

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 9th March 2011 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), C Cllr Joanna Spicer and eight members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

B Cllr John Griffiths MBE.

2. Declarations of Interest

Personal interests was declared by Cllrs Sharpe, Laughton, McFruin, Fairgrieve and Reeve for item 17 – Ixworth Village Hall.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meetings (February 9th 2011) as a true record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Cllr Goodson requested if any replies had been received from the land owner and Suffolk County Council about the bridle path near Hemyard Bridge. The clerk responded that no correspondence had been received. C Cllr Spicer stated that she had spoken to Claire Dickson Suffolk County Councils rights of way officer and she had the matter in hand.

Meeting adjourned

5. Public Forum

Mr Ben Lord attended to highlight his concerns about parking in Peacock Rise.
Mr Morley, Mr Mackintosh and Mr Roper attended to highlight their concerns over the play area.
Mr Sellers attended to highlight his concerns over the bridle path near Hemyard Bridge.
Mr Morley, Mr Mackintosh, Mr Roper and Mr Sellers then left the meeting.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

The following report was received by email with apologies for non attendance:

Current St Edmundsbury Rural North Priorities

Priority 1 – Anti Social Behaviour in Stanton and criminal damage in the area of the War Memorial and Duke Street.

Priority 2 – Speeding in Great Barton, Sapiston, Stanton, Honington (including RAF) and Nethergate Street Hopton.

Priority 3 – Anti Social Behaviour in Orchard Close, Ley Road and Meadow Way Barrow.

Ixworth police station opening times are changing from the 1st of December; they will now be 9-11am on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Crime Report for Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council Meeting

From 09/02/11– 09/03/11

1. 17/02/11 – Go Equipped for Stealing – A1088 – Pending Investigation.
2. 03-05/02/11 – Criminal Damage – High Street – Undetected.
3. 08/03/11 – Cause Harassment/Alarm/Distress – Section 5 – Ixworth Stores – Detected.

7. Report from C Cllr Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer reported on the situation of local bus routes. Route 315 that runs through Ixworth Thorpe looked as if it was being discontinued but Suffolk County Council are currently in discussions with a volunteer community group to take on the route and supply a community bus. It was agreed to invite Mr McGill to the Ixworth Thorpe Annual Parish meeting on 13th April to discuss this matter. Cllr Spicer agreed to arrange this invite. Also, Mulleys have applied to run route 103 that goes to Ipswich on a Tuesday. C

8. Report from Representative from Ixworth Village Hall Management Committee.

Unfortunately, a representative had been unable to attend so Cllr Sharpe gave a report in item 17.

Meeting reconvened

9. Ixworth Library

The Chairman reported that the meeting arranged by C Cllr Spicer with representatives from the village hall committee, Ixworth head librarian and Suffolk County Council members had been very productive and informative.

It was agreed to have the following format for the public meeting on 16th March 2011.

The Chairman and C Cllr Spicer would make a small opening address to those attending. After that attendees would be encouraged to write their ideas on large boards placed around the hall and discuss these ideas with Parish Councillors.

10. Play Area

After considerable and lengthy discussions about all options open to members with reference to the large swing in the newly refurbished play area the following points were resolved.

It was resolved, unanimously, to leave the large swing in the current position. It was then resolved unanimously, not to remove the swing from the play area. It was resolved

unanimously to enter an article in the village magazine to inform all residents of the village to the Parish Councils final decision. The clerk was instructed to write a reply to Matthew Hancock MP.

It was proposed Cllr sharpe , seconded by Cllr Wilson that the boundary fence behind the small play area be refurbished with new fencing and hedging. Cllr Sharpe was instructed to speak with the residents as it involved their boundary fencing.

It was resolved to go ahead with the refurbishment of the small play area using plans from previous consultations. The clerk was instructed to speak with Playdale to place the order.

11. Local Development Framework

Due to the confidentiality of information being discussed it was decided to move this item to the bottom of the agenda.

12 Planning Applications

SE/11/0114 –Provision of hard standing areas and associated soil storage bund – Ixworth Unit, Sandy Lane, Pakenham IP31 2LY **No objection**

SE/11/0178 – Replacement conservatory on rear elevation – 19 Peasecroft Road, Ixworth, IP31 2EZ **No objection**

13. Determined Applications

SE/11/0014 – Erection of single storey rear extension – 20 Coddington Way, Ixworth, IP31 2ET. **Granted**

SE/11/0092 – Fell one Sycamore tree and eight Leylandii trees – 37 High Street, Ixworth, IP31 2HJ **Granted**

14. Correspondence

Five items of correspondence had been received since the last meeting. One from Matthew Hancock MP, the Suffolk Acre winter update, two from Suffolk County Council about waste centre closures and Fire & Rescue Risk Management Plan and one from a resident in Peacock Rise requesting information about parking at the village Hall, this letter was passed to the village hall management committee.

15. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 524/525	Wages	£866.49
Chq No 526	H M Revenue & Customs	£389.03
Chq No 527	Anglian Water	£32.40
Chq No 528	D Thrower	£1560
Chq No 529	Ixworth Village Hall	£166.00
Chq No 530	A Adlington	£160.45

The Annual effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out. It was resolved that the internal auditor was sufficiently independent, unbiased and objective and is competent of carrying out the internal audit. All internal practices suggested by internal auditor, such as cheque numbers being included in the minutes have been carried out. All members are aware when accounts have to be finalised and internal auditing reviews have to be completed. All members are aware of responsibilities of members, clerk and the RFO.

16. Robin's Copse

Cllr Laughton requested the official opening be altered from 31st March 2011 to 16th April 2011, this was agreed by all. Cllr Laughton will contact the wildlife group to arrange.

17. Village Hall

Cllr Sharpe reported that many of the smaller projects were near completion or had been completed such as the redecoration of the changing rooms, redecorating the men's toilet, a thorough clean throughout the building and re-plastering and painting of the bar area. However, now that some of the smaller projects had been finished the committee were moving on to larger refurbishments such as the heating system, the kitchen and the disabled access into the building. As these projects are so expensive funding was being sought.

18. Chairman's Report

The Chairman wished to highlight her concerns about the damage being caused to the flint wall at 12 Stow Road during the construction of the new houses. Cllr Sharpe stated that St Edmundsbury planning department had been in touch with him to assure him and the Council that the wall would be made good once the building work was completed.

The Chairman also wished to comment on the pot holes in and around Ixworth. Cllr Sharpe and Cllr Laughton volunteered to carry out a survey of the pot holes and compile a list to present to Suffolk County Council highways department.

19. Clerks Report

The clerk informed Councillors that she had received election packs for the upcoming election on 5th May 2011. The clerk also wanted to confirm that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Wednesday 20th April at 7pm. The clerk as previously instructed, had contacted Simon Pickering with reference to the assistance in funding the 'Wos Up' project. Mr Pickering stated that he may be looking at requesting up to £1000 to extend the project from six to twelve weeks. It was resolved that the Council would be happy to contribute as long as the Parish Council had confirmation that the sessions would be better advertised than the previous year and the Parish Council were informed in good time of the dates so that they could also advertise the sessions. The clerk had also received the invitation to this years Parish Council Conference to be held on 12th May at Stanton. The Council are entitled to send four representatives this year, the clerk requested that any Councillor wishing to attend would need to let the clerk know so she could book their place.

20. Councillors Report

Cllr Fairgrieve highlighted her concerns about the pot holes in the village.
Cllr Shelton highlighted her concerns about the condition of the notice boards.
Cllr Wilson highlighted her concerns about the lights at Ixworth Thorpe Church not working. Cllr Reeve explained that the timer was faulty, it was resolved to get the timer repaired.
Cllr Goodson reported that vehicles had been using the pedestrian through way from Street Farm Lane to Thetford Road even though it had bollards erected. It was resolved to report this matter to the Police.
Cllr Sharpe wished to bring to the members' attention that the by-pass was 25years old.

21. Date of the Next Meetings

13th April 2011 Ixworth Thorpe Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm
13th April 2011 Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm
(Both to be held at Frederick Hiam Estate Office)

It was resolved 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.

11. Local Development Framework

It was resolved to invite representatives from St Edmundsbury Borough Council to speak with the Parish Council to discuss all points raised in this discussion. The Clerk was instructed to arrange meeting.

With no further business the meeting closed at 1025pm.

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