now been made between the fire station and the police station over the extension of the fire station. Planning would soon be sought to extend the fire station so that the police station could be incorporated within it.

Nettisham Heath – Suffolk Wildlife Park have agreed to take over the running of the heath, all animals had been safely re-homed for the winter but would return in the spring.

Permissive Footpath – A new route for the footpath had now been agreed between Cllr Reeve and Suffolk County Council. Once all the legal details were once again in place new signs and leaflets could once again be discussed.

Ixworth Library – C Cllr agreed with the PC to leave the expression of interest with Suffolk County Council but not to go forward with running of the library.

Suffolk Schools – Suffolk County Council would be holding a consultation about schools in the near future and requested that once the consultation was announced the Parish Council adds this item to their agenda for discussion. This was agreed by the Chairman. C Cllr agreed with Mr Brown that things were changing on a daily basis but C Cllr would like to suggest that Ixworth Middle School become an annexe for Thurston High School rather than Beyton. C Cllr sought the support of the PC to carry this idea forward, this was agreed by all members.

Other Matters – C Cllr apologised for the extra traffic through Ixworth while the by-pass was being resurfaced and Suffolk County Council were currently holding a budget consultation.

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths reported that St Edmundsbury Borough Council is in the process of installing solar panels on many of their buildings as a long term measure to save money. St Eds were also holding a consultation of other ideas to reduce costs within the Council.

B Cllr Griffiths also reported that at present, a Business Festival was being held within the Borough, which is all good publicity for the area. Various events were being held around the area in connection with this festival.

During the weekend of 17th/18th September the 'Around Britain Cycle Race' was passing through Bury St Edmunds.

Meeting Reconvened

9. Permissive Footpath

Cllr Reeve agreed to discuss with Claire Dickson the Rights of Way Officer about moving the kissing gate from near the pumping station. It was agreed to liaise with Cllr Reeve on the signage and leaflets now that the new route had been agreed. As previously agreed Cllrs N Plummer, Shelton and McFruin would work on this project.

10. Highway Issues

The clerk confirmed that Guy Smith attended a walk around the village with Cllrs McFruin, Laughton and Lord to discuss various worries the PC had about highway issues within the village. Mr Smith agreed to write a report on the discussion which would be sent to the Parish Council at a later date.

11. Local Development Framework

A discussion was held on various aspects of the Local Development Framework highlighting especially on the Crown Lane Development. It was agreed to hold a public meeting on 2nd November 2011 at 7pm in the village hall to seek further views of the residents of Ixworth. C Cllr Spicer agreed to work with the PC to compile a questionnaire to give to residents. The clerk was instructed to place an article in the village magazine.

12. Planning Applications

SE/11/0968 – Installation of garage door to existing 3 sided enclosed carport-15 Fordham Place, Ixworth, IP31 2GJ

No Objection

SE/11/0992 – (i) fell one Norway Maple tree (ii) crown thin one Wild Cherry tree by 30% and crown lift to approx 3 metres (iii) pollard one Laburnum tree to approx 1.5 metres (iv) fell one small Laburnum tree – The Barn, 57a High Street, Ixworth, IP31 2HN

No Objection

SE/11/1005 – Retention of carport – Land to rear of 86-88 High Street, Ixworth, IP31 2HN

No Objection

It was agreed to have an extra planning meeting on 6th October at 7pm to discuss the planning application received for Dover Farm, Stow Road. The clerk was instructed to place an article in the village magazine informing residents of the extra meeting.

13. Determined Applications

None.

14. Correspondence

Ten items of correspondence had been received during the month – 3 from S.C.C., 1 from Suffolk Acre, 1 from Suffolk Preservation Society, 1 from St Eds, 1 from SALC, 1 from Steve Wilson, 1 from Mr John Sharpe and 1 from Ixworth Village Hall Management Committee. It was agreed to pass Mr Sharpe letter referring to trip hazards within the village to Suffolk County Council highways department. It was agreed to reply to St Edmundsbury Borough Council with reference to the PC Conference being held on 20th October 2011.

15. Accounts

It was agreed to pay the following accounts;

Chq No's 574/576	Wages	£958.60
Chq No 576	H M Rev & Customs	£365.58
Chq No 577	Anglian Water	£32.53
Chq No 578	John A Welton	£261.60
Chq No 579	A Adlington	£104.65

16. Play Area

The clerk wished to remind all members that the official opening of the toddler area would take place on 17th September 2011 at 12.15pm.

It was also agreed to re-install the picnic bench, install another bench and install a litter bin near the large swing.

17. Village Notice Boards

Cllr McFruin produced a report on the cost of the refurbishing the notice boards and the cost of two new notice boards. A discussion was held and it was resolved to refurbish the notice boards at Street Farm Lane, Peddars Close and Scott Road and to remove the notice boards from Thistledown Drive, Commister Lane and Peacock Rise. It was also agreed to install a new lockable notice boards for Parish Council use at the entrance of the village hall and a new notice board in Ixworth Thorpe. A total spend of £2550 was agreed to carry out this project. Cllr McFruin was instructed to have the work of removing and refurbishment of notice boards completed straight away but to wait, until permission had been sought from S.C.C. highways department, for the installation of the new notice board near the village hall and Ixworth Thorpe.

18. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that Havebury Housing had trimmed the hedge in Stow Road.

19. Clerks Report

No report.

20. Councillors Reports

Cllr McFruin made a report on behalf of V H Management Committee in Cllr Laughton's absence. The committee are looking into expanding the recycling area to raise extra revenue, also into replacing the windows and various jobs have been completed around the village hall.

Cllr Lord reported that Cllr Laughton, Mr Sharpe and he had visited the cemetery and some items needed to be looked at, Cllr Lord requested this item be added to a future agenda. Cllr Reeve suggested that some top soil be delivered to site. Cllr Lord also reported that he had become the village correspondent for Radio Suffolk.

21. Date of Next Meeting

6th October 2011 at 7pm in Ixworth Village Hall (planning only)

12th October 2011 at 7.30pm at Ixworth Village Hall.

22. 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.

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Date