

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 13th May 2009 at 7.30pm

Present; Cllr Teresa Plummer (Chairman) Cllr John Sharpe (Vice-Chairman)
Cllrs David Reeve, Sophia Wilson, Pam Shelton, Cathy Goodson
Roy McFruin, Alison Fairgrieve.

Also Present; Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer, B Cllr John Griffiths and one member of the public.

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Plummer was proposed by Cllr Reeve and Seconded by Cllr Wilson. No other candidate was proposed so Cllr Plummer was duly elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year. Cllr Sharpe was elected to continue as Vice-Chairman.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Nick Laughton

3. Declarations of interest

Cllr Reeve item no. 17 and Cllrs Plummer and Shelton item No. 13.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were duly signed as a true record of the meeting held on 8th April 2009.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Report of Local Police Officer

No report

6. Report County Councillor Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer agreed that the ownership of the land in Ixworth Thorpe needed to be sought but felt it is Frederick Hiams did not own it then it would most properly be Suffolk County Council. C Cllr Spicer reported that she was pleased with the progress with the Riverside Permissive Footpath and was looking forward to it opening officially soon.

7. Report of Borough Councillor John Griffiths

Cllr Griffiths thanked the members that had attended the Local Parish Conference recently. Cllr Griffiths reported that he had been looking into the grass area in the middle of Ixworth Thorpe, and there are various jobs that can be completed to improve the area such as a new sign, tree care and hedge trimming. It was suggested that the first thing to do was establish the ownership of the land. Cllr Griffiths suggested the Council write to Suffolk County Council to request this information. The members agreed and instructed the Clerk to do this. Once this is established then an action plan for the area could be made, with the Parish Council perhaps adopting the area.

Action - Clerk

8. Public Forum

The one member present wished to make no comment.

Meeting reconvened

9. Matters from Previous Minutes

Cllr Goodson requested that once again it be sought the ownership of the grass verge at The Paddocks entrance so that the problem of cars parking there could finally be sorted.

Action – Clerk

10 Accounts

The following accounts were agreed to be paid.

Chq No. 361	Salc	£577.80
Chq No. 362	Village Hall	£ 52.00
Chq No. 363	Urbis Lighting	£851.35
Chq No. 364	Village Hall	£305.00
Chq No's 365/366	Wages	£733.44

It was also agreed to change the three members authorised to sign the cheques to Cllrs Plummer, Sharpe and McFruin.

11. Planning Applications

SE/09/0364 – Erection of single storey link between dwelling and outbuilding – 51 High St, Ixworth **No Objection**

SE/09/0376 – Erection of (i) replacement shop (following demolition of existing) with flat above (ii) attached two bedroom dwelling – Ixworth Fish & Chip Shop, Thetford Rd, Ixworth **No Objection**

SE/09/0399 – (i) erection of single storey rear extension (ii) conversion of existing garage to study – 1 Coddington Way, Ixworth **No Objection**

TCA09/1763 – Fell one Cypress tree leaving 2inch stump – Sycamores, Beeches Close, Ixworth **No Objection**

TPO291(2003)3 – Fell one Norway Spruce tree, 25 Fordham Place, Ixworth **No Objection**

SE/09/0472 – Insertion of ground floor window to side elevation – 6 Fordham Place, Ixworth **No Objection**

Se/09/0477 – Erection of 2 no. two storey dwellings (revised scheme to that approved under *SE/09/0059* – Site to rear of Mulleys Garage, High St, Ixworth **No Objection**

12. Determined Applications

TCA09/1753 – Trees in a Conservation Area Notification, Fell one Bramley Apple Tree (T2 on the plan) – Torroella, 1 Beeches Close, **Granted**

TPO170(1971)10 (i) fell one Horse Chestnut tree and replace in winter 2009 and (ii) crown lift to 5 metres one Lime tree. **Granted**

13. Ixworth Village Hall

Cllr Sharpe reported that the Parish Council notice board on the Village Hall Gates needed replacing. Cllr Sharpe informed the members that Mr Thurlow had a notice board already made and suggested that the members use this to replace the damaged one. It was agreed by all and the Clerk was instructed to seek the cost of removing the old notice board and replacing the new one.

Action – Clerk

The archway that used to be situated above the gates was also discussed. Cllr Plummer informed the members that the Village Hall Committee was looking into having it restored and would keep the Council informed of any progress.

14. Village Website

Cllr Fairgrieve reported that the website was still under construction and Ben hoped to launch it at the Village Fete. A robust discussion took place and the Council members instructed Cllr Fairgrieve to inform Mr Lord that they wished to see the website for approval before launch and were disappointed that the website was not up and running by the end of May as previously reported. **Action – Cllr Fairgrieve**

15. Correspondence

Ten items of correspondence had been received by the Council this month. One letter received was from Mr & Mrs Boyce concerned about the condition of Crown Lane.

16. Play Area in Ixworth

Cllr Wilson reported that two applications were ready to be sent for funding, one to St Edmundsbury Council and one an initial application to the Lottery Fund. Cllr Wilson also reported the questionnaire was ready and would be distributed at the Annual Parish Meeting and the Library would be approached to have as a distribution point.

17. Riverside Permissive Footpath

Cllr Reeve reported the area through the trees had been cleared but still needed to be levelled. Claire Dickson would be fitting the kissing gates in the next two months. Cllr Spicer informed the members that she would forward an email from a gentleman that would help with the leaflet informing the public of the route.

18. Chairman's Report

Cllr Plummer informed the members that everything was in place for the Annual Parish Meeting and hoped members would be able to come along and support the Village.

19. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that the Council had received a quote of £150 + VAT from R W Engineering in respect of repairs to the picnic bench in the play area. It was decided to leave any repairs until the play area is refurbished.

The bus shelter in Ixworth Thorpe would cost £450 to be demolished.

Salc had sent the Parish Council an Annual Review Questionnaire, the members instructed the Clerk to fill in and return.

Action – Clerk

20. Village Cleaning Operative

Cllr Goodson reported the bin in New Road still needed repairing. **Action - Clerk**

Cllr Goodson also reported that many of the bins were being filled up with the free paper. Cllr Goodson offered to contact the newspaper to inform them of this

dumping, this was agreed by all.

Action – Cllr Goodson

21. Councillors Reports

Cllr McFruin reported that the Parish Council Conference was very interesting and informed the members that in Hatter St, Bury St Edmunds there was an office that could help organisations to get funding. Cllr Wilson thanked Cllr McFruin for this information. Cllr McFruin reported that a member of the public wanted to know if Clay Lane off Thetford Road is a public right of way. The Councillors agreed it would be best to contact Suffolk County Council Rights of Way Officer for this information. Cllr McFruin left the meeting at 9.20pm due to an emergency.

Cllr Sharpe reported he had been approached by a resident with a request for a dog litter bin in Thetford Road. The Clerk was instructed to get in touch with St Edmundsbury Council. **Action – Clerk**

Cllr Sharpe reported that at the recent Parish Conference he had attended a planning workshop which had been very informative.

Cllr Sharpe also suggested that a reporter be sought to report Council meetings to the Village Magazine. It was agreed to place an article in the magazine seeking a volunteer. **Action - Clerk**

Cllr Goodson reported the 30mph sign at the top of the High St was obscured.

Cllr Reeve reported that the new floodlights had arrived. The members instructed Cllr Reeve to go ahead and have the work completed as costs had already been agreed at a previous meeting.

Cllr Reeve also reported that he was still seeking quotes to have the chiming mechanism repaired in the Church clock. Hopefully he would have them in the next two months. **Action – Cllr Reeve**

Cllr Wilson reported the pavement in Ixworth Thorpe needed repairing.

Cllr Wilson was also concerned about the condition of the cobbles by the Village Sign. It was agreed by all for Cllr Wilson to approach the family who had donated the tree near the cobbles to perhaps replace this tree with another that would not shed so much debris. **Action – Cllr Wilson**

Cllr Fairgrieve reported she was concerned about the condition of the fences in Commister Lane.

22. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 10th June 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm

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Date