

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 11th January 2012 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Teresa Plummer (Chairman) Cllr David Reeve (Vice-Chairman) Cllrs Sophia Wilson, Nick Laughton, Roy McFruin, Pam Shelton, Ben Lord, Nathan Plummer and Trevor Anderson.

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer, B Cllr John Griffiths MBE, PCSO Will Pardoe and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Reeve declared a personal interest in item 14.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th December 2011 as a true record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Cllr Nathan Plummer apologised for his conduct at the last Parish Council meeting. After a discussion, in which Cllr McFruin stated that he felt disappointed in Cllr N Plummer's remarks towards him, the members agreed to accept Cllr N Plummer's apology.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

Jeannette Chaning-Pearce wished to inform the Parish Council that she was arranging a 'street party' to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June. The members stated that they thought this was a great idea and as far they knew no other event had been suggested. The Chairman stated the Parish Council would support her efforts and urged her to contact the Parish Council if she needed any help.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

PCSO Will Pardoe reported the following;

Criminal Damage – 22/12/11 – Fencing around a secure fishing area has been damaged the lock has also been glued.

Parking issues

Since the last meeting 3 tickets have been issued to vehicles failing to comply with the double yellow lines and numerous verbal warnings have been given.

Patrols have also been done in the known problem areas.

The next priority setting meeting is on the 8th of December at Ixworth village hall at 7.30pm.

Feel free to contact us on 01473 613500 or e mail stedsruralnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer confirmed she would attend the meeting with David Falk on 18th January to discuss the leaflets for the Riverside Path. C Cllr Spicer reported the schools consultation report had been compiled and Suffolk County Council was still recommending a two tier system with Thurston being the main secondary school with Beyton as the annexe. C Cllr Spicer stated she still be supported the 'Free School' option and reported that in the next few weeks the free school group would have more plans in place, such as a name for the school. C Cllr Spicer also reported that hopefully the fire station planning application would be in before the next meeting.

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths reported that St Edmundsbury Bough Council and Forest Heath District Council would be seeking a Chief Executive to serve both Councils to cut costs. B Cllr Griffiths reported that the two Councils were sharing management across all levels to save money which would benefit all residents of both areas without the loss of services. The Councils have produced a Joint Management Policies Document, which they will publish soon. This document would run along side with the Local Development Framework. B Cllr Griffiths also reported that St Edmundsbury had launched 'Help to Stay Warm in St Edmundsbury Campaign' for residents who may need help with heating costs over the coming cold months. B Cllr Griffiths passed a poster to the Clerk to display. B Cllr Griffiths also highlighted the village sign in Ixworth Thorpe was in need of repair. Cllr Wilson agreed to work with him to obtain some quotes to bring the members at a future meeting.

Meeting reconvened

9. Planning Applications

SE/11/1473 – extension of time limit for an additional three years for the commencement of the development authorized by planning permission SE/08/1525 – erection of part two storey and part single storey extension to side elevation (re-submission of SE/08/0825) – The Beeches, 43 High Street, Ixworth, IP31 2HJ

No objection

SE/11/1531 – (i) erection of single storey rear extension (ii) detached double garage and (iii) conversion of existing attached garage to form a studio – Oak Barn, 3 River View, Stow Road, Ixworth, IP31 2HZ

No objection

10. Determined Applications

SE/11/1350 – Replacement of 14no windows – Ixworth Village Hall, IP31 2HH

Granted

SE/11/1253 – Conversion of detached coach house to provide residential accommodation and alterations to existing access – Ixworth House, 12 St Edmund Close, Ixworth, IP31 2HP

Granted

SE/11/1388 – Change of use and conversion of redundant pumping station to form 2No. dwellings and garaging – Former pumping station, Stow Rd, Ixworth

Withdrawn

11. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received;

S Taylor - Library Review

SCC – A143 Speed restriction

SCC – Thank you for Schools review response

Suffolk Police – Minutes from Rural Tasking meeting

Suffolk Hedgerow Survey – Winter newsletter

Suffolk Police – Public Priority meetings for 2012
Dent – CCTV maintenance appointment
SCC – Heritage consultation
St Eds/Forest Heath – Recruitment process for Joint Chief Executive

12. Accounts

The following payments were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 604/605	Wages	£965.03
Chq No 606	JK & GA Agnew Woods (Christmas tree)	£246.00
Chq No 607	The Wright Concept	£90.00

It was agreed the RFO could transfer £1000 from the reserve account to the community account to make these payments. The RFO also passed to all members a copy of the quarterly budget.

13. Parish Council Logo

It was agreed by all present to accept the alterations to the design and that this logo would now be used on all communications.

14. Riverside Path

Cllrs McFruin and Shelton reported that they had had a meeting to write the content of the proposed leaflet, a copy of which had been previously distributed to all Councillors. After a discussion it was resolved to use the Ordnance Survey style map, that there would be no adverts within the leaflet, all distances would be metric and the Anglian water works would be referred to as the former pumping station. It was also resolved to seek advice from David Falk with reference to the country code and if the Parish Council logo should be printed on the leaflet. It was agreed that Cllrs McFruin and Shelton would report back to the members at the next meeting.

15. Peacock Rise

Cllr Lord presented a report on the progress on resolving parking issues in Peacock Rise, this report had been previously distributed to all Councillors. After a discussion it was resolved that Cllr Lord could arrange a meeting with all concerned parties, arrange quotes for work to be carried out and apply for a grant from Havebury Neighbourhood Investment Scheme to complete the work. It was resolved that the Parish Council would contribute £500 towards this project. Cllr Lord will report back to members at the next meeting.

16. Cobbled Area in High Street

Cllrs Wilson and Laughton would make a report for the next meeting.

17. St Mary's Church

It was agreed that it would be fitting to light the floodlights at the church for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and perhaps the Olympic Games. It was decided that the members would prefer the colours red, white and blue only and not the Olympic colours. Cllr Reeve agreed to liaise with Rev Garbett to ascertain whether this would be possible and report back to the members at a future meeting.

18. Chairman's Report

The Chairman requested whether it would be possible to find out when the resurfacing in the High Street would be completed. The clerk was requesting to seek advice from Guy Smith from Suffolk County Council highways department.

19. Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that she had received an email requesting who owned pub in Ixworth Thorpe, Cllr Wilson stated that she would find this information and pass to the clerk. The clerk reported that she had also received a complaint from Mr Pearce who runs the tailors opposite the village stores. Mr Pearce has had problems with lorries parking near his shop and they have unfortunately damaged his building. The members suggested Mr Pearce contact highways to investigate this matter. The clerk also handed out dates of future meetings and confirmed the Annual Parish meeting would be held on 18th April 2012.

20. Councillors Report's

Cllr Lord asked whether the overhanging branch at the cemetery had been cut back yet. Cllr McFruin reported that the library lease was due for renewal and if the Parish Council, as Custodian Trustees, renegotiate this. The clerk stated she would seek advice on this matter.

21. Date of the Next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 8th February at 7.30pm in Ixworth village hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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Date