

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 13th October 2010 at 7:30pm

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

None.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

Mr Ben Lord wished to know if the letter to residents of Peacock Rise concerning the traffic had been sent.

Mrs L Williams wished to make herself available for questions with reference to the planning application at 15 Coddington Way.

Mr Mackintosh wished to highlight his concerns over the new play equipment installed at the play area. Mr Mackintosh was concerned that the equipment was too high and too close to his garden. The Clerk stated that the play area had been in the planning for two years and advice had been sought as to whether a planning application would be needed. Cllr Plummer thanked Mr Mackintosh for coming along and expressing his views to the Parish Council. Mr Morley also wished the Council to know he was unhappy about the installation of the new play equipment.

Mrs Lawson wished to know if the Parish Council had started the consultation into moving the Parish boundary so that the houses in Stow Road, which are currently in Pakenham Parish, would be moved into Ixworth Parish. The Clerk stated that this consultation had been started by St Edmundsbury Borough Council. Cllr Plummer, C Cllr Spicer and B Cllr John Griffiths urged residents in the affected area sent in the response forms with their views.

Mr Kevin Sanford from Kuk Sool Won wished to let the Parish Council know he would no longer be hiring the village hall for his club. Mr Kevin Sanford stated that he was leaving due to problems with cleanliness, fees and invoicing. Cllr Sharpe stated that a new working party had taken over the running of the hall and hoped that perhaps in the future he may wish to use the village hall facilities once again.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

See attached.

Cllr McFruin wished to thank the Police for sorting out the traffic chaos in the High Street on 9th October due to the flu clinic being held in the village hall.

7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer reported that she had spoken with Claire Dickson the rights of way officer with reference to the permissive footpath. It has been agreed that the youth offending team can clear the path and would hopefully get started the 2nd or 3rd week in November 2010. C Cllr Spicer had spoken with Mulley's garage who were happy to store any equipment in their yard. Claire Dickson also would look into signs for the footpath through the Churchyard but the Church may have to be consulted.

C Cllr Spicer reported that the County Council was looking into ways to save money due to the government spending cuts. One area that would be looked at is funding for libraries, though at present there were no definite plans to close libraries. C Cllr Spicer however, would like with the help of one or two Councillors, have some informal meetings to gather information on what the users of the library would like to see happen. It was agreed by all members that this would be a good idea and requested that C Cllr Spicer go ahead with this idea.

C Cllr Spicer also reported that a twelve week consultation had started on 12th October 2010 into funding for Suffolk County Council residential homes.

C Cllr Spicer requested these two items be put on the Parish Council agenda for the November meeting.

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths

B Cllr John Griffiths reported the new venue The Apex was now open in the Arc shopping centre and was already holding events. B Cllr Griffiths wished to state that this was a very good economic investment and had created jobs for local people.

B Cllr hoped the Parish Council were as pleased as he was that the restoration work on 48 High Street had finally been started.

B Cllr Griffiths also wished to highlight that the Borough Council along with the County Council were also looking at ways to save money.

Meeting Reconvened

9. Village Hall

Cllr Sharpe reported that the working party were at present having official meetings every two weeks. The working party were looking at cleaning, the toilets and the leak in the roof as immediate projects and redecoration, heating, refitting of the kitchen and bar area. Cllr Sharpe wanted to stress that different items were being found all the time but hoped everyone would see an improvement in the next few weeks. Cllr Sharpe also reported that a volunteer had come forward to take over the treasurer position and would also be happy to deal with all bookings also. It was agreed by all to thank Mrs Dacey for coming forward and accept her kind offer. Cllr Sharpe thanked Cllr Plummer for all her work over the last few years as treasurer. It was also agreed to allow the working party to spend up to £500 per month.

The village hall draw would take place at the next working party meeting.

10. Accounts

It was agreed to pay the following accounts;

Chq No's 478/479	Wages	£859.85
Chq No 480	R Bishop (Robins Copse)	£285.00
Chq No 481	R Estlea (Village Hall)	£32.00
Chq No 482	Haward Horological	£176.25
Chq No 483	Anglian Water	£32.95
Chq No 484	Suffolk County Council	£775.50
Chq No 485	S Wilson (equipment)	£23.94
Chq No 487	PlayDale (part payment)	£32770.75
Chq No 488	D Thrower (play area)	£1330.00

11. Planning Applications

SE/10/1143(TCA10/1978) - Fell one Alder tree – 1 Saddlers Yard, Ixworth, IP31 2HY

No Objection

SE/10/1168(TCA10/1978) – Fell one Cypress tree and one Sycamore tree – Lammas Field, The Paddock, Ixworth, IP31 2HG

No Objection

TPO45 – Fell one Horse Chestnut tree, Lammas Field, The Paddock, Ixworth, IP21 2HG

No Objection

SE/10/1187(TCA10/1985) – Reduce in height by 4 metres to one Sycamore tree, The Langridge, High St, Ixworth, IP31 2HN

No Objection

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

No Objection

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

No Objection

12. Determined Applications

TCA10/1955 – Coppice one Eucalyptus rear in rear garden – 3 Saddlers Yard, Ixworth, IP31 2HY

Granted

SE/10/1029 – Listed building application – Installation of gas boiler to rear bedroom cupboard (ii) insertion of flue to rear wall (iii) internal lining of external walls with insulation board (iv) removal and making good of external render on rear wall – 7 Stow Road, Ixworth, IP31 2JB

Granted

13. Cobbled Area in High Street

Cllr Wilson reported that she had received a quote of over £12,000 from Matthew Riches of Suffolk County Council for the refurbishment of the Cobbled Area in the High Street. Cllr Wilson felt that as highways own the land it is their responsibility to maintain the area. Cllr Spicer suggested that there were two options to move this project on; option one was to request that highways tidy the area with the next six weeks and option two was for the Parish Council to take ownership of the land. It was agreed to opt for option one and requested that Cllr Spicer contact Matthew Riches with this request.

14. Robins Copse

Cllr Laughton reported the benches had been fitted and the new sign had also been erected. The wildlife group were also looking at purchasing a notice board to complete the project. It was suggested that once the project was completed it would be good to have an official opening, Cllr Laughton stated he would discuss this with the wildlife group and report back to the Parish Council.

15. St Mary's Church

Cllr Reeve reported that the church clock had been serviced and hopefully the floodlights would be repaired in the near future.

Cllr Reeve also reported that a faculty was being sought to keep the baffles in the bell tower. The faculty would be advertised on the Church notice board where there would be an address for any resident to voice their opinion.

16. Play Area

Cllr Wilson and Laughton reported that the invitations for the official opening of the new play area had all gone out. The official opening will be Saturday 6th November at 12 noon. The Clerk reported that once again the Lottery had said no to the second application. It was suggested that the Parish Council have one more attempt with the help of Suffolk Under Fives Co-ordinator. It was proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Laughton that if the lottery once again refuse then the Parish Council pay for the small play area to be refurbished, this was agreed by all except Cllr Goodson who chose to abstain.

17. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received by the Parish Council this month:

Mr George Cowie – Ideas for Commister Lane Junction, **Ixworth Over 60's Club** – Concerns about the VH, **Salc** – Invitation to Salc AGM, **St Eds** – Community Governance Review (boundary changes), **St Eds** – Invitation to PC Conference, **Michael Whybro** - Concerns about overgrown pathways, **Matthew Riches** – Cobbled Area Quote, **Paul Cook** – Replacement for Mulleys Clock, **Elizabeth Malster** – The Royal Oak, Ixworth Thorpe, **Tom McLardy** – West Suffolk Voluntary Association for the Blind, **Andy Mackintosh** – Concerns over play area and **Chris Leveson(St Eds BC)** – 48 High Street.

18. Chairman's Report

Cllr Plummer wished to apologise to Cllr McFruin for any offence she may have caused in earlier exchanges.

It was agreed that in future the meetings should be conducted with more formality.

19. Clerk's Report

The clerk reported;

- a. the grit bins would be filled by the end of October
- b. Ixworth Thorpe blocked drain had been reported
- c. Bt had been asked to clean the Stow Road kiosk
- d. the letter to Peacock Rise was to be discussed with PCSO Jonathan Burke
- e. which Councillors wish to attend the Parish Council Conference, Cllrs Sharpe, Fairgrieve and Shelton wish to attend

The Clerk also reported that the BDO external Audit form had been returned, alterations to boxes 8 & 9 of 2009/10 column and box 10 of 2008/2009. It was agreed by all members that these alterations could be made by the RFO and sent back to BDO.

20. Councillors Reports

Cllr Laughton reported that there seemed to be problems with slurry in Baileypool Lane.

Cllr Fairgrieve reported that the street light in the High Street was not working.

Cllr Sharpe reported that Bob Bishop had a new quote for the notice boards, each board would cost approximately £200 but Bob would have to order the backing for all the boards at once at a cost of £390. It was agreed for the Clerk to speak with Bob to arrange this.

21. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 10th November 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Date