

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 11th September 2013 at 7:30pm

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

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer, B Cllr John Griffiths MBE and 8 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

All members were present.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr McFruin declared an interest in planning application DC/13/0220.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th August 2013 as a true record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

Meeting adjourned

5. Public Forum

A resident from Peacock Rise wished to request further information about the planned installation exercise equipment in the play area.

Residents from Saddlers Yard raised the following concerns with current play area:

- Older children used the play area to drink alcohol
- Loud noise in the evening
- Play ball games against the fence
- Toddler area was used by older children in the evenings
- Police had been called several times
- Children climb on equipment and look into adjoining properties

Mrs Morrow felt that previous concerns had not been listened too and hoped before phase three of the refurbishment goes ahead residents would be consulted fully.

The Clerk explained that the project for phase three was still in the early stages and no final decisions had been made as to where and what equipment would be installed as funding had not yet been secured. Residents would have the opportunity to express their opinions once plans were finalised further.

G Hunt from Friends of Ixworth Library thanked the members for the grant to their group but wished to inform the members that the group would need further grants in future years.

6. Report from Local Police Officer (received via email)

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

Crime Statistics for the Parish to:

There have been no crimes of interest in the Parish since the last meeting,

From the priority meeting that was held on the 10th September we have new priorities:

1. Speeding...enforcement, and to update parishes of results.
2. Hare coursing – pre-emptive patrols
3. Burglary dwelling/ other building – active patrols

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If you believe a crime is in progress dial 999

7. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths reported that the Bury St Edmunds Business Festival had started and would continue for nine days and there would be various very interesting events over the nine days. The Festival was very good news for the businesses within West Suffolk.

Discussions were still being held with the Competition Authority about Cineworld operating both cinemas in Bury St Edmunds.

The Fordham's & Co-op planning application was still under discussion. A great deal of work by the planning officers was being completed, looking at all aspects being brought up, but no formal report had yet been compiled.

8. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer reported that she had recently held a meeting with Parish Councils from the local area, Suffolk Highways department and the Highways agency to discuss the duelling of the A11 between Barton Mills and Thetford. Due to this road improvement, sections the roundabout at Barton Mills will be closed for the first three weekends in October. One of the diversion routes would use the A1088 between Ixworth and Thetford. C Cllr Spicer had been assured that there would be sufficient signing and there were various measures in place if a major accident were to happen in the area. A great deal of work in the planning of these closures had been completed to keep the disruption to a minimum.

Meeting reconvened

9. Planning Applications

SE/13/0832 – Extension to front elevation – 19 Chalk Lane, Ixworth	No objection
SE/13/0972 – Fell two Conifer trees – Stockacre House, Thetford Road, Ixworth	No objection
DC/13/0088 – Erection of 4 no 3 bedroom dwellings – Land at Former Police Station	No objection
DC/13/0220 – Fell one Ash tree and one Oak tree and reduce height of one Beech tree by 25% - Rookery Nook, Commister Lane, Ixworth	It was resolved to make no comment on this application
DC/13/0262 – Pollard 3 White Willows, fell 2 Weeping Willows and 1 Scots Pine – Round House, Thetford Road	No objection

10. Determined Applications

None.

11. Ixworth Cemetery

Cllr Wilson presented a report on the fees for burials at the Cemetery as the fees had not been reviewed since 2008. After a lengthy discussion, it was resolved to increase the fees as of 1st October 2013. A list of current fees would be displayed on the notice board at the Cemetery and all Funeral Directors in the area would be given a copy of the revised fees.

12. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received;

- **John Griffiths** – Report & Funding for Parish Councils
- **Suffolk Police** – Latest update
- **SARS** – Thank for donation
- **Suffolk County Council** – Road closures
- **St Edmundsbury Borough Council** – Date of next Parish Council Conference
- **S.S.A.F.A.** – Letter of introduction
- **Rt Hon Don Foster** – PO Community Enterprise Fund
- **Havebury Housing** – Date of next walkabout
- **Suffolk Police** – Latest update
- **Mike Breffit** – Church Warden requesting information
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly report
- **Andy Mackintosh** – Request for information about play area
- **Malcolm Last** – request for information about play area
- **Judy Morrow + residents of Saddlers Yard** – Concerns over phase three of play area

13. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment:

Chq No's 750/751	Wages	£994.89
Chq No 752	H M Revenue & Customs	£327.62
Chq No. 753	Anglian Water	£35.54
Chq No. 754	J T Finishing Solutions Ltd	£195.60
Chq No. 755	A Adlington	£121.47

The RFO was authorised to transfer £1,500 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

14. Play Area

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the Village Hall Management Committee to further discuss the possible areas that phase three refurbishment of the play area could be situated.

15. Peacock Rise

Cllr Lord reported that Havebury Housing had not yet responded to discuss further improvements to parking at Peacock Rise.

16. Chairman's Report

The Chairman enquired if anything had been heard yet from Suffolk County Council about when the bollard would be installed on the corner of Saddlers Yard. The Clerk confirmed the Council had not been informed.

The Chairman thanked C Cllr Spicer for arranging the meeting about the Barton Mills roundabout closures in October.

17. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported the following;

- The Village Hall Management Committee had given permission for the notice board to be installed
- The overgrown hedge/trees overhanging Walsham Road had been reported

18. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Courtnell enquired who had painted the 'Keep Clear' on the road in Crown Lane.

Cllr Shelton reported that residents had concerns about noisy speeding motor bikes in the evenings. It was suggested that they would need to be reported to the Police.

Cllr Wilson reminded members that the official opening of the Ixworth Thorpe sign would take place on Saturday 21st September at 12pm. Also that the bin near the bus shelter was not being emptied and could this be mentioned to St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

Cllr Laughton read Steve Wilson's report. Cllr Laughton reported that Darren Baker, who was now running Ixworth cycle races, had contacted the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Anderson felt that traffic would not be that increased when the roundabout at Barton Mills was closed.

Cllr McFruin requested the Parish Council pay for dog mess bins to be installed at the village hall. Cllr McFruin was reminded that this was the Village Hall Committee responsibility.

Cllr Lord was concerned about the damage caused to the playing field grass by the recent caravan club and circus visits. Cllr Laughton stated he would take his concerns to the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Lord was also concerned about the horse manure in the High Street.

19. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 9th October 2013 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

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Date