

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

*Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7:50pm*

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

**Also Present:** Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Trevor Anderson due to work commitments.

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

None.

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

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013 as a true record of that meeting.

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

None.

*Meeting Adjourned*

### **5. Public Forum**

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

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

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

Your dedicated PCSO and PC are 3268 TEAKLE & 1251 COLLINS respectively.

PC Collins will be replaced by PC 964 Cocksedge for 3 months

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

The next Tasking meeting to discuss and decide priorities, which is open to the public, will be held at 7pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2013 at Bury St Edmunds Police Station.

### **Priorities:**

**SPEEDING** – Deal with speeding vehicles issues throughout the St Edmundsbury Rural North area.

- Regular enforcement sessions throughout the area
- Close Liaison with the Roads Policing Unit
- Use of Speed board Equipment
- Liaison with Parish Councils and other agencies

**HARECOURSING** – Prevent and deter hare coursing incidents in the St Edmundsbury Rural North area and to prosecute offences where committed.

- Regular patrols of affected areas and quick response to incidents
- Close liaison with NRT and RPU officers
- Liaison with farming community through Farm Watch
- Use of media to promote priority and results

**DETECT, PREVENT AND DETER OFFENCES OF BURGLARY** - dwelling and burglary other building throughout the St Edmundsbury Rural North area.

- Regular patrol activity, quick response to incidents and thorough investigation of incidents/offences.
- Close liaison with Neighbourhood watch schemes, coordinators and Liaison officers
- Close liaison with Crime Reduction Officer
- Close liaison with CID, Priority Crime Team and the Western Area Intelligence Unit

We are now on Twitter! Why not follow us @StEdsPolice for frequent tweets and updates throughout our shifts. Spread the word!

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  
If you believe a crime is in progress dial 999

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

B Cllr Griffiths sent his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

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

C Cllr Spicer sent her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

The clerk reported that she had passed the following concerns onto C Cllr Spicer prior to the meeting;

- The condition of the road in Baileypool Lane
- The condition of some pavements in Ixworth High Street

*Meeting reconvened*

#### **9. Planning Applications**

**DC/13/0513** – Erection of two borehole kiosks – Stanton Reservoir, Woolpit Road, Ixworth

**No objection**

#### **10. Determined Applications**

None.

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

Cllr Courtnell reported the following;

- The aggregate had been delivered to place around the hedging areas
- New bins had been requested from St Edmundsbury Borough Council
- Two dead trees on the boundary needed felling

It was agreed that a quote be obtained from the tree surgeon for the felling of the two dead trees.

The Clerk reported that quotes had not yet been received for the work required in St Mary's Churchyard and Ixworth Cemetery.

## **12. Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been received;

- **Darren Baker** – Ixworth Cycle Races May 2014
- **Havebury Housing** – October Walkabout
- **SALC** – Various information on precept and PC Grants from St Edmundsbury Borough Council
- **St Eds** – Submission of Rural 2013 & PC Conference Workshop on Funding
- **Norse** – Landscape Development
- **Ixworth Patients Association** – request for a grant
- **The Red Cross** – Request for a grant

It was resolved to grant £250 to Ixworth Patients Association and £100 to The Red Cross.

## **13. Accounts**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Chq No's 759/760	Wages	£1075.13
Chq No 761	Clarkes of Walsham	£49.40
Chq No 762	Ixworth Village Hall	£667.00
Chq No 763	G Palastanga	£29.15
Chq No 764	Ixworth Royal British Legion	£75.00
Chq No 765	The Royal British Poppy Appeal	£25.00
Chq No 766	S.L.C.C.	£127.00

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

## **14. Standing Orders**

The Clerk reported that she had sought advice from Suffolk Association of Local Councils, National Association of Local Councils and The Society of Local Council Clerks about what can and cannot be included in Parish Councils Standing Orders. Parish Councils can set their own rules so as long as they are legal. A Standing Order stating a Parish Councillor cannot express his or her own individual opinion would not be allowed.

A lengthy discussion took place on each point of the Parish Councils Standing Orders. The Clerk was instructed to rewrite the Standing Orders and distribute to members before the December meeting.

## **15. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that she had spoken with The Chairperson of the Under 5's Play and Learn, who currently hold sessions at the Middle School. The Chairperson is very concerned that they are unaware as yet as to what will happen to their group once The Free School is open. It was suggested that the group speak with the Seckford Foundation and C Cllr Spicer with their concerns.

## **16. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported the following;

- The new notice board had not yet arrived
- A meeting had been arranged to discuss with the 'Funding Doctors' ref the play area
- The annual service of St Mary's Church Clock was due
- John Thurlow requested if the Parish Council would store the casts of the village sign

The Clerk was instructed to book the annual service of St Mary's Church Clock. Cllr Plummer stated she would store the castings of the village sign until an alternative could be arranged.

**17. Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Wilson reported the Cobbled Area near the Village Sign was once again very untidy. Cllr Laughton stated he would speak with Steve Wilson about spreading some weed killer on the area. Cllr Shelton reported she was very concerned about the wet leaves in Thetford Road and Commister Lane.

Cllr Lord reported that traffic issues were still a problem in Walsham Road. Walsham Road also had problems with overhanging vegetation from the hedging from the small wooded area behind Thistledown Drive.

Cllr Laughton read Steve Wilson monthly report. Cllr Laughton also gave the members a report on Robins Copse and requested this item be placed on the December agenda.

Cllr McFruin reported he had attended a Community Action Suffolk briefing which had been very interesting. Cllr McFruin said he been approached by a resident about the grass verge area on the corner of Street Farm Lane, she was concerned about the exposed tree roots. The Clerk stating that this had previously been reported to St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

Cllr Courtnell reported that Mrs Valance was in agreement to a branch being removed from her tree that is overhanging Ixworth Cemetery.

**18. Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013 to be held in Ixworth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 10pm.

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Date