

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 8th September 2010 at 7:30pm

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

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

1. Apologies

Cllrs Goodson and Fairgrieve.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meetings (August 11th 2010) as a true record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

Cllr Laughton requested the Council write to highways department of Suffolk County Council to slightly angle the no entry signs at Commister Lane/High Street junction so the signs could be seen more clearly by road users. It was also requested that the Satellite Navigation companies be contacted to reinforce the one way status of that section of Commister Lane. C Cllr Spicer suggested contacting S.C.C. as she thought there was a department that was dedicated to these problems.

Action Clerk

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

Mr Ben Lord once again highlighted his concerns regarding the parking in Peacock Rise.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

POLICE REPORT 15th JULY – 8TH SEPTEMBER 2010

There were no crimes recorded for Ixworth Thorpe...

IXWORTH;

14 Crimes recorded between 15/07/10 and 08/09/10...

16/07/10 – Theft, other – Bridge Farm

- During a 7-day period an unknown offender has stolen 5 gallons of red diesel from a bowser on the farm.

16/07/10 – Theft, other – High Street

- No publicity

23/07/10 – Theft from Motor Vehicle – Woolpit Road

- During evening hours an unknown offender has entered a secure compound and stolen two metal fencing panels and diesel from an excavator.

29/07/10 – Criminal Damage, other – Kettleborrow Close

- Overnight an unknown offender has attempted to climb a fence into the victim's garden and damaged two fencing panels in the process.

31/07/10 – Criminal Damage, other – Commister Lane

- During hours of darkness damage has been caused to a wall set with timber panels by kicking a brick pier set in between the panels.

31/07/10 – Arson – A1088

- No publicity

13/08/10 – Produce a controlled drug (Cannabis) – New Road

- No Publicity

13/08/10 – Possession of a Class 'B' drug (Cannabis) – New Road

- No publicity

19/08/10 – Theft, other – Baileypool Farm

- Offenders have entered an open field and stolen a pressure washer and red diesel, which were left unprotected.

24/08/10 – Burglary, other Building – Ixworth Surgery

- During normal opening hours an unknown offender was challenged by Doctor's for being in a consultation room, it was later found that he had stolen a wallet from within a consultation room and was not a patient of the surgery.

24/08/10 – Attempted Burglary, other Building – Ixworth Police Station

- Overnight an unknown offender has tried to gain entry to the Police station via the rear patio doors but was unsuccessful in their attempts.

19/08/10 – Burglary, other Building – Cross House

- Over a possible two-month period a known offender has entered an insecure coach house and stolen audio equipment from within.

28/08/10 – Attempted Burglary, Dwelling – Carpenters Close

- Overnight an unknown offender have entered the rear garden of a property and tried to gain entry to the house via forcing the wooden beading around the rear door.

31/08/10 – Theft, other – Building Site, Woolpit Road

- Over a four-day period an unknown offender has entered a secure Anglian Water site and stolen electrical cable from within the site.

SNT Tasking Meetings;

The next, now quarterly, meeting is being held on the Thursday 9th September 2010 between 7 – 9pm at the Eriskine Community Centre, Chedburgh.

Ixworth Police Station Opening Times;

Each Parish should have had and completed a public consultation form into the new, reduced opening hours for Ixworth Police station. If you are not aware the Station was operating a 10am – 2pm Mon-Fri Policy which is being reduced to 6 hours a week, it is un-decided when the station will be open to the public during these hours and what days. This does not affect the SNT who will still be based at Ixworth.

Hare Coursing;

There has been a significant increase in the amounts of calls we are receiving in relation to Hare Coursing in the local area, mainly on Hungary Hill towards Great Barton. In previous months we have arrested one male for the same type of offence as he was wanted in Cambridge and also reported four other males for destroying game. We would urge anyone to please contact us on 999 if you see suspicious activity on farmland including dogs etc. Please try to get as much of a description as possible of offenders and vehicles.

New Road "Street a Week"

A very successful week in New Road last month got us talking to almost half of all residents during the completion of ASB questionnaires. I have printed off copies for you all of results from the questionnaires. I have also asked the Editors of the Parish Magazine to publish these results and what we are going to be targeting in Ixworth from the response of residents in New Road in October's magazine.

7. Report from C Cllr Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer reported the footpath from Commister Lane through the Churchyard to the High Street had been completed. C Cllr Spicer also felt that there should be signs highlighting the footpath and she stated that she would contact the Rights of Ways officer to have these erected. With reference to the Permissive Footpath C Cllr Spicer stated she would chase the Community Youth Team to get the footpath cleared. It was suggested that the Parish Council pay for the clearance of the footpath, but it was felt as the land was Suffolk County Council land then they should foot the bill.

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths

B Cllr Griffiths reported that the LDF inspection had been completed and been assessed as satisfactory. St Edmundsbury Borough Council is awaiting the Government spending cuts review, but the Council had already been making savings to offset any cuts that will be imposed on the Borough Council. B Cllr Griffiths reported that the Apex was now completed at the Arc shopping centre and there would be an open day on 9th/10th October for members of the public to view the complex.

Meeting Reconvened

9. Peacock Rise

A lengthy discussion was held involving the Police as well as Councillors and members of the public. C Cllr Spicer felt in the first instance it would be best to contact all residents to make them aware that the parking situation was causing a potential dangerous situation. It was decided to draft a letter with input from the local police, local fire brigade and the Parish Council to send to all residents.

Action Clerk

10. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 472/473	Wages	£860.05
Chq No 474	H M Rev & Customs	£396.57
Chq No 475	R W Engineering (play area)	£934.12
Chq No 476	Tripp Batt	£70.12
Chq No 477	A Adlington (clerks expenses)	£114.22

11. Planning Applications

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
TPO407(2005)2 – Tree Preservation Order Application – Fell one Yew tree – The Landridge, High St, Ixworth, IP31 2HN

No Objection

12. Determined Applications

SE/10/0731 – Erection of conservatory to rear elevation – 25 Fordham Place, Ixworth, IP31 2GJ **Granted**
SE/10/0781 – Erection of pitched roof to single storey addition – 48 High Street, Ixworth IP31 2HJ **Granted**
SE/100782 – Listed building application – Internal and external alterations **Granted**

13. Cobbled Area

The members were disappointed that this project had not been moved on any further. C Cllr Spicer stated that she would speak with highways with reference with the final plan for the area. Cllr Wilson volunteered to assist C Cllr Spicer to move this project along.

Action C Cllr Spicer & Cllr Wilson

14. Robins Copse

Cllr Laughton reported that he had ordered the two benches that are to be installed at a cost of £660 (for both) and that Bob Bishop would install them in due course. Cllr Laughton also reported that the sign that Mr Jolly had made had been installed. It was suggested to invite along a Havebury Housing representative to have an official opening. C Cllr Laughton also requested if anyone knew of any volunteers to help with the grass cutting.

15. St Mary's Church

The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with Hawards Horological with reference to the church clock annual service and that she had instructed them to get in touch with Cllr Reeve to arrange a convenient time. The Clerk reported that she had also contacted John A Welton to repair the floodlights that were previously damaged by vandals and the quote of £248 + VAT. The Clerk also instructed them to contact Cllr Reeve to arrange a convenient time.

16. Ixworth Village Hall

Cllr Plummer reported that the village hall bank account was approximately £17,500 but the insurance renewal was due which would cost £1797.33.

A working party was formed to produce a plan of projects needed to improve the village hall ready to pass back to a new committee. The working party consists of Cllrs Sharpe, Laughton, McFruin, Fairgrieve, Reeve and Mr Bob Springham. The working party will report back to the Parish Council each month.

Cllr McFruin was given a key as he is the emergency contact for the village hall.

17. Play Area

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council still had to hear from the Lottery with reference to funding for the small play area.

The Clerk had received a quote from David Thrower to clear the brambles and shrubs near the entrance to the play area, the quote was for £1320 and the members agreed to this quote and instructed the Clerk to arrange a date for Mr Thrower to start.

The launch party was also discussed, a provisional date of 20th/27th November was agreed but the Clerk was to check with Suffolk Playbuilder that either of these dates were ok.

Cllrs Laughton and Sharpe agreed to arrange the launch party.

Playdale had agreed to start the project either week beginning 20th September or 27th September, Cllrs Laughton and Wilson agreed to oversee the work on a day to day basis.

18. Chairman's Report

No report.

19. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that the grit bin from Micklesmere drive had been moved onto Mulleys roundabout and it would be moved back when the grit bins were due to be filled.

20. Correspondence

The Clerk reported that thirteen pieces of mail had been received this month. Two items from SCC, three items from Salc, three from St Edmundsbury Council, two from Suffolk Police, two from Age Concern and one from Norton Parish Council. The Clerk stated that these items were all available to view on the secure correspondence website accessible to Councillors only.

Two items of correspondence were received on the night, a letter from Mr Kasicki expressing his concerns over the condition of the pavements in the village, and another letter from the Over 60's club expressing their concern about the condition of the heating in the village hall. The Clerk was instructed to write to these residents thanking them for their letters.

21. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Wilson reported that the drain cover near the Ixworth Thorpe Church was blocked and if not cleared would cause dangerous ivy conditions later in the year.

Cllr Sharpe reported that the telephone box in Stow Rd once again had overgrown bushes at the entrance. Cllr Sharpe also reported that Steve had requested if it was possible to purchase some weed killer for the Village Hall areas and for the Parish Council. It was agreed to inform Steve to purchase this item but two invoices would be needed.

Cllr McFruin enquired if the notice boards were still going to be replaced, the clerk was instructed to speak to Bob Bishop to find out if he was still willing to refurbish them.

Cllr McFruin also handed out a booklet which Botesdale/Rickinghall Parish Council produce twice a year for their residents and wondered if it was possible to do something similar in Ixworth.

22. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be October 13th 2010 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

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Signed

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Date