

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

*Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7:30pm*

**Present:** Cllr Teresa Plummer (Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Nick Laughton, Roy McFruin, Pam Shelton, Ben Lord, Trevor Anderson and Richard Courtnell.

**Also Present:** Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), B Cllr John Griffiths MBE & two members of the public.

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

Cllr Wilson due to family commitments.

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

Cllr Reeve declared a pecuniary interest in planning application DC/13/0704.

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

After amending two spelling mistakes, it was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 as a true record of that meeting.

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

None.

*Meeting Adjourned*

### **5. Public Forum**

Mr John Sharpe raised the following;

- There is now a shortage of wild flower areas within the village, these areas are needed to encourage bees, birds and butterflies. Mr Sharpe gave each Councillor an article on planting wild flower areas and encouraged Councillors to look at areas within the village that could incorporate such an area
- The pathway between Peacock Rise and the telephone box in Stow Road is becoming impassable due to the hedge and mud from the bank under the hedge.
- Had any progress been made on fitting speed cameras or flashing lights along Stow Road.

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

The following report was received via email;

Firstly the SNT would like to thank the Chairman, the Council and the community for their continued support.

Your dedicated PCSO and PC are and Claire Teakle 3268 and Sheena Tate 161

### **Crime Statistics for the Parish to 11/12/2013**

There have been crimes 4 of interest in the Parish since the last meeting:

- Make off without payment, 15/11/2013, Ixworth, two males ordered and consumed food from a local establishment and left before making payment.
- Criminal damage, 21-26/11/2013, Ixworth, damage was caused to a caterpillar tractor that is kept on a field over a number of days.
- Criminal damage, 08/12/2013, Ixworth, a window was broken to a property on the high street between 0845 and 1100.

- Attempted theft, 17-20/11/2013, Ixworth Thorpe, unknown offender/s have broken a chamber lid to underground wiring and attempted to drag them out causing damage to the locks and lid, no cables taken.

<u>Date?</u>	<u>Speed Check</u>	<u>Speed board</u>	<u>Static presence</u>	<u>Where?</u>	<u>Time? From - till</u>
11/11/2013		X		Stow Rd, <u>Ixworth</u>	1240-1440
26/11/2013		X		High Street <u>Ixworth</u>	1640 - 2000

### **News**

At the beginning of December the force has been very busy helping our coastal region, supporting the public and ensuring the safety with the bad weather / high tides along the east coast.

The result of our priority tasking meeting is that all the priorities are staying the same. We would like to encourage people to call in ASAP if they witness any evidence of Hare Coursing. We have had a number of phone calls over 24 hours later with very brief information. If you witness a hare coursing event in action please call us straight away on 999, any non-urgent information please call it in on 101. Please see the end of the report for more information on hare coursing.

There are ongoing complaints relating to parking around schools. On St Edmundsbury Rural North we have 16 schools, unfortunately due to the nature of our area (distance between schools) we can only effectively attend a maximum of two schools each per day. We have created a leaflet to be handed out at the schools stating facts and advice for parking, we are hoping this will have a positive effect and will ease the issues. The leaflet is attached at the end of the report.

### **Dates for your diary:**

The next tasking meeting to discuss and decide priorities, which is open to the public, will be held at 7pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at Bury St Edmunds Police Station.

**Please ask your community to secure their property and remove personal items from view when leaving their vehicles. Do not make it easy for thieves!**

**Be vigilant and report any suspicious activity, for non-urgent matters dial 101 or email: [stedsruralnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stedsruralnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)**

**If you believe a crime is in progress dial 999**

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

B Cllr Griffiths reported that the decision on the planning application at the Fordham's site had been deferred until a site visit had been made by the Development Control Committee. B Cllr Griffiths felt all concerns raised had been looked at thoroughly and a decision would be made after the visit. B Cllr Griffiths also reported that St Edmundsbury Borough Council hoped to freeze Council Tax again this year, but acknowledged that they were reducing the grant to the Parish Council by nearly £4000 this year, and the grant would be totally withdrawn over the next three years. B Cllr stated the traveller site on the way to Bury St Edmunds was only a temporary site. B Cllr wished all members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### **8. Report from County Councillor Spicer**

C Cllr Spicer offered her apologies for not being able to attend but sent her best wishes to all members for a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

*Meeting Reconvened*

## **9. Planning Applications**

<b>DC/13/0582</b> – Reduce height of two Yew trees – 7 High Street, Ixworth	<b>No objection</b>
<b>DC/13/0567</b> – Fell stems of a group of Sycamore – Land adjacent to 19 Fordham Place, Ixworth	<b>No objection</b>
<b>DC/13/0522</b> – Various tree work – Commister House, Commister Lane	<b>No objection</b>
<b>DC/13/0544</b> – Erection of 2 dwellings and associated parking, Royal Oak, Ixworth Thorpe	<b>No objection</b>
<b>DC/13/0704</b> – Replacement of gates & posts – 10 High Street, Ixworth	<b>No objection</b>
<b>DC/13/0712</b> – 4 Beeches Close, Ixworth	<b>No objection</b>

Cllr Reeve left the room when application DC/13/0704 was being discussed.

## **10. Determined Applications**

<b>DC/13/0304</b> - 21 Kettleborrow Close	<b>Granted</b>
<b>DC/13/0229</b> – Sidshell, Crown Lane	<b>Approved</b>
<b>SE/13/0972</b> – Stockacre House, Thetford Road	<b>Approved</b>
<b>SE/13/0832</b> – 19 Chalk Lane	<b>Granted</b>
<b>SE/13/0654</b> – 4 Beeches Close	<b>Granted</b>
<b>SE/13/0778</b> – Sunnyside, Commister Lane	<b>Approved</b>
<b>DC/13/0220</b> – Rookery Nook, Commister Lane	<b>Granted</b>
<b>SE/13/0850</b> – Round House, Thetford Road x 2	<b>Approved</b>
<b>SE/13/0341</b> – The Priory, High Street	<b>Approved</b>
<b>DC/13/0088</b> – Land at the former Police Station	<b>Granted</b>
<b>SE/13/0900</b> – Dairy Farm	<b>Approved</b>
<b>SE/13/0858</b> – Land at Fern Cross -	<b>Granted</b>
<b>SE/13/0979</b> – 78 High Street	<b>Approved</b>

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

Cllr Courtnell reported that he had replaced the watering cans and that there were two new metal stands to hold the watering cans. Cllr Courtnell also reported that the aggregate had been laid and the flower beds were much improved.

The Clerk reported that she had not yet received the quotes for the work needed in St Mary's Church. The Clerk also reported that the grass cutting contractor had contacted her about the amount of dog mess in the Churchyard, there was so much it was becoming impossible to cut the grass. The contractor also raised concerns with the amount of fly tipping of garden rubbish, and some residents, whose gardens back onto the churchyard, were leaving their waste bins in the churchyard. The Clerk was instructed to contact the church warden to discuss whether it would be possible to place an article in the magazine highlighting these problems.

Cllr Courtnell requested the Cemetery be included on the January agenda, this was agreed by all present.

## **12. Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been received;

- **Valerie Dorling** – Concerns about a wall
- **Daphne Rogers** – Thanks for waiving the fee for a memorial
- **St Eds Newstalk** – Request for a donation
- **J Mitev-Will** – Concerns about the VH
- **S.C.C.** – Fire & Rescue Service Management Plan
- **S.C.C.** – Closure of Badwell Ash CEVA School
- **St Eds** – Christmas bin collections
- **UK Land Registry** – Land Nr Thistledown Drive
- **Steve Wilson** – Latest report
- **Darren Baker** – Ixworth Cycle Races
- **Andrea Cahillane** – Hospital Transport

The Clerk was instructed to pass on the information about the woodland near Thistledown Drive to the resident that had highlighted their concerns, and to contact SCC highways department about the dangerous wall highlighted by Valerie Dorling.

### **13. Accounts**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts;

Chq No's 767/768	Wages	£1011.55
Chq No 769	H M Rev & Customs	£339.74
Chq No 770	D Thrower	£2400.00
Chq No 771	AJ Wheelie Bin Cleaning	£20.00
Chq No 772	Dent Security Systems Ltd	£136.28
Chq No 773	Anglian Water	£19.48
Chq No 774	GJ Whitton & DC Frost & Son	£110.40
Chq No 775	Responsive Innovations Ltd	£153.00
Chq No 776	Designs on Metal	£1249.20
Chq No 777	Ixworth Patients Association	£250.00
Chq No 778	The Red Cross	£100.00
Chq No 779	A Adlington (expenses)	£144.70
Chq No 780	Tripp Batt	£26.01

The RFO was authorised to transfer £4,250 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

### **14. Budget 2014/2015**

A lengthy discussion took place whether to reduce the budget due to the fact that St Edmundsbury Borough Council was reducing the grant to the Parish by £3915, or to keep it the same as 2013/14. It was resolved to keep the budget the same as 2013/14.

### **15. Village Cleaning Operative**

It was resolved to give the village cleaning operative a pay increase of 1%. All members wished to highlight what a good job Steve Wilson does for the village.

### **16. Standing Orders**

It was resolved to adopt the Standing Orders as agreed at the previous meeting. The date of adoption of these new Standing Orders would be 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

### **17. Robins Copse**

Cllr Laughton reported the Wildlife Group had not yet been able to meet and requested this item be included again on the January agenda. This was agreed by all present.

### **18. Play Area**

The Clerk reported that she and Cllr Wilson had now spoken with the Funding Dr's and they would now produce a report suggesting funding options.

### **19. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman suggested that the members have a belated Christmas dinner on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014 in The Pykerrel. Cllr McFruin volunteered to arrange and would collect confirmed numbers at the January meeting.

### **20. Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported that the header had now been agreed for the new notice board and this hopefully would be delivered before the next meeting.

**21. Councillors Reports**

Cllr McFruin reported that he had fixed the notice board in Peacock Rise that got damaged in the recent winds. The Clerk reported that the notice board in Scott Road also needed looking at, Cllr McFruin stated he would have a look and repair it.

Cllr Laughton read Steve Wilson latest report. Cllr Laughton also stated he had reported the leaves in Commister Lane and The Paddocks to Suffolk County Council.

**22. Date of the Next Meeting**

It was agreed the next meeting would be held on 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

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