

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 12th August 2009 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Teresa Plummer (Chairman) Cllr John Sharpe (Vice-Chairman) Cllrs Cathy Goodson, Roy McFruin and Pam Shelton.

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Sophia Wilson, Davis Reeve, Alison Fairgrieve and Nick Laughton

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting (10th June 2009) as a true record of that meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

4. Report of Local Police Officer

SCSO Jonathan Burke was unable to attend the meeting and emailed the report below;

POLICE REPORT

16th July 2009 – 12th August 2009

5 Crimes reported between 16/07/09 and 12/08/09...

21/07/09 – Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle – Micklesmere Drive – **No Publicity**

21/07/09 – Assault occasioning ABH – Reeve Close - **No Publicity**

27/07/09 – Theft other – 4 Garrard Close –

- Overnight a 2ft grey concrete ornament wishing well was removed from the front garden by unknown means

02/08/09 – Wasting Police Time – Crown Lane - **No Publicity**

08/08/09 – Arson – Walsham Road –

- Unknown offenders have set two hay bales alight on the road between Ixworth and Walsham le Willows

Pykerel Car Park –

We are receiving reports from residents that youths are starting to gather in the rear car park of The Pykerel Public House and the play area on the main playing field. Can I please reassure people that we will be dealing with any complaints received.

Parking on the High Street –

An update on the parking issues - 5 more tickets have been issued to vehicles on Double yellows, 4 in the High Street and 1 in Thetford road.

5. Report of County Councillor Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer informed the Council that the discussions about the changes in the school system within Suffolk were still ongoing, and once any definite plans were in place the Parish Council would be informed.

C Cllr Spicer also reported that she would talk to Suffolk County Council to find out why the kissing gates had not been fitted and why the footpath still had not been cleared along the permissive footpath.

Cllr McFruin requested that C Cllr Spicer to also find out any information about a kissing gate being fitted at the entrance to the Churchyard in Commister Lane and also when that footpath would be resurfaced. C Cllr Spicer requested that Cllr McFruin give her any information reference this subject and she would look into it.

6. Report of Borough Councillor John Griffiths

B Cllr Griffiths reported that the next stage of consultation on the Local Development Framework is currently happening and stressed that the Parish Council make their responses promptly.

B Cllr was pleased to report that West Suffolk House has now been officially opened.

B Cllr Griffiths also reported that the restructuring of local government had stalled.

7 Public Forum

Mr Lord wished to highlight that he felt that he was not treated with respect at the previous meeting.

Meeting reconvened

8. Matters from Previous Meeting

Cllr Sharpe requested B Cllr Griffiths enquire as to whether the planning application for the Chip Shop in Thetford Road had been dealt with. B Cllr Griffiths replied he would look into the matter and get back to the Parish Council.

9. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 377/378	Wages	£798.76
Chq N 379	Ixworth Village Hall	£155.00
Chq No 380	SLCC	£105
Chq No 381	SLCC	£ 55.60
Chq No 382	Zurich Insurance	£908.20
Direct Debit (PWLB	£3116.90 (01/09/2009)

10 Planning Applications

SE/09/0820 – Change of use from residential to Class B1 (light industry/office), Beech Cottage, 37 High St, Ixworth, IP31 2HJ **No Objection**

TPO45(1964)10 – Fell one Cypress tree (T1 on plan, within area A1 on Order), Lammas Field, The Paddock, Ixworth, IP31 2HG **No Objection**

SE/09/0861 – Erection of grain store (following demolition of existing farm building), Heath Farm, Heath Road, Ixworth **No Objection**

11. Determined Applications

None

12. St Mary’s Church

It was resolved to go ahead and repair the chimes in St Mary’s Church clock. Quotes had been sought previously by Cllr Reeve and the expenditure would be raised from this year’s current budget.

13. Correspondence

An email had been received from the Secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee with reference to the canopy that was once installed over the Village Hall gates. The Parish Council felt that the Village Hall Management Committee holds a village meeting so that any concerned and interested residents could come along and offer ideas on what to do with the canopy.

The following were also received - *Age Concern* – posters for displaying, contact details, *St Eds* – Annual play equipment inspection plus two monthly inspections, *East Anglian Times* – Request for report/minutes, *St Eds* – Changes to grant policies (with reference to precept), *St Eds* – Gambling Act 2005, consultation document, *St Eds & others* – local government structural review for Suffolk and *Marie Curie* – Donation request

14 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that she had received an estimate from Bob Bishop about repairing the village notice boards. The cost would be approximately £75 - £100 each board depending on the condition of the wood. The Council instructed the Clerk to instruct Mr Bishop to go ahead and repair the notice board he felt was in most need. The Clerk also reported that St Edmundsbury had notified the Council that the telephone kiosk in Stow Road would not be removed.

15. Chairman’s Report

The Chairman reminded the members that Ixworth Relief in Need Charity has requested that the Parish Council nominate someone to sit on their committee. The Chairman requested that for the next meeting Councillors try to think of a suitable candidate.

16. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 9th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

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Chairman

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Date