

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 10th March 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, and Nick Laughton.

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Fairgrieve.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meetings (February 10th 2010) as a true record of that meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

4. Public Forum

Mr Ben Lord passed to the Council a letter requesting payment of the grant the Parish Council agreed to on 28th September 2009 of £750 towards the cost of a village website.

5. Report of County Councillor Joanna Spicer

C Cllr sent her apologies.

6. Report of Borough Councillor John Griffiths

B Cllr Griffiths sent his apologies.

7. Report of Local Police Officer

No report.

Meeting reconvened

8. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Wages	£824.50
H M Rev & Customs	£330.67
Paul Brown (tree lights)	£317.25
Haward Horological	£4890
Dent Security	£106.95
Anglian Water	£ 31.50
Anglian H & S	£117.44
Clerks Expenses	£176.60
Ixworth Village Hall	£140.00
D Thrower	£1400.00
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It was agreed by members that the final payment of £1400 for year 2009/10 grass cutting contract be withheld until David Thrower has completed all work stated in the contract specification. Cllr Sharpe would check all work has been completed and then sign the cheque and forward it to Mr Thrower.

9. Planning Applications

SE/10/0179 - TCA10/1878 - Trees in Conservation Area Notification - Fell one Leylandii tree and one Oak tree - Sunny side, Commister Lane, Ixworth **Objection to Oak tree being felled**

10. Determined Applications

<i>TCA10/1863</i> – Nurses House, Thetford Rd – Fell one Leylandii tree -	Granted
<i>SE/09/1559</i> – Provision of Headworks – Stanton Borehole No 6 -	Granted
<i>SE/10/0104</i> –Erection of conservatory to rear elevation – 9 Carpenter Close, Ixworth, IP31 <i>2FX</i> -	Granted

11. Play Area

A new design for Playdale along with costings was shown to the Council. It was agreed to go ahead and apply for funding with this design. It was agreed to hold a public meeting on 13th April between 3.30pm and 7.30pm in the village hall for all residents to attend and the Clerk was instructed to place an advert in the Village Magazine.

12. St Mary’s Church

The Clerk produced quotes that she had received for the cost of the scaffolding needed for the work on the dial restoration of the clock face. It was agreed to accept the lower quote. The Clerk was also instructed to contact Hawards and Cumbria Clock to ascertain if the previous quotes for this work were still valid. The Clerk would bring this information along to the next meeting where a decision would be made as to who to award the contract to. The striking of the Church clock was also discussed, a letter from a resident requesting the clock to strike 24hrs a day was read out. It was decided to place an article in the village magazine requesting resident’s views on whether they preferred the clock to strike 24hrs a day or be switched off for a limited amount of time during the night. Once views had been collected then a decision would be made at the next meeting.

13. Permissive Footpath

Cllr McFruin and Cllr Laughton produced quotes of £11,248 and £5691 (inc VAT) for clearance of the footpath. It was agreed by all to send these quotes to SCC along with the Parish Councils concerns that the footpath section that is on their land, that had not yet been cleared, was dangerous for the members of the public already using the footpath.

14. Cobbled Area in High Street

Cllr Laughton had received an email from Charlie Mitson with reference to suggested material for the cobbled area. Members agreed to material suggested and Cllr Laughton was to contact Mt Mitson.

15. Ixworth Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan

Cllr McFruin stated that he had attended the drop in meeting and had stayed for quite some time and reported that not many residents had attended the meeting. All members had read the suggested document and the Clerk was instructed to forward the following comments to St Edmundsbury Council;

- a) Congratulations on such a sensible document
- b) Should Black Bourne be one word or separate words
- c) The Moat near the Abbey had not been mentioned at all
- d) Had Pakenham Parish Council been consulted on the changes in their Parish

16. Robins Copse

Cllr Laughton reported that a combination of the two favoured designs for the notice boards had been chosen. Cllr Laughton also reported that he had been approached by the school as to whether tables and chairs could be installed, the members felt this was not an option. Cllr Laughton also reported that the Wildlife group would be having a meeting soon and he would report back with any further information.

17. Website

A letter had been received earlier in the meeting and it was agreed to raise a cheque for £750 at the next meeting.

18. Bus Shelter in Ixworth Thorpe

Cllr Wilson reported that she had met with Paul Horne of SCC along with the Clerk and residents of Ixworth Thorpe to discuss the installation of a new bus shelter. Paul Horne had sent a quote for £6040 for the work to be carried out. The cost of the work was higher than expected due to the fact that both sides of the road had to have extensive work on positioning of raised kerbs enabling passengers to get on and off the bus safely. Cllr Wilson proposed and was seconded by Cllr Sharpe that the Parish Council pays for this work to be completed. The proposal was carried.

19. Correspondence

Seven pieces of correspondence had been received this month, two from St Eds, one from Forest Heath Council, one from St Eds Newstalk charity, one from SCC, one from greener communities and one from the Village Hall Management Committee.

20. Chairman's Report

The Chairman wanted to highlight her concern with the number of advertisement boards on the side of the road as you drive around the ring road of the village, and also the amount of litter also on the verges. The Chairman felt that this was not a very good image for the Ixworth. The Chairman also was concerned that the bin outside the chip shop always seemed overflowing and wondered if it was possible to get the Borough Council to replace it with a larger one to help relieve this problem. The Chairman also requested that when Cllrs Sharpe and Laughton photographed the trees around the village would they also take photos of all the pot holes around the village at the same time. Cllrs Sharpe and Laughton agreed to this.

21. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that the new grit bins had been installed and were awaiting filling, and she was still chasing new bins for New Rd and Pedders Close. SCC had contacted the Clerk informing the Council that the new sign for Abbey Close and Carpenters Close would be

installed soon. Bob Springham from the Ixworth Relief in Need had been in touch about a volunteer to be the Parish Councils nominee, the Clerk was instructed to write formally inviting this volunteer to be the Parish Councils nominee. The Clerk had received a telephone call from a Mr Birrell who was concerned about the Walnut tree in the Churchyard overhanging his conservatory, Cllr Sharpe informed the members that this tree would be dealt with when the latest tree work proposed was carried out in the near future, once quotes had all been received.

22. Councillors Reports

Cllr Wilson reported the drain opposite her farm entrance was blocked and was concerned that the water that was accumulating was freezing and becoming very dangerous.

Cllr Shelton reported residents were still concerned about the condition of Crown Lane.

Cllr Laughton requested that twinning be added to the agenda in April.

Cllr Reeve requested if he could destroy the concrete grit box in his yard belonging to the Parish Council. This was agreed by all. Cllr Reeve also presented the Parish Council with copies of the permissive footpath for filing.

Cllr Goodson reported that Steve was concerned about the Christmas trees still in the Village Hall car park and the excessive amount of dog fouling in the High Street.

Cllr McFruin reported that it had been highlighted to him that the cottage next to Mulleys garage was being used as a commercial car park. Cllr McFruin had also been approached once again about moving the residents over the bridge in Bury Rd into Ixworth Parish rather than Pakenham Parish.

Cllr Sharpe reported that he had attended the Havebury housing walkabout in the village and was concerned that they did not realise that some houses Peacock Rise and Stow Rd belong to them. Cllr Sharpe requested that he place an article in the magazine in reference to the A14 road closures on behalf of the Parish Council, this was agreed by all. Cllr Sharpe also reported that people had been parking in front of the cemetery gates which may cause problems if a funeral were to be taking place. Cllr Sharpe also reported that he would be meeting with James Chapman to discuss the work needed completing in the Churchyard. It was agreed by the Council that if this work was quoted at less than £1500, Cllr Sharpe could authorise this work to go ahead as soon as possible.

23. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 14th April at 7.30pm at Manor Farm, Ixworth Thorpe. This meeting will be preceded by the Ixworth Thorpe Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 10.20pm.

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Date