

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 12th September 2012 at 7:30pm

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Trevor Anderson.

2. Declarations of Interest

None at this time.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th August 2012 as a true record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

Cllr McFruin enquired if the damaged equipment in the play area was to be discussed later. The Clerk confirmed that she had information for the members in the Clerks report.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

No comment was made.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

The following report was given by PCSO Jonny Burke;

8TH AUGUST 2012 – 12TH SEPTEMBER 2012

IXWORTH;

5 Crimes reported between 08/08/12 and 12/09/12...

16/08/12 – Burglary, other Building – Cyder House, Bury Road

- Over an approximate 3-month period an unknown offender has stolen two, petrol powered, chain saws from outbuildings at the property. Crime has been finalised.

18/08/12 – Breach of restraining Order – Walsham Road

- No publicity

21/08/12 – Theft, other – River Blackbourne Area, Thetford Road

- Over a three-day period approximately 28 Crayfish traps have been stolen from the river. Crime has been finalised.

04/09/12 – Theft, by Employee – Peddars Close

- No publicity

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21/08/12 – Theft, other – A1088

- Overnight-unknown offenders have stolen 230 meters of BT copper cabling from the roadside approximate value of £20,000. Crime has been finalised.

SNT Speeding Priority;

181 Endorsable Fixed Penalty Notices

11 Drivers reported for Summons for speeds over 50mph

7 Fixed Penalty Notices issued for failing to wear a Seat Belt

2 Vehicles seized for No insurance

263 Verbal warnings for speeds between 35-39 mph

PCSO Burke also informed the members that he had been accepted into Suffolk Police Force. All members present congratulated him on his good news and thanked him for all his hard work over the years for Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe.

7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer was pleased to announce that the Police Authority was once again recruiting and wished to add her congratulations to PCSO Burke for being accepted into Suffolk Police Force.

C Cllr reported that the initial consultation about the expansion of Ixworth Primary School had been completed and hoped the Parish Council had forwarded any comments they wish to make.

Unfortunately, due to the limited space at the school the only option available was to build over the swimming pool. C Cllr Spicer reported many comments had been made over the transport issues and these were being looked throughout the process.

Cllr Lord asked C Cllr Spicer if any progress had been made on the replanting of the memorial tree at the fire station, C Cllr Spicer stated she would look into this and report back to a future meeting.

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths reported the Bury Festival had been very successful and this year there had been many varied events enjoyed by a vast number of people. The Bury St Edmunds Business Festival would be taking place over the next few weeks and B Cllr Griffiths would like to encourage people to attend some of the informative events being held.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath Council were still working together to combine services which would save money for residents in both areas.

Cllr McFruin asked about the recent report in the papers about the cost of The Apex. B Cllr Griffiths stated that the figures reported included start up costs and the Council was looking at ways to keep costs down.

9. Planning Applications

SE/12/0898 – Erection of single storey rear extension (ii) insertion of velux window on existing rear roof slope (iii) re-rendering with rough cream render – 22 High Street, Ixworth **No Objection**

SE/12/1066 – Tree in Conservation Area – Fell one Christmas tree – 9 Abbey Close, Ixworth **No Objection**

SE/12/1033 – Single storey pitched roof side & rear extensions and conversion of roof space to living accommodation. Proposed single storey garage to side of property – Phoenix Lodge, Thetford Road, Ixworth **No Objection**

SE/12/1057 – Conversion of part of garage to living accommodation to include art studio – 4 Fordham Place, Ixworth **No Objection**

SE/12/1142 – Change of use of annexe accommodation Class C3 to Class B1 Office – 1Peasecroft Road, Ixworth **No Objection**

10. Determined Applications

SE/12/0860/HH – Erection of (i) single storey extensions to side and rear elevations (following demolition of garage) (ii) erection of detached garage – Mormond, Crown Lane, Ixworth **Granted**

11. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received;

- A letter from Mr John Orbell - requesting permission to plant a memorial tree
- St Edmundsbury – Quarterly play area inspection report
- Suffolk Passenger Transport – bus timetables

- Audit Commission – Appointment of external auditors
- Suffolk Police – Invitation to tasking meeting
- Suffolk Libraries IPS Ltd – Feedback from recent meeting
- St Edmundsbury – Receipt of planning application for Peacock Rise
- Jane Basham – letter from candidate for Suffolk Police & Crime Commissioner
- Phil Maghil SCC – confirmation that Ixworth Thorpe bus would continue until at least April 2013

The clerk was instructed to contact Mr Orbell to discuss his request.

12. Accounts

The following payments were agreed;

Chq No's 654/655	Wages	£993.40
Chq No 656	H M Rev & Customs	£352.59
Chq No 657	Anglian Water	£34.76
Chq No 658	Clarks of Walsham	£255.19
Chq No 659	BDO LLP	£480.00
Chq No 660	Ixworth Village Hall	£436.00
Chq No 661	St Eds (planning)	£85.00
Chq No 662	A Adlington	£104.50

The RFO was authorised to transfer £2000 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

The clerk reported the previous cheque to Anglian Water had been lost in the post. Anglian Water have now read the meter and issued a new up to date bill. The previous cheque had been cancelled.

The clerk reported that the final report from BDO LLP, the external auditor had been received. One item was highlighted for the members. The auditor highlighted that the fidelity guarantee was set at £100,000 but once during the year the accounts held just over this amount. It was agreed by all members to leave the guarantee at £100,000 as the level at the bank was now less than that amount.

13. Adoption of New Code of Conduct

It was resolved to adopt the new Suffolk Code of Conduct. All members had completed the new Register of Members Interest required under the new code.

14. Riverside Footpath Leaflet

The Clerk reported the leaflet had finally gone to print and the Council should receive the leaflets by the end of September. David Falk had agreed to distribute some of the leaflets in the local tourist information centres.

15. Ixworth Thorpe Sign

Cllr Wilson stated she had a design and was waiting from responses from the residents of Ixworth Thorpe and requested this item be discussed further at the October meeting. All members agreed to this request.

16. Peacock Rise

Cllr Lord confirmed that a planning application had been submitted to St Edmundsbury Borough Council for the parking improvements in Peacock Rise. Once the planning was granted then the Clerk would write to the contractor whose quote had been accepted formally awarding them the contract.

17. Ixworth Village Hall

A discussion was held about the Parish Councils financial responsibility towards Ixworth Village Hall. It was agreed by all to continue paying the following;

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| • Public Works Board Loan (for village hall extension) | £6238 per year |
| • Cleaning of the outside toilet | £1825 per year |
| • Maintenance of outside toilet | £150 per year |
| • CCTV | £450 per year |
| • Lease of the play area | £100 per year |

Further discussions would be held in the next financial year.

18. Ixworth Cemetery

The Clerk reported that Cllr McFruin had completed the refurbishment of the benches in the cemetery. Cllr McFruin requested permission to purchase some coating to stop staining from such things as bird mess, at a cost of approximately £40. This was rejected by the members.

The Clerk was instructed to obtain a quote for a wooden sign that would be in keeping with the current style of the cemetery entrance.

The Clerk was also instructed to speak with the contractor tending the cemetery grass areas to request that he look at the pathways and weeds around the edge of both pieces.

19. Ixworth Primary School Consultation

After a discussion the clerk was instructed to write with the following members concerns;

- The expansion of the school to accommodate more children will create even more traffic problems in Crown Lane.
- Access to the vehicles delivering materials for construction will cause problems within Crown Lane as Crown Lane is a very narrow Lane.
- There is only one access onto the site at the side of the school

The clerk was also instructed to state that the members will make further comments once the planning application is actually submitted.

20. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the Rural Profiling Project seemed to have slowed up and that she would report to members any future information.

21. Clerk's Report

The clerk reported the following;

- Thetford Road Sign – had been requested from S.C.C.
- Play Area – the broken table would need to be repaired as an insurance claim (applied for)
- BT phone box refurbishment – still chasing
- Bridle Way Sign, Commister Lane – Rights of Way will replace
- Blocked Drains – reported again

The clerk reported that Pakenham Parish Council is running a training evening for Councillors on 4th October between 7pm & 9.30pm. Councillors from other Parish Councils are invited to attend at an approximate cost of £20 pp. The course would cover generally subjects such as Councillors roles. Cllrs Plummer, McFruin, Shelton, Laughton, Lord and the clerk stated they would like to attend. The clerk was instructed to let Pakenham Parish clerk know the numbers.

22. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Lord requested that highway issues within the village be added to October's agenda, this was agreed by all. Cllr Lord requested members to look around the village to see if they had concerns over any issues.

Cllr Reeve reported that he was still in discussions with Hawards Horological Ltd about St Mary's Clock.

Cllr McFruin reported that the caretaker at the Middle School had reported overhanging bushes in Walsham Road.

Cllr Laughton gave the following report on behalf of Steve Wilson;

- Dog mess did not seem to be much of a problem at present
- Branches and bushes obscuring pavements had been cut back
- Weed killer had been applied to the cobbled area
- The village hall area had been tidied up and excess wood taken to the dump
- The path through from Carpenters Close to Stow Road had been cleared

23. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is 10th October 2012 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm

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Date