

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

*Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> June 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 and Alison Fairgrieve.

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

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

Cllr Nick Laughton.

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

Cllr Reeve item 9.

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

Cllr Sharpe requested that item 10 (planning applications) be altered to show that the vote for this application was not unanimous. This was agreed by all and it was resolved that the Chairman could now sign the minutes of the previous meetings (May 12<sup>th</sup> 2010) as a true record of that meeting.

### **4. Matters from Previous Minutes**

Cllr Goodson reported that the village magazine would be happy to distribute the housing questionnaire for the Parish Council and Cllr Sharpe reported that the flint wall in the Churchyard had been repaired.

*Meeting Adjourned*

### **5. Public Forum**

The members of the public present wished to highlight their concerns about the junction of Commister Lane and the High Street. It was felt that this junction at present is very dangerous when trying to turn onto the High Street especially if cars are parked on the double yellow lines outside the Post Office. The Chairman thanked them for their comments and invited them to stay to hear the Councillors discussions in item 10 on the agenda. Mr Gavin Hill a representative from the local Scout group wished to inform the PC the scouts' hopes for future development of a scout hut in Ixworth. Mr Hill also invited PC members to the Scouts AGM on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in Stanton Scout hut.

### **6. Report of County Cllr Joanna Spicer**

C Cllr Spicer reported that the order for painting of the new yellow lines in Ixworth was now in place and hopefully would be completed soon. As well as the new lines the County Council would also be repainting some of the faded lines already present.

The Police Station hours in Ixworth may be changing, it is proposed that the station only open three days a week rather than five.

C Cllr Spicer requested if the Parish Council were happy for her to arrange a Police forum for the third week in July in Ixworth to discuss any Police matters. The Parish Council were happy for C Cllr Spicer to go ahead with this.

C Cllr Spicer also reported that the suggested changes to schools in Suffolk were still being discussed and once she had further definite information she would report back to the Parish Council.

Cllr McFruin asked C Cllr Spicer about the Police Investigating Centre in Bury St Edmunds. C Cllr Spicer informed the members that this was a joint project with Norfolk and many Police services were now under one roof which would save money on such things as transport. Cllr Sharpe asked C Cllr Spicer if cuts could be made to the salaries of higher paid employees of the C Council to make savings, C Cllr Spicer informed the PC that with employment laws and contracts salaries could not just be cut. Cllr Wilson requested if C Cllr Spicer could speak to the transport department to get the school bus in Ixworth Thorpe stop at the new bus stop rather than on the main road. C Cllr Spicer suggested speaking to the school to see if they could help and she would also see what she could do.

### **7. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths**

B Cllr wanted to report that the bins in Peddars Close and New Road had finally been replaced.

B Cllr had received correspondence for Mr Ben Lord with his concerns about traffic in Peasecroft Road, St Edmundsbury Council will look into this issue.

B Cllr Griffiths reported that St Edmundsbury Council would be publishing the number of salaries over £50,000.

Also, B Cllr reported that there may be local government cuts of 7-8%, but hopefully St Eds have been aware and have made saving so these cuts will not be felt as much as they could have been.

### **8. Police Report**

See attached.

### *Meeting Reconvened*

### **9. Permissive Footpath**

At present no further progress has been made. The items left to complete this project are as follows – a safe path to be installed through the trees, signage to highlight the start of the path and a leaflet with a map of the path. The members felt that the path should be highest priority.

### **10. Commister Lane/High Street Junction**

A meeting with Suffolk County Council, C Cllr Spicer and members of the Parish Council had been held recently at the junction to discuss options. It was felt that build outs would not improve the situation and the Parish Council voted not to pursue this idea. A suggestion of having a designated disabled parking space, rather than yellow lines, may deter some people parking, the members agreed this and requested that C Cllr Spicer go ahead with this idea. Three other options were suggested;

1. Leave junction as it is
2. Change the priority
3. Close the junction completely

The clerk was instructed to place an article in the village magazine seeking residents' opinions and also to write a letter to deliver to the residents living in the immediate area of the junction seeking their opinions. The letters would be delivered by Cllrs Sharpe and McFruin.

## **11. Accounts**

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 454/455	Wages	£834.10
Chq No 456	H M Rev & Customs	£353.31
Chq No 457	Anglian Tree Solutions	£540.50
Chq No 458	Chilton Office Supplies	£209.00
Chq No 459	A Adlington (expenses)	£118.93

## **12. Planning Applications**

*SE/10/0599* – Erection of single storey front extension – 17 Coddington Way, Ixworth, IP31

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**No Objection**

## **13. Determined Applications**

None.

## **14. Village Cleaning Operative**

Cllr Goodson reported that Steve needed a new broom, it was agreed that if there was no broom in the items that Cllr Reeve has stored in his yard Steve could purchase one. Steve also wanted to know if the leaf blower that the PC own is in working order, Cllrs Reeve and Sharpe would look into this. Cllr Goodson also wanted to report that Steve was concerned about the status of insurance when carrying out work for the PC. The Clerk was instructed to find this out and discuss with Steve.

## **15. Cobbled Area in the High Street**

Cllr Wilson reported that as far as she was aware Suffolk County Council were happy to repair and resurface the area but the PC would have to pay to dress the area, i.e. planting pots etc. Cllr Wilson agreed to speak with Cllr Laughton for any further information.

## **16. Play Area**

The Clerk informed the meeting that funding applications had been submitted and were now awaiting replies.

## **17. St Mary's Church**

C Cllr Spicer informed the PC that Suffolk County Council had been in touch with Rev Garbett and a 'faculty' would be needed for the path resurfacing to go ahead. It was felt by all concerned that this would not be problem and the path would hopefully be completed by the end of July.

A letter had been received form Rev Garbett offering the date of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June for a meeting with the Parish Council, Cllr Plummer and Cllr McFruin agreed to attend.

## **18. Robins Copse**

Cllr Sharpe reported that the wildlife group had met with the school to finalise the major sign. It was confirmed that Cllr Sharpe could seek quotes for the erection of the sign donated by Mr Jolly.

**19. Correspondence**

Twelve items of correspondence had been received during the month – including a letter from the Pykkerell offering the use of function room for the Parish Council meetings, a letter from the local scout group with plans suggesting what would be needed for a scout hut in Ixworth and a letter from a resident about the notice boards.

**20. Chairman’s Report**

Cllr Plummer informed the members that she had completed the comments section on the latest LDF consultation. Cllr Plummer also brought to the meeting a copy of the Gt Barton housing questionnaire for members to study to give an idea as to what Ixworths’ questionnaire could be like if the Parish Council decide to go ahead. This was then included in the correspondence envelope.

**21. Clerks Report**

As reported earlier the bins had now been repaired. The new grit bins will not be filled until at least September so they may need stones put in them to weigh them down so they cannot be moved. The elephant in the play area is damaged and dangerous so the clerk requested permission to have it removed, permission was given. The clerk has requested the BT fix the telephone in Ixworth Thorpe.

**22. Councillors Reports**

Cllr Wilson reported that a local farmer would be willing to cut the grass area in Ixworth Thorpe but wished to know if they would then be covered by Suffolk County Council insurance.

Cllr Fairgrieve reported that the pavement near to the Post Office was very uneven.

Cllr Shelton wished to report that the surface of Crown Lane was still very uneven. Also, Cllr Shelton reported that the outside toilet at the village hall was closed at present due to broken door hinges.

Cllr Goodson reported that the 30 mph road sign was obscured.

Cllr McFruin reported that residents had highlighted to him their concerns about the number of advertising boards near the roundabout entering the village.

Cllr Sharpe reported that the free trees that had been planted near the permissive footpath had taken very well but some small gaps may need to be filled in at a later date. Cllr Sharpe also suggested that the Councillors get together at some point to have a walk around the village to highlight any issues the Parish Council may need to address.

**23. Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 10.15pm

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