

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 8th June 2011 at 7:30pm

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

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer, PCSO Burke and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr S Wilson and B Cllr John Griffiths MBE.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Laughton declared a personal interest in item 16 and Cllr Reeve declared a personal interest in item 10.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meetings held on May 11th 2011 as a true record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

None.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

Miss Calaby of New Road also wished to highlight her concerns to the Parish Council over the matter of speeding in New Road.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

IXWORTH THORPE;

1 Crime reported between 11/05/11 and 08/06/11...

07/06/11 – Theft, from Motor Vehicle – Field Barn Road

- During morning hours an unknown offender has removed two rucksacks and various sets of keys from a parked, insecure van. Crime has been finalised.

IXWORTH;

2 Crimes reported between 11/05/11 and 08/06/11...

12/05/11 – Criminal Damage, other – High Street

- No Publicity

15/05/11 – Theft, other – St Mary's Church

- During daylight hours an unknown offender has removed a Gas candle lighter from within the vestry. Crime has been finalised.

SPEEDING – NEW ROAD

At my recent Police Surgery at the Library on Saturday morning I was approached by a resident of New Road expressing her concerns regarding excess speed in New Road. Residents also highlighted this when I did my street a week questionnaire last year.

I have confirmed with my Sergeant (Kevin Jay) that New Road is not an area in which we can conduct speed checks so therefore we are unable to enforce speeding offences in New Road. I have suggested to the resident that this is raised at the next Parish council meeting to see if it is financially viable to put speed bumps in New road as a Traffic calming measure, this has been successful in Hopton road, Barningham with the financial help of Havebury housing and Cllr Joanna Spicer.

A discussion took place and it was decided to request that PCSO Burke arrange a community meeting with residents, SCC, Havebury Housing and the Parish Council to discuss any measures that may resolve this problem. C Cllr Spicer stated she would invite John Noble from SCC to attend.

7. Report from County Cllr Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer reported that she was attending a meeting on 23rd June at 3pm at the Police station to discuss the changes that are to take place at the fire and police station. C Cllr wished to invite a member of the Parish Council along to attend, Cllr Lord volunteered and this was agreed by all present.

C Cllr Spicer also wished to report that the A1088 would be closed overnight on 18th/19th/20th June overnight for highway repairs.

C Cllr Spicer also wished to report that discussion was being held with all interested parties in Ixworth Court and hopefully there would be news in the near future.

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

No report.

Meeting Reconvened

9. Ixworth Library

C Cllr Spicer reported that SCC had replied to the 'Expression of Interest' had been received and hoped there would be more response in July. The clerk confirmed that a letter had been received and was included in correspondence for all Councillors to view.

10. Permissive Footpath

C Cllr Spicer felt that now the footpath clearance had taken place, and the footpath was available for members of the public to walk, a leaflet needed to be completed to advertise the walk. It was resolved that the permissive footpath be referred to as 'Ixworth Riverside Walk'. It was also resolved for Cllrs McFruin, N Plummer and Shelton to meet and rewrite an old leaflet that Cllr McFruin has and bring it to the next meeting for C Cllr Spicer to take to Claire Dickson who may help to arrange the printing etc.

11. Play Area

The clerk reported that work had been started on phase two of the play area refurbishment. It was agreed that there would be an opening event similar to phase one and a date would be confirmed at the next meeting.

The letter received from the village hall with the new suggested rental costs for the play area was also discussed. It was resolved to agree to the increase for the current area and the rental for the extended area. It was resolved not to become responsible for the area next to the extension containing the trees near the Crown Crescent fences. The clerk was instructed to inform the Chairman of the VH management committee.

12. Planning Applications

SE/11/0571 – TCA11/2111 – Coppice one group of Ash trees (T1) and one double stemmed Ash tree (T2) – The Mill, Ixworth, IP31 2JN **No Objection**

SE/11/0604 – Provision of window in north east elevation, 82a High Street, Ixworth, IP31 **No Objection**

SE/11/0428 – (i) provision of external staircase to access room above car port (ii) replacement brick and flint wall to front boundary – 12A & 12B Stow Road, Ixworth **Objection**

13. Determined Applications

SE/11/0436 – Erection of extension to clubhouse – Bowls Pavilion, Ixworth **Granted**

SE/11/0394 – Reduce height to 5 Sycamore trees - The Langridge, High Street, Ixworth **Granted**

SE/11/0238 – Erection of single storey rear and two storey side extension – 110 High Street, Ixworth, IP31 2HN **Granted**

14. Correspondence

Twelve items of correspondence were received during the past month. Two from SCC, three from the village hall management committee, three from Suffolk SNT, two from St Edmundsbury Borough Council, one from Mr Thornton a resident of Stow Road and one from Suffolk Acre.

15. Accounts

The following items were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 548/549	Wages	£958.60
Chq No 550	H M Rev & Customs (tax/NI)	£364.98
Chq No 551	RBA Solutions (audit)	£240
Chq No 552	A Adlington (printer)	£275.99
Chq No 553	G Palastanga	£31.30
Chq No 554	D Gort	£1648.00
Chq No 555	A Adlington (expenses)	£145.77
Chq No 556	Tripp Batt	£21.96

The RFO presented the end of year accounts to members. The annual review of the system of internal control was carried out. It was agreed that even though a problem had occurred, which had been rectified immediately, the system was now sound. It was resolved that section two of the external form, the Annual Governance Statement, be completed and then signed by the Clerk and Chairman. It was resolved that the RFO and Chairman also sign section one, the Accounting Statements and return to BDO the external auditors.

16. Ixworth Village Hall

The Chairman explained that the clerk and she had attended the AGM of Ixworth Village Hall Management Committee. The Chairman felt that attendance was important to explain the Parish Council's status within the village hall. The Chairman stated that the clerk had presented a report stating that the Parish Council were only Custodian Trustees and had no power what so ever over the committee and over the last few months the PC had not been running the village hall. The clerk confirmed that Cllr Nick Laughton was the official representative of the Parish Council on the village hall management committee as agreed in December 2010 meeting.

17. Robin's Copse

Cllr Laughton confirmed that the official opening of Robin's Copse would be 25th June 2011 at 2.30pm.

18. Peacock Rise

The clerk read an email received from Havebury Housing with reference to parking in Peacock Rise and the latest walk around Ixworth. Havebury felt that at present they were not able to consider the problem without full backing of other organisations. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with all concerned parties, during an evening if possible, to discuss whether there is any options open to alleviate the parking problems.

19. Chairman's Report

No further report.

20. Clerks Report

The clerk reported that the village hall committee had given permission to install a post box for Parish Council use within the village hall. The clerk was instructed to purchase a post box and get it installed. The clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from the new sub-postmistress of the post office requesting a letter of support for grant applications to improve the post office, this was agreed by all and the clerk was instructed to write a letter as soon as possible. The clerk confirmed that the 'Wos Up' project had started attending Ixworth and would continue for the next 12 weeks.

21. Councillors Report

Cllr Lord enquired if the overgrown hedges in Walsham road had been reported, the clerk confirmed that they had but would chase to have the work completed.

Cllr Shelton requested if a fuller discussion of the conditions of the notice boards could take place. It was agreed to put this item on the agenda in July.

Cllr Reeve wished to report that the fly tipping rubbish in Wood St was still there, the clerk stated that she would chase SCC to remove. Cllr Reeve also reported that David Thrower had reported rubbish in St Mary's Churchyard.

Cllr Laughton requested a letter of support be sent to Steve Wilson for the good work that he has doing for the Parish Council, this was agreed by all and the clerk was instructed to write to Steve. An email report from Steve had also been received which would be included in correspondence for the Councillors to view.

Cllr McFruin requested if the missing bridle way sign in Commister Lane had been reported, the clerk confirmed that it had.

Cllr Anderson requested that if SCC did not trim the over hanging bushes in Walsham Road then the owner of the land be approached to complete the work.

Cllr N Plummer had been approached to request having the basketball hoop reinstalled in the village hall car park. Members suggested getting letters from the people concerned and then approaching the management committee. Cllr Reeve stated that in his store he had a new hoop if needed as a pair had been purchased but only one installed. Cllr N Plummer also requested if it was possible to have the One-Suffolk Parish Council website address published in the village magazine. Cllr N Plummer also wished to report that the road sign in Crown Crescent was covered in graffiti.

22. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is 13th July 2011 in Ixworth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 10.20 pm

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Date