

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

*Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7:30pm*

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

**Also Present:** Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer and approximately 25 members of the public.

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs Wilson, Laughton & Lord.

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

No declarations of interest were made.

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

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 as a true record of that meeting.

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

None.

*Meeting Adjourned*

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

C Cllr Spicer reported the following;

**Traffic** – The roundabout at Barton Mills would be closed for three weekends in October whilst work is carried out on the duelling of the A11 between Barton Mills and Thetford. The A1088 was being used as an alternative for traffic during this period. C Cllr Spicer suggested highlighting this via the village magazine and notice boards.

In the coming weeks there are to be various road closures within the Parish. Closures would be advertised as usual. C Cllr Spicer confirmed she would email the members confirming the closure dates.

**Crown Lane** – Suffolk County Council had made a response to the recent Rural 2031 consultation. A meeting had also been held with Suffolk County Council and Persimmon Homes, the developers for the site at Crown Lane. It seems there may now be some issues concerning access from the Walsham Road roundabout. It has been suggested that the Crown Lane Masterplan be looked at again and access via Crown Lane to the new development be discussed again.

### **5. Public Forum**

Various members of the public wished to highlight the following concerns about the proposed planning application at Fordham's Garage;

- Mr Chapman concerned over loss of business
- Traffic problems at top of the High Street
- Delivery lorries driving through the village
- A new shop would spoil the feel of the village
- It was felt another shop was not needed
- Report stating shop 'likely to benefit community' was over optimistic
- Safety of children from Free School

Members of the public urged Councillors to object to this application. The Clerk once again stated that there had to be valid planning reason to object.

**6. Planning Applications**

- SE/13/0858** – Erection of 2no dwellings & garages – Land North Fern Cross, Stow Rd, Ixworth **No objection**
- SE/13/0604** – Amended application – Fordham’s Garage, High St, Ixworth **No objection**
- SE/13/0900** – TCA Remove bough close to road and footpath from one Beech tree – Dairy Farm, Thetford Rd, Ixworth **No objection**
- SE/13/0788/0789** – Works on a listed building – Abbey Farm, Heath Rd, Ixworth **No objection**
- SE/13/0979** – Fell one Conifer tree & reduce branches and thin one unknown species – 78 High St, Ixworth **No objection**

**7. Determined Applications**

None.

**8. Accounts**

It was resolved to pay the following payments:

Chq No’s 745/746	Wages	£1030.67
Chq No 747	N K Swallow	£1227.72
Chq No 748	R Courtnell	£21.75
Chq No 749	M J Nunn Surfacing	£7592.78
DD (03/09/2013)	PWLB	£3116.90

The RFO was authorised to transfer £12,500 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

The Clerk reported that NALC had agreed a 1% pay rise for Council Clerks to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. It was resolved to increase the Clerks salary as advised by NALC to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.

**9. Councillors Reports**

Cllr McFruin reported that a resident had approached him concerning the footpath in the Churchyard. Cllr Shelton reported a resident in Peacock Rise still had concerns over vehicles parking on the grass verges.

Cllr Courtnell reported the path had been resurfaced in the Cemetery and the gates would be re-installed soon. The notice board had been delivered and would be installed as soon as possible. Cllr Courtnell also requested permission to write a reply to the recent articles in the village magazine. It was agreed by all present that Cllr Courtnell write an article.

Cllr Anderson stated that the new Thetford Road signs were too far back from the main road.

**10. Date of the Next Meeting**

11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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Date