

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 12th January 2011 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Teresa Plummer (Chairman) Cllr John Sharpe (Vice-Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Sophia Wilson, Cathy Goodson, Alison Fairgrieve and Nick Laughton.

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Roy McFruin & Cllr Pam Shelton

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meetings (December 8th 2010) as a true record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

Residents of Crown Crescent concerned about the positioning of the new play equipment wished to highlight that the safety of swing had safety issues. The residents once again wished to let the Parish Council know that late night noise was having an impact on residents. PCSO Burke reported that there had been three anti-social behaviour incidents reported since the play area had been opened but only six crimes in the past ten years and also wanted it noted that there had never been any drug incidents. Sgt Jay urged the residents to report incidents of anti-social behaviour to the police.

The Chairman informed the residents that later in the meeting under item number ten she would be proposing to members that the Parish Council write to the Village Hall Management Committee to open discussions about the possibility of moving the swing and also to consult with Playdale (installers) about cost of relocating. The Chairman stated that she was making no promises as to whether relocating would be possible but the Parish Council were willing to look into it. The residents concerned about the play area then left the meeting.

A resident from Bury Road wished to highlight that dog mess on the paths was becoming a problem.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

7 Crime reported between 08/12/10 and 12/01/11...

19/12/10 – Section 5 Public Order Act – Thetford Road

- During daylight hours a known offender has sworn at members of the public. Offender has been dealt with via Community Resolution.

21/12/10 – Criminal Damage, other Building – Ixworth Village Hall

- Overnight an unknown offender has smashed a kitchen window by unknown means. – Finalised.

24/12/10 – Burglary - Other Building – Greyhound Public House

- During the early hours an unknown offender has forced entry to the front door of the pub and proceeded to throw a bar stool at a shelf causing damage, nothing was stolen – Finalised.

27/12/10 – Driving a Motor Vehicle with excess alcohol – A1088 Ixworth

- Offender crashed their vehicle into a ditch on the A1088 towards Ixworth and later blew 66ugs at a roadside breath test and subsequently arrested and charged with the offence.

02/01/11 - Driving a Motor Vehicle with excess alcohol – High Street, Ixworth

- Offender was stopped by local units driving along the High Street and blew a roadside reading of 39ugs. Subsequently arrested for offence. Pending awaiting blood analysis.

03/01/11 – Burglary other Building – Walsham Road

- No publicity

04/01/11 – Theft of Pedal Cycle – 8 Thistledown Drive

- During afternoon hours an unattended blue boys BMX bike was stolen from outside the front of the house.

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There have been no crimes reported for Ixworth Thorpe.

7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer reported that the new dates for the permissive footpath to be cleared were the week beginning 16th January. The proposed disabled parking space had been finalised and requested if the PC were happy with the positioning, the members confirmed they were. C Cllr Spicer suggested that a Councillor inform the Post Office and Sarah Farrow the owner of Strands the position of the space as it was close to their premises, Cllr Laughton offered to undertake this job. C Cllr Spicer wished to highlight how well the schools in the local areas had done well to stay open in the recent cold conditions. C Cllr Spicer wished to inform the Parish Council that Suffolk County Council was looking into the subsidies towards rural bus routes in the coming months.

8. Report of Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths reported that Suffolk Foundation are awarding grants for local communities which fall into the following categories, Safe, Healthy and Inclusive Communities Learning and Skills for the Future, Creating a Prosperous and Vibrant Economy and the The Greenest County.

The Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council congratulated B Cllr Griffiths on receiving his MBE.

Meeting Reconvened

9. Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment;

Chq No's 511/512	Wages	£879.77
Chq No. 513	Dent Security	£226.78
Chq No. 514	JK & GA Agnew Woods	£235.01
Chq No. 515	John A Welton Partnership	£291.40
Chq No. 516	P A Brown Electrical	£741.70
Chq No. 517	Ixworth Village Hall	£305.00

10. Play Area

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council write to the Village Hall Management Committee to request discussions as to whether the new swing could be relocated on another area of the village playing fields and to seek advise the Playdale, the installers of the equipment, their advise on removing and relocating the swing, this was agreed by all members present.

The Clerk reported that the lottery application had once again been sent.

11. Suffolk Libraries

C Cllr Spicer reported that the consultation period had been delayed from December 2010 to January 2011. The consultation would run from 18th January 2011 to 30th April 2011. C Cllr Spicer urged the Parish Council to look at all documents, which will be available online, and then discuss fully and make a formal response. C Cllr Spicer also requested that this item be included on the agenda for the next three months.

12. Suffolk Care Homes

C Cllr Spicer reported that she had been in discussions with St Edmundsbury Borough Council, Orwell Housing, Suffolk County Council and Havebury Housing Association with reference to Ixworth Court being on the list of care homes in Suffolk that are being considered for closure. C Cllr Spicer explained that a new plan for Ixworth Court was being sought, that instead of closure, the property would be passed to Orwell Housing, the owners of the neighbouring Blackbourn View, to run so that care for older and vulnerable people would still be given in Ixworth. It was agreed by all present that the Parish Council would make a response including the following points – Ixworth Court is physically attached to Blackbourn View, reasons for Ixworth Court closure has not been fully explained to the Parish Council and request that Suffolk County Council remove Ixworth Court from the list of closures and undertake discussions with Orwell Housing with a view for them to run Ixworth Court in the future.

13. Planning Applications

TCA10/2048 – Walnut Tree – 30% crown reduction – The Greyhound Pub, High St, Ixworth
Objection – concerns over the balance if one side is reduced.

14. Determined Application

TPO45(1964)12 –Crown reduce Sycamore on south side of house by approx 30% - within A1 of the Order – Shalom, The Paddock, Ixworth IP21 2HG **Granted**

TPO140(1970)13 – (i) fell three Corsican Pine trees (ii) reduce branches on lower crown, rebalance and reshape to three Lime trees by crown reducing up to a max of 20%. All trees are within A1 on order – 14 Coddington Way, Ixworth, IP31 2ET **Granted**

SE/10/1494 – TCA10/2039 – (i) Fell seven Poplar trees (ii) Coppice six Ash trees saving one decent specimen as standard (iii) Coppice three Sycamore trees, one Hawthorn tree and Privet – The Watermill, Thetford Rd, Ixworth **Granted**

SE/10/1286 – Retention of 5 feed silos – Ixworth Unit, Sandy Lane, Pakenham, IP31 2LY **Granted (with conditions)**

TPO (1970)14 – fell one Sycamore tree – 15 Coddington Way, Ixworth, IP32 2ET **Granted**

15. Correspondence

Thirteen items of correspondence had been received by the Parish Council, 3 from St Edmundsbury Council, 4 from Suffolk County Council, 2 from residents with concerns over the play area, 1 from Suffolk Police, 1 from Cllr Spicer, 1 from Mr Sellars concerned over a right of way footpath and 1 from a gardening company offering their services.

It was agreed with reference to the letter regarding bin services from St Edmundsbury Borough Council that the Clerk liaise with Steve to fill in and return the survey. It was agreed to write to the land owner Mr R Cross concerning the right of way footpath. It was agreed to inform S.C.C. that the Parish Council were in agreement with the positioning of the disabled parking bay in the High Street and the proposed footpath in Coddington Way leading to the middle school.

16. Ixworth Village Hall

The Clerk reported that she had received the quotes for the installation of a new camera and the new electric circuit board needed. The camera quote was £511 + VAT (Dents Security Systems) and the circuit board was £177.48 + VAT (A C Webb), it was agreed by all members present that these quotes be accepted and the Clerk was instructed to arrange for the work to be carried out.

17. Chairman's Report

The Chairman expressed her concerns over the sections of the meeting becoming quite disruptive, after a lengthy discussion it was agreed to have the following rules for the public forum – when several members of the public are attending to discuss one item, they will be requested to nominate spokesman to represent them and a 10 minute time restriction will also be imposed for each item. It was also agreed that during discussions of items on the agenda Councillors respect each other and let each Councillor offer their opinion without interruption.

18. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that just before Christmas she had attended the play area after Steve reported the new swing had been heavily taped up, the clerk had checked with the police to ensure they had not attached the tape, they confirmed they had not, so the clerk removed the tape. The clerk reported that she had been contacted by Michael Hendry from Bidwells concerning the Crown Lane development, Mr Hendry has offered to attend a meeting to answer any questions that the members may have concerning the development. It was agreed to invite him to the March meeting and request he send any recent information of the development that the members may study before the meeting. The clerk was instructed to contact him and liaise with the Chairman to confirm the date. The clerk reported she had also contacted David Thrower to remove the Christmas tree from the High Street. The clerk reported that a reply had yet to be received from S.C.C. highways department with reference to more grit bins. The clerk requested permission to contact the Village Hall committee for permission to install a post box for correspondence to the Parish Council, this was given by all members present. Training for Councillors was also discussed and it was agreed by all present, that as an election was due to take place in May, the Council would wait until after the results before agreeing to any Councillors attending any training courses.

19. Councillor's Report

Cllr Fairgrieve reported her concerns about the amount of dog fouling around the village. Cllr Goodson wished to add her concerns about dog fouling and requested a notice be entered into the Village magazine about leaving Christmas trees near the recycling bins and also a more large notice displayed near the bins.

Cllr Wilson stated that she was not happy with the tidying up of the cobbled area in the High Street.

Cllr Sharpe wished to request a dog mess bin near the area of St Mary's Church. Cllr Sharpe also wanted to report on the fact that the hedge in Stow Road had once again not been trimmed by Havebury Housing. Cllr Sharpe also requested that the area that had been recently cleared near the play area be added to the next agenda for discussion.

20. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 9th February at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

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Date