

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 12th May 2010 at 7:30pm

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

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), B Cllr John Griffiths and four members 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

Cllrs Laughton and McFruin.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were duly signed as a true record of the meeting held on 14th April 2010. Cllr Sharpe wished to confirm the page numbers had been added to the copy being signed, starting at no.385. The Clerk confirmed they had been added.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

Two members of the public wished to enquire and comment about the chimes of St Mary's Church clock. The comments were that there is a lot of bad feeling that the clock has only been chiming for some of the day and not 24hrs as it used to. The Parish Council was asked the outcome of the recent question that had been asked through the Village magazine. The Clerk responded that most replies received had been in favour of the chimes being on 24hrs a day. It was also commented that the volume of the chimes was no longer loud enough. It was highlighted that as the Parish Council had paid for the repairs to the clock chimes then it was actually the residents that had paid for them through the local precept and therefore should have a say on the hours that they chime. The Chairman thanked the residents for their comments and would hopefully be arranging soon a meeting with the Church to discuss the matter further.

6. Report from C Cllr Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer was unable to attend and sent her apologies through Cllr Reeve. C Cllr Spicer wished to report that the communication between herself and the Parish Council recently had broken down and hoped that in the future we could all work together to complete projects for Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe.

Cllr Reeve reported that there had been a meeting at the cobbled area in the High Street with Cllrs Wilson and Laughton and any progress on this could be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Report from B Cllr John Griffiths

B Cllr Griffiths thanked the three Councillors who attended the Annual Parish Council Conference and hoped they found it an interesting afternoon. B Cllr suggested looking into the Rural Initiative Scheme for funding for the Ixworth Thorpe village sign.

8. Report of Local Police Officer

See attached.

9. Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment;

Chq No's 450/451	Wages	£833.95
Chq No. 452	Anglian Tree Solutions	£211.50
Chq No. 453	Zurich Municipal	£992.88

10 Planning Applications

*SE/10/0505 – (i)erection of two storey detached dwelling (ii)construction of new driveway and turning area – Sidshell, Crown Lane, Ixworth IP31 2EH – **No objection but wished to make comment about the PC concerns about increased traffic in an already congested road.***

During this discussion the meeting once adjourned for a short period for the applicant to make comment to the Parish Council

11. Determined Applications

SE/10/0330 – Erection of single storey rear extension, 27 High Street, Ixworth

Granted

SE/10/0259 – Erection of two 1 ½ storey detached dwellings with garaging and parking (revised scheme) as supported by letter and plan received 12th March 2010 clarifying access arrangements.

Granted

SE/10/0355 – Erection of two storey extension, 15 Street Farm Lane, Ixworth -

Granted

12. Permissive Footpath

Cllr Reeve reported that the pathway through the threes still had not been cleared. It was decided to leave further discussions until the June meeting where a list of all outstanding jobs needed to finish this project would be made. Once list was completed then a plan to finally get this footpath fully opened could be formulated.

13. Play Area

Cllr Plummer reported that the consultation afternoon had gone very well and residents on the whole seemed pleased with the proposed plan. Funding applications were now in the final preparations and would be sent off over the next two weeks.

14. St Mary's Church

Further discussions about St Mary's chimes would take place once the Parish Council had met with Rev Garbett.

15. Local Development Framework

It was decided that as there had not been changes to this latest document that affected Ixworth Cllr Plummer and the Clerk would make the same comments as had been made previously.

16. Correspondence

Five items of correspondence had been received during the month. Two from St Edmundsbury Council, one from Keystone Development, one from Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit and one from Suffolk County Council.

17. Chairman's Report

Cllr Plummer reported that whilst attending the Parish Council Conference she had learned about a scheme that may help get more affordable housing in Ixworth when the new developments go ahead. It may also be possible to perhaps get these earmarked for residents that have a direct connection with Ixworth. A questionnaire would have to be distributed to the village to gain information. The questionnaire is available through SALC

and they also process all the data. Cllr Goodson offered to talk to the Village Magazine to see if they would be willing to deliver with the monthly magazine.

18. Clerks Report

The clerk circulated the provisional dates for the coming year’s meetings. The Clerk reported the bus shelter in Ixworth Thorpe would be installed in the next week. Also, the bins in Pedders Close and New Road had once again been reported. The Clerk also reminded all present that the Annual Parish meeting would be taking place on 27th May at 7pm.

19. Councillors Reports

Cllr Shelton reported that some new trees had been planted around the village by Urban Forestry that were not in keeping with current trees. The Clerk was instructed to find out on who had instructed Urban Forestry to plant them.

Cllr Reeve reported that the Police had taken away a piece of stone that had been used to damage the Church Floodlights. Estimates are needed to repair the floodlights.

Cllr Goodson reported that she was concerned that the Flint Wall belonging to Abbey Cottage, which runs along the Churchyard footpath from Commister Lane, was damaged and unsafe. Cllr Reeve offered to speak with the owner of the property.

Cllr Sharpe reported that the work in the Churchyard had been completed by Anglian Tree Solutions and an invoice would be sent to the Clerk. Cllr Sharpe also reported that he had received a letter from Mike Dean with reference to Robins Copse stating the work that was still left to carry out. The Wildlife group were working with Suffolk Wildlife Trust on the design for the notice boards. Cllr Sharpe also requested permission to get a quote from Bob Bishop to install a sign the Mr Jolly had made for Robins Copse. All members agreed to this.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 9th June 2010 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 10pm.

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Date