

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 15th July 2009 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Teresa Plummer (Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Cathy Goodson, Roy McFruin, Pam Shelton and Alison Fairgrieve.

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), PCSO Jonathan Burke, PCSO Gemma Robinson and four members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs John Sharpe, Sophia Wilson and Nick Laughton.

Apologies were also received from C Cllr Spicer and B Cllr Griffiths.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Reeve item 16

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting (10th June 09) as a true record of that meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

4. Report of Local Police Officer

PCSO Burke introduced new PCSO Gemma Robinson and below is his report

IXWORTH - 6 crimes recorded between 11/06/09 and 15/07/09...

12/06/09 – Use violence to secure entry – 7 Peddars Close, Ixworth

- Offender arrested and charged with offence

19/06/09 – Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle – The Stables, High Street

- In hours of darkness offender has caused damage to the windscreen of a vehicle parked outside The Stables, High Street by striking it with an unknown object causing the window to smash.
- Crime is pending due to further enquires. Offender has been reported for offence.

21/06/09 – Accosting – Micklesmere Drive

- During daylight hours three young males were approached by two males in a car and asked to get in the vehicle. Three young males refused and ran away.
- Crime pending further enquiries.

27/06/09 – Section 5 Public order offence – Reeve close – No Publicity

- Offenders charged

04/07/09 – Arson - Boundary Woods, Thetford Road

- Large amount of youths gathered in Boundary woods on Saturday evening causing damage by fire to trees in these woods causing approx £4000 of damage.
- Number of people have been named and this is being investigated

11/07/09 – Possess Controlled drug with intent to supply – High Street

- Offender pulled over by Police patrol and found to be in possession of a large amount of Cannabis (enough to supply)
- Offender charged with offence

IXWORTH THORPE – 1 Crime recorded between 11/06/09 and 15/07/09...

04/07/09 – Driving a vehicle with excess alcohol – A1088 Ixworth Thorpe

- Male stopped checked by Police Patrol and found to be over the drink drive limit.
- Male is on Police bail pending further enquiries

Recent Crime...

The western area of Suffolk, mainly Mid-Suffolk and St Edmundsbury are receiving a high number of incidents that road signs are being taken. Approx 100 signs so far have been taken. We are asking for information regarding suspicious vehicles and people who maybe removing these signs and would ask for anyone who has any information on this to contact the Police.

Cllr Goodson requested that the situation with people parking on double yellow lines be highlighted once more and requested that the Police try to do more about the problem.

5. Report of County Councillor Joanna Spicer

No report

6. Report of Borough Councillor John Griffiths

No report

7. Public Forum

Residents of Saddlers Yard expressed their concerns with the development of the Play Area. Concerns raised were increased noise, loss of privacy and the actual need to expand the play area. Residents wished to know if there was anywhere else for the play area to be situated. The Chairman explained that at present funding was being sought and when final plans were in place opinions would be sought. Unfortunately, that is the only piece of land that the play area can be situated.

Mr Ben Lord declined the option to speak.

Meeting Reconvened

8. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Cllr Reeve requested that St Mary's Church be added to August agenda as had now had three quotes for the clock chimes to be reinstalled. This was agreed by all. Quotes are to be distributed to all members prior to that meeting.

9. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment:

Chq No	368	SALC	£345
Chq No	369	Ixworth Village Hall (toilet)	£150
Chq No	370	Chilton Office Supplies	£ 89.11
Chq No	371	Ixworth Village Hall (meeting)	£ 26
Chq No	372	Anglian Tree Solutions	£414
Chq No	373	RJB Maintenance	£ 25
Chq No's	374/375	Wages	£798.96
Chq No	376	Clarks of Walsham	£347.85

10. Adoption of Council Regulations

The following had previously been distributed to all Councillors – Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and Freedom of information Act. It was agreed by all to adopt the above with immediate effect and these supersede any previous versions.

11. Planning Applications

TCA09/1787 – Crown lift to 4 metres various trees – Ixworth Doctors Surgery – **No Objection**
TCA09/1786 – Fell one Acacia Tree – 8a Gough Place, Ixworth – **No objection**

12. Determined Applications

TPO/291(2000)3 – 25 Fordham Place, Ixworth – **Granted**
SE/09/0477 – Site to rear of Mulleys Garage, High St, Ixworth - **Granted**

13. Village Website

The working party then had met on 24th June 2009 recommended that the One-Suffolk option be carried forward rather than continuing with Speedbird (Mr Lord). After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr Goodson and seconded by Cllr Reeve that the One-Suffolk website is set up and also to discuss once again with Mr Lord the concerns that the working party had with the designs submitted by his company. This was agreed by all. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Lord requesting a meeting. The Chairman refused Mr Lords request to adjourn the meeting.

14. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received by the Council this month:

Mr Holder – Reference to untidy grave plot, **LDF** – LDF Timetable and Update, **St Eds** – Countryside Forum, **H M Rev & Customs** - VAT on off street parking, **SALC** – Removal of services from Ipswich Hospital, **S.C.C.** – Meeting with Salc and EDF reference street lighting, **Whitehouse Enterprises** – Notice board flyer, **Link** – Suffolk Link Newsletter and **S P Landscapes** – Company Brochure.

15. Play Area in Ixworth

The Clerk notified the members that St Edmundsbury Council had awarded the Parish Council £5000 towards the refurbishment costs. The Clerk explained that other funding applications were still pending. The Chairman reiterated that the plans were still in the early stages.

16. Riverside Permissive Footpath

Cllr Reeve reported that the footpath access was still not cleared.

17. Robins Copse

The Clerk reported that the new gate would be delivered soon. Cllr McFruin reported that Cllr Laughton wished to report that the new footpath would hopefully be finished in the next two weeks.

18. Cobbled Are in the High Street

It was agreed to carry this item over until September when Cllr Wilson and Cllr Sharpe would be in attendance.

19. Village Cleaning Operative

Cllr Goodson had had a request from Steve that his hours be reduced to 9 per week as he was not going to tidy the Village Hall area any longer. Steve also wished to report that he would no longer be strimming areas around the village. The members instructed Cllr Goodson to inform Steve that they were happy to leave his hours at 10 per week and if he needed a strimmer or any other equipment then please let them know.

20. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that a resident had approached her to complain that some coaches were blocking the entrance to the Village Hall when stopping to pick up passengers. The Chairman also reported that a group were raising money for a memorial bench to be placed in the village.

21. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that St Edmundsbury had replied with reference to a dog bin in Thetford Rd. St Edmundsbury wished to inform the Parish Council that it was not possible to erect a dog bin in the area of the chip shop and there was nowhere else suitable along Thetford Road.

22. Councillors Reports

Cllr Fairgrieve highlighted her concern about the condition of Ixworth Thorpe village sign. Cllr Shelton wished to report a faulty street light in Coddington Way. Cllr Reeve reported the Ixworth Thorpe Church wished to connect the lighting into the alarm. Cllr Reeve would find more information and report further at a later meeting. Cllr McFruin highlighted his concerns with the condition of the path leading from the High Street to St Mary's Church. Cllr McFruin also distributed brochures with reference to new notice boards. Cllr McFruin had also had a resident approach him about a tree on the Village Hall playing fields, the members requested Cllr Shelton to highlight the problem to the Village Hall Management Committee.

23. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 12th August 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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Chairman off the Parish Council

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Date