

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

*Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7:30pm*

**Present:** Cllr Teresa Plummer (Chairman) Cllr David Reeve (Vice-Chairman) Cllrs Sophia Wilson, 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 and two members of the public.

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

Cllr Laughton.

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

Cllr Reeve, a personal interest in item 9.

### **3. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011 as a true record of that meeting.

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

None.

*Meeting Adjourned*

### **5. Public Forum**

No member of the public wished to make a comment.

### **6. Report from Local Police Officer**

No report. PCSO Burke offered his apologies as he was called away to an incident in Bury St Edmunds.

### **7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer**

C Cllr Spicer reported that she had attended a meeting at Ixworth Middle School that evening looking into the future of schools within Suffolk, which had attended by over 100 people. Suffolk County Council was currently running a consultation into the future of schools and urged all to read and respond to this consultation. C Cllr Spicer was supporting the option of Ixworth Middle School becoming a free school. C Cllr Spicer requested that school review be put on the November agenda so further discussions between her and the Parish Council could take place, this was agreed by the members.

C Cllr Spicer also reported that Suffolk County Council had formally decided to go ahead with combining the fire and police station in Ixworth. A planning application would be submitted soon.

### **8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE**

B Cllr Griffiths reported that St Edmundsbury Borough Council was planning to once again freeze council tax. St Edmundsbury Borough Council is working hard with other local councils and partners to look at ways to continue to deliver good services while saving money. In this regard he said that St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath would be extending their existing partnership and would hopefully soon agree to share staff from top to bottom. B Cllr Griffiths also reported that a summit of local organisations was being held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in Bury St Edmunds to discuss, and address, the most important issues affecting everyone in West Suffolk in the years ahead.

*Meeting reconvened*

### **9. Permissive Footpath**

Cllr Reeve produced a map of the new agreed permissive footpath, this is now to be called the Ixworth Riverside Walk.

C Cllr Spicer suggested that Claire Dickson consult with Mandy to arrange a meeting with the three Councillors who agreed to help with the leaflet and information board so that these items can be completed as soon as possible. Cllrs McFruin, Shelton and N Plummer are the nominated Councillors.

Cllr Reeve also reported that Claire Dickson was supplying a new kissing gate for the altered path which once delivered he would install.

### **10. Local Development Framework**

It was agreed that Cllrs T Plummer, Shelton and the clerk would compile a questionnaire to hand out at the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011. It was agreed that even though schools would be touched as due to the close proximity to Ixworth Primary School this meeting was to seek opinion of the future Crown Lane Development.

### **11. Planning Applications**

**SE/11/1082 – TCA11/2158** – (i) 20% crown reduction and 20% crown thinning to one Willow tree (ii) remove branch of Tulip tree protruding into canopy of the Walnut tree – Mill Barn, Ixworth, IP31 2JN

**No objection**

**SE/11/1094 – TCA11/2161** – 30% crown reduction to two Sycamore trees – 11 Thetford Road, Ixworth, IP31

**No objection**

### **12. Determined Applications**

**SE/11/0968** – Installation of garage door to existing 3 sided enclosed carport-15 Fordham Place, Ixworth, IP31 2GJ

**Granted**

### **13. Correspondence**

15 items of correspondence was received during the month – 4 from SALC, 6 from Suffolk County Council, 2 from residents, 1 from St Edmundsbury Borough Council, 1 from Boundary Commission and 1 from Cllr N Laughton.

Cllr McFruin wished to put his name forward to attend the SALC AGM.

### **14. Accounts**

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 580/581	Wages	£958.40
Chq No 582	BDO LLP	£660.00
Chq No 583	Anglian Tree Solutions	£72.00
Chq No 584	Ixworth Village Hall	£489.00
Chq No 585	SALC	£5.80
Chq No. 586	G Palastanga	£30.10
Chq No. 587	Mrs S Wilson (play area)	£103.88

### **15. Village Notice Boards**

Cllr McFruin confirmed that work had started on removing and refurbishing the village notice boards. It was decided that the notice board in Ixworth Thorpe could be placed with the bus shelter. It was also decided to delay ordering the new Parish Council notice board near the village hall until the November meeting.

### **16. Ixworth Cemetery/St Mary's Churchyard**

It was decided to instruct David Thrower to put weed killer on the paths in the old section of the cemetery and also remind him that some top soil is also needed with the cemetery.

It was reported by the clerk that a lot of dumped rubbish had built up with the churchyard, Cllrs Anderson & McFruin volunteered to hire a skip and clear the rubbish away.

### **17. Chairman's Report**

No report.

**18. Clerks Report**

Christmas tree in High Street – The clerk requested permission to order the Christmas tree for the High street and organise with Paul Brown to install the lights. Permission was given and Cllr Reeve volunteered to erect tree once delivered.

Remembrance Sunday – The clerk informed the members that Ixworth & District Royal British Legion had invited the Chairman to take the salute of the parade after the church service. Cllr T Plummer stated she would be honoured to attend. It was agreed by all present to present to Ixworth RBL a cheque for £75 towards the cost of the band and refreshments and also to organise the normal wreath to be laid on behalf of Ixworth parishioners.

Play Area – The clerk reported that David Thrower had produced a quote to repair and install the picnic bench, install a new bench within the area and install a bin near the large swing. The quote was £420 and was agreed by all present and the clerk was instructed to inform Mr Thrower that his quote had been accepted by the Council and request he complete the work as soon as possible.

**19. Councillors Reports**

Cllr Reeve stated that Mr B Springham was still willing to advise the members on any planning applications received. Cllr Reeve also reported that he has some clip frames that hold an A4 lamented sign which could be used on the Riverside Walk.

Cllr Wilson reported that the drain on the side of the road between Ixworth Thorpe and Ixworth was once again damaged and needed repairing before winter.

Cllr Lord reported that he was still concerned with the overgrown vegetation along Walsham Road.

Cllr McFruin reported that the village had had secured a grant to replace the windows in the village hall.

After lengthy discussion it was decided to inform the VH management committee that the Parish Council, as Custodian Trustees, only required an annual report. It was also agreed that now the management committee had altered the constitution the Parish Council no longer needed an official representative on the committee. The clerk was instructed to write to the committee to inform them of the Parish Councils decision.

**20. Date of the Next Meeting**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

**21. To resolve that, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded for the remaining items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by the reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.**

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**Signed**

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**Date**