

## **IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

*Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 7:30pm*

**Present:** Cllr Teresa Plummer (Chairman) Cllr John Sharpe (Vice-Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Cathy Goodson, Roy McFruin, Pam Shelton, Alison Fairgrieve and Nick Laughton.

**Also Present:** Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), seven members of the public and PCSO Amy Ling.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Sophia Wilson

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr David Reeve item 16

### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record of that meeting.

*Meeting Adjourned*

### **4. Report of Local Police Officer**

**Crime Report 10/05/09 – 10/06/09**

Between the two above dates there have been 2 crimes in Ixworth and none in Ixworth Thorpe.

These crimes break down as follows:

- 1 x criminal damage to a dwelling
- 1 x theft from a motor vehicle

With the nights staying lighter for longer, anti-social behaviour is on the increase in rural North. We are urging residents to let us know of any examples of such behaviour...underage drinking, excessive noise etc. so that we can crack down before the summer holidays really hit.

Another pointer for safety of valuables is to make sure cars and homes are kept secure at all times and to keep valuable items out of sight. Other villages have had various thefts/burglaries and I myself continue to see cars with Sat Navs, bags etc. left in clear sight. By doing this thieves are given an open invitation to take these items and I do not want to see that happening to anyone.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I am PCSO Amy Ling, one of two new PCSOs in the area, the other being PCSO Krista Wilding.

You can contact myself through main switchboard – 01284 774100 and ask for epaulette number 3200.

Or alternatively I can be emailed, my address is:

[amy.ling@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:amy.ling@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

### **5. Report of C Cllr Joanna Spicer**

None

### **6. Report of B Cllr John Griffiths**

None

## **7. Public Forum**

A resident of Saddlers Yard wished to air his concerns about the expansion and refurbishment of the play area on the Village Playing fields. The resident felt that presently there was too much noise at night when youths gathered which when living so close was quite unpleasant. Also there had been vandalism in the area which would perhaps only get worse with more equipment. A letter had been sent to the Council from the residents highlighting their concerns. The Clerk confirmed this and explained that the letter would be read out in full during item 14. Cllr Plummer explained that the refurbishment was still in the early stages and questionnaires were being distributed and all views would be taken into account but stressed that the facility needed updating.

Mr Ben Lord also attended to speak on the subject of the Village website. Mr Lord explained that as he had not received a letter of confirmation for the go ahead after March 09 meeting things had stalled. After checking the records of that meeting a written confirmation had not been requested, and the terms of business of Mr Lords Company had not been received by the Council. Mr Lord explained that creating a bespoke website was complicated but if the Parish Council still wanted to proceed it could be *live* in six weeks. Cllr Plummer expressed her thanks for updating the Council and it would be further discussed in item 13.

### *Meeting Reconvened*

## **8. Matters from Previous Minutes**

Cllr Goodson highlighted that the 30mph sign in the High St was still obscured. Cllr Laughton wished to know if any further progress had been made with reference to cars parking on the verge at the Paddocks in Commister Lane. The Clerk reported that St Edmundsbury and Suffolk Councils had been contacted to try and sort out these concerns.

## **9. Accounts**

It was resolved to pay the following account:

Chq No's	352/353	Wages	£851.62
Chq No	354	Inland Rev	£714.35
Chq No	355	D Thrower	£210.00
Chq No	356	RBA Solutions	£230.00
Chq No	357	Cilca	£150.00
Chq No	358	Expenses	£202.70
Chq No	359	V Hall (toilet)	£155.00
Chq No	360	Smiths of Derby	£204.70
Chq No	367	G Palastanga	£ 26.25

## **10. Approval 2008/09 End of Year Accounts**

The End of Year accounts had previously been distributed to all Councillors. It was resolved to approve these accounts. The Chairman signed the Annual Return from the Audit Commission.

## **11. Planning Applications**

*SE/09/060* – (i) erection of single storey front extension (ii) pitched roof over existing garage (iii) construction of new chimney – Glenborrowdale, Stow Rd **No Objection**  
*TCA09/1770* – Tree in Conservation Area Notification – Fell one Thuja tree – Torroella, Beeches Close, Ixworth **No Objection**

TCA09/1771–Tree in a Conservation Area Notification–Reduce height of mixed hedgerow (including some trees) to 2 metres and side up both sides Ixworth Fire Station

**No Objection**

TCA09/1773– Trees in Conservation Notification Area – T1-Bird Cherry reduce height to 6.1 metres and reduce width to 3.66 metres. T2 Yew – Fell - 35 High Street

**No Objection**

## **12. Determined Applications**

SE/09/0363/64– 51 High Street, Ixworth

**Granted**

SE/09/0472 – 6 Fordham Place, Ixworth

**Granted**

SE/09/0399 – 1 Coddington Way, Ixworth

**Granted**

## **13. Village Website**

After much discussion it was resolved by the Council that they continue using Speedbird Promotions. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Lord confirming this arrangement. In the letter it is to be made clear that the outlay to the Council would not exceed £750 this year and with no ongoing cost to the council, that Mr Lord will present all designs and work in progress to a working party on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the Bar area of the Village Hall. This working party can then approve the designs and the website will be live no later than 28 days following this decision. Mr Lord will reply to this letter to confirm his acceptance of these deadlines.

## **14. Correspondence**

The nine pieces of correspondence had been received by the Council since the last meeting are listed below:

*Mrs Wakeman, Abbey Close-* concerned about ‘dog poo’ in the bin by the Fish & Chip shop, the Clerk was instructed to write and explain the Council had requested another ‘dog poo’ bin.

*Ixworth Play & Learn* centre informing the Council that they are hoping to move into the middle school and requesting funding. The Clerk was instructed to write and advise the organisation with information about the funding office in Bury St Edmunds.

*Mr Tony Jolly* wrote on behalf of the Scouts, requesting use of the Village sign as a logo for the scarf that the Scouts etc wear. The Clerk was instructed to write giving the Councils permission for the sign to be used.

*Residents of Saddlers Yard* wrote expressing their thoughts about the refurbishment of the play area. The Clerk was instructed to write a reply thanking the residents for their thoughts, and to inform them that their views would be taken into account as will all other members of the village.

Also received were five other pieces of correspondence from St Edmundsbury Council, Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Police, Suffolk Acre and NAP.

## **15. Play Area in Ixworth**

As Cllr Wilson was absent the Clerk explained funding applications had been sent and were awaiting replies. Also, some designs had been collected but until funding was established then nothing definite could be decided and then perhaps another public meeting could be held and the residents of the Parish will be notified of this.

## **16. Riverside Permissive Footpath**

Cllr Reeve informed the Council that Claire Dickson would be clearing and levelling the access to the footpath on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Reeve reported signage and the leaflets would need to be completed.

**17. Robins Copse**

Cllr Laughton informed the Council that the top soil had finally been laid and hopefully the footpath would be started in the next two weeks. The Wildlife group are still waiting for designs from the school for the information boards. Cllr Laughton was pleased to inform the Council that when the group tidied the area there was a large amount of wild flowers and Butterflies etc. established already.

**18. Parish Boundary**

A member of the public at the Annual Parish meeting brought up the subject of the Parish Boundary. It was resolved that the Boundary be left as it is.

**19. Chairman’s Report**

It was resolved to nominate Bob Springham as a member of the Ixworth Relief in Need Charity. As another nominee was also required the Chairman requested members think of a suitable person for next months meeting. The Chairman reported that Steve Wilson the village cleaner had accidentally damaged a resident’s car. It was resolved to claim on the Council insurance.

**20. Clerks Report.**

The Clerk requested the Council to confirm the dates for the next twelve months meeting that had already been circulated. All agreed. The Clerk informed the Council that she had completed her Cilca course and hopefully would be qualified within the next two months. Zurich had sent the latest insurance schedule which needed amending, all agreed for the Clerk to amend and return to Zurich. Ixworth Village Hall had sent a hire agreement for the hall and requested the name of the Parish Council representative for the next year. The Clerk was instructed to fill in and send back the hire agreement and inform the Village Hall Management Committee that the Parish Council Representative would be Cllr Shelton.

**21. Village Cleaning Operative**

None

**22. Councillors Reports**

Cllr McFruin wished to report the fence in Commister Lane had been damaged when the road was resurfaced and that the Doctors fence was also so damaged that it had fallen over. Cllr Sharpe requested that the cobbled area by the Village sign be entered onto the agenda as the area needs serious cleaning. A former resident wishes to place a seat in the Village, Cllr Sharpe felt that was an ideal place for it to be seated. All agreed.

**23. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm

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Chairman of the Parish Council

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Date