

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

*Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 7:30pm*

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

**Also Present:** Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer PCSO Will Pardoe and one member of the public.

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

Cllr Wilson & Cllr Laughton

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

Cllr McFruin of a personal interest in item 12.

### **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> July 2012 as a true record of that meeting.

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

None.

*Meeting Adjourned*

### **5. Public Forum**

No comments were made.

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

PCSO Will Pardoe gave the following report for 11.07.2012 – 08.08.2012

#### **IXWORTH CRIMES**

Criminal Damage – High Street – 25/07/12 – Overnight damage has been caused to an alarm box, possibly in an attempt to silence the alarm.

#### **IXWORTH THORPE CRIMES**

None.

C Cllr Joanna Spicer was also in attendance to inform the Councillors of the following;

Suggested plans for the changes to Ixworth Primary School would be on show from 5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at Ixworth Primary School. C Cllr Spicer urged members to go along to view. Comments would need to be brought to the September meeting to decide on the Parish Council response.

*Meeting reconvened*

### **7. Planning 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

**No objection**

**SE/12/0909/HHCA** – Erection of replacement conservatory – Vinery House, Thetford Road, Ixworth

**No objection**

### **8. Determined Applications**

None.

## **9. Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence had been received;

- 2 items from Havebury Housing – Havebury News and Havebury Residents Day
- Suffolk County Council informing members of Pre-planning consultation of Ixworth C of E VCP School

Members were requested to go along to the consultation at Ixworth Primary School as a response from the Parish Council had been requested by 14<sup>th</sup> September. This item would be included in the September agenda for discussion.

## **10. Accounts**

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 649/650	Wages	£993.00
Chq No 651	Dent Security	£42.00
Chq No 652	Clarks of Walsham	£53.12
Chq No 653	S.L.C.C.	£123.00

The RFO was authorised to transfer £1000 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

## **11. Peacock Rise**

Cllr Lord reported that planning permission was needed for the project in Peacock Rise. The Parish Council were responsible for applying for planning permission as they were carrying out the work. It was agreed by all for Cllr Lord and the Clerk to fill in the appropriate forms for submission and the cost would be met by the Parish Council.

## **12. Ixworth Village Hall**

The clerk reported that she had spoken with SALC and Suffolk Acre with reference to the Parish Councils responsibilities as Custodian Trustees of The Jiggins Memorial Village Hall and Playing Fields, Charity No 287532. Both organisations agreed that as Custodian Trustees the Parish Council were only the body that 'Hold the land for the Charity', they do not have any responsibility in the day to day management of the Charity. However, Suffolk Acre stated that the Parish Council may have to be involved in any lease negotiations depending on the wording in the Trust Document. The Clerk had read the trust document and in clause 24 it clearly states the 'Committee may let any part' and does not mention the Custodian Trustees. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Village Hall Committee clearly stating the Parish Council position on this matter.

## **13. Ixworth Cemetery**

The Clerk reported that she had received the quote from Clarks of Walsham and the cost of materials to refurbish the three benches in Ixworth Cemetery would be £255.19 Inc VAT. Cllr McFruin kindly volunteered to undertake the work to refurbish the benches. It was agreed by all present to place the order for materials to be delivered to Cllr McFruin so he could commence the refurbishment of the benches.

## **14. Chairman Report**

Cllr Plummer reported she would be attending another Rural Profiling Meeting in the near future and would report back to the members once she had any further information.

## **15. Clerks Report**

The clerk reported the following;

- David Cross had requested a sign reading Thetford Road at the junction with the A1088 and Thetford Road
- The small table in the toddlers play area had been damaged

It was agreed by all present to apply for a road sign for Thetford Road.  
The Clerk was instructed to apply to the insurance company and Playdale for repairs to be carried out ASAP on the small table in the toddlers play area.  
The Clerk also gave Steve Wilson report as follows;

- Dog mess is once again on the increase, this may be due to the school holidays as children do not like to pick up dog mess
- During the few days off I had recently, the bins became overflowing, could the PC look into who would empty the bins if I were to have two weeks off.

**16. Councillors Reports**

Cllr Lord reported that offensive number plates had now been installed on the abandoned vehicle near Mulleys. Cllr Lord reported that there had been some confusion as to who was responsible for getting the vehicle removed, it had now been suggested to Cllr Lord that St Edmundsbury Borough Council be informed of the abandoned vehicle. It was agreed by all present that Cllr Lord continue to report this matter to the various authorities to get the vehicle removed as soon as possible as the offensive number plates that had been attached were not a nice image as residents and visitors enter the village.

Cllr Reeve reported that St Mary’s clock was not working properly. It was agreed by all present that Cllr Reeve could contact Haward Horological Ltd to get it repaired up to a cost of £750. Cllr Reeve also reported that the PC would need to consider what to do with the items stored in his yard such as the street cleaning barrow and fencing.

Cllr McFruin wished to highlight what a good job that Suffolk County Council had made of the High Street resurfacing.

Cllr Anderson asked who was responsible for overhanging hedges around the village. Cllr Anderson also requested if anyone had shown an interest in becoming a Councillor.

Cllr Plummer requested that the Village Hall be added to the September meeting to discuss such things as the CCTV & outside toilet. This was agreed by all present.

**17. Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

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Signed

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Date