

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

*Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> February 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 and Trevor Anderson.

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

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

Cllr Nathan Plummer.

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

Cllr Reeve for item 13.

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

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 as a true record of that meeting.

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

Cllr Reeve reported that St Mary's Church was still discussing the options about lighting the church for the Queens Diamond Jubilee and The Olympics.

*Meeting Adjourned*

### **5. Public Forum**

The one member of the public present wished to make no comment.

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

No Report.

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

C Cllr Spicer reported;

- The planning application for the fire/police station should be received by the Parish Council within the month so it can be discussed at the next meeting.
- The plans for a free school within Ixworth were still progressing and further information should be received within the next few months
- The Library service would be legally delegated to the new company now running the service soon. Unfortunately, the library was closed on the previous Sunday due to the bad weather.
- S.C.C. would not be increasing their precept for the coming year. However, the County Council had to make savings of up to £26 million over the next year.

C Cllr Spicer reported that she may not be able to attend the next meeting as she also has been invited to the Police Tasking meeting being held at Ixworth Police Station on the same evening.

Cllr Roy McFruin wished to highlight to C Cllr Spicer that the road clearance during the recent bad weather had been very good. It was agreed by all present for the clerk to pass this message unto Matthew Riches in the highways department.

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

B Cllr Griffiths reported;

- St Edmundsbury Borough Council, for the third year, has decided not to increase the precept.
- Plans to work with Forest Heath Council to deliver services to residents, thus saving money, were still being discussed.
- The new Vision 2031 document would be published soon and would be available to view at various drop in locations and online at St Edmundsbury Borough Councils website.

B Cllr Griffiths gave out various leaflets to members on the Parish Council Conference and Greener Business Grants.

## **9. Planning Applications**

None.

## **10. Determined Applications**

**SE/11/1386** – 25 High Street, Ixworth, IP31 2HJ

**Granted**

**SE/11/1416** – Abbey Farm, Ixworth

**Granted**

## **11. Correspondence**

Thirteen items of correspondence had been received.

It was resolved to reply to Ixworth Village Hall Committee relinquishing the Parish Councils right to have a representative sit on the Committee, Cllrs McFruin & Laughton declared an interest in this item.

It was resolved that Cllr T Plummer and Cllr McFruin would attend the Suffolk Better Broadband Conference on 9<sup>th</sup> March.

It was resolved that Cllr T Plummer and Cllr Laughton would attend the Neighbourhood Planning Training on 21<sup>st</sup> March. The clerk was also instructed to request if three other members could attend if any further places were available.

It was resolved that Cllr T Plummer and Cllr Wilson would attend the Vision 2031 event on 29<sup>th</sup> February.

It was resolved to contact The Brecks Partnership to confirm the Parish Councils agreement for them to erect a sign within the Parish.

## **12. Accounts**

The following payments were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 608/609	Wages	£965.03
Chq No. 610	Ixworth Village Hall	£680.00
Chq No. 611	Greenbarnes Ltd	£409.14
Chq No. 612	P A Brown	£324.00
DD0 (01.03.2012)	PWLB	£3116.19

It was agreed that the RFO transfer £4000 from the Reserve account to the Community Account.

### **13. Riverside Path**

Cllr McFruin reported the meeting with David Falk from S.C.C. had gone well and that work on the leaflets would hopefully begin in March. David Falk would arrange with the clerk a day to visit Ixworth and walk the various routes to confirm interesting points etc, suggested text for the leaflet had been passed to David. It was suggested that the cost is divided between S.C.C. and the Parish Council at an approximate cost of £350 to each party. Cllr McFruin thanked C Cllr Spicer for attending this meeting.

### **14. Peacock Rise**

Cllr Lord reported the meeting had been held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012 with the residents of Peacock Rise, C Cllr Spicer, Guy Smith from S.C.C., Havebury Housing representatives and representatives from the Parish Council. The meeting had gone very well with all parties agreeing that parking needed to be approved. Mr Guy Smith had agreed to design the plan free of charge using Mr Nunn's specifications, if these specifications were satisfactory to S.C.C. Once this plan is completed Cllr Lord would submit the application for funding to Havebury Housing. Cllr Lord confirmed that the following grants had been confirmed, £1000 from C Cllr Spicer and £500 from the Parish Council. Cllr Lord confirmed he would submit the application with the next few weeks.

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

Cllrs Laughton and Wilson reported that they had selected a tree to replace the current tree in the cobbled area. The tree selected was a Prunus Pandora (Cherry Blossom) at the cost of approximately £200, Cllr Wilson was given permission to order the tree and the clerk was instructed to inform S.C.C. that name of the tree that was to be planted. It was also suggested that a bench be installed in the area to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee at a cost of £500. It was agreed by all present that Cllr Laughton order the bench and arrange installation of the tree and bench. The RFO was given permission to pay both of these expenses, if needed, before the next meeting either by cheques or BACS transfer and to confirm payment with the Chairman.

### **16. Ixworth Thorpe Sign**

Cllr Wilson reported that a new sign for Ixworth Thorpe Village Green would cost £3000. It was resolved that the Parish Council meet half of the cost and the clerk was instructed to apply for grants for the remaining cost. It was agreed that Cllr Wilson liaise with H Stebbings on the design of the sign and submit the design for approval at a future meeting.

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

The Chairman requested that the play area be put on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss a plan for the grass area before the toddlers play area. This was agreed by all present.

### **18. Clerks Report**

The clerk reported that she had received a report from Steve Wilson mentioning the following points;

- Dog fouling has increased
- A kitchen knife was found on playing field and was taken to the police
- The grit bin in Street Farm Lane had been completely emptied
- The area around the glass recycling bins had been cleaned
- Rubble had been removed from the Village Hall area and taken to the dump

**19. Councillors Reports**

Cllr Lord requested if the top soil had been supplied to the cemetery. Cllr Lord also requested information on who is responsible for the upkeep of the plots and removal of the flowers etc. the clerk confirmed that the Parish Council were responsible for the upkeep of the cemetery.

Cllr Laughton also reported that the pile of grit in Commister Lane has also been removed. Cllr Wilson requested that the offer of the Oak tree from St Edmundsbury Borough Council to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee could in fact be placed on the village green in Ixworth Thorpe. This was agreed by all present and the clerk was instructed to contact the relevant department to confirm the new location.

Cllr McFruin reported that the street lights in Commister Lane seemed faulty. Cllr McFruin confirmed he would report them as a resident of Commister Lane rather than a Parish Councillor.

**20. Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

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Date