

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Manor Farm, Ixworth Thorpe on 9th April at 7:30pm

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

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), B Cllr John Griffiths MBE & PCSO Jade Morton.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr David Reeve due to recent operation. C Cllr Spicer also sent her apologies for not being able to attend.

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 12th March 2014 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 Morton stated there had been quite a few cable thefts in the area recently and urged residents if they saw any workers that looked suspicious to report them to the Police. The Police would then speak with the workers to ascertain if they are genuine or not.

Speeding had also been a concern in the Parish and PCSO Morton stated she would supply the Parish Council with speeding data.

When asked about anti-social behaviour around the play area at the village hall, PCSO Morton stated that there had not been any reported issues and that she and her colleagues often patrol the area and speak with any children or young adults in the area.

The members requested if PCSO Morton could get information about installing speed awareness lights within the village, PCSO Morton stated she would send information as soon as she could.

7. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths reported the following;

Rural 2031

The Planning Inspector had sent through his suggested alterations to the Rural 2031 document. The suggested alterations would now go out to consultation. B Cllr Griffiths wished to highlight that the Crown Lane Masterplan could still be looked at and altered once any planning applications were received. The Inspector also highlighted the changing school situation and it was now embedded in the document that alterations could be made once this situation became clearer.

Liftshare

B Cllr Griffiths mentioned a scheme called 'liftshare' and stated he would pass information onto the Parish Council.

Suffolk Foundation

B Cllr Griffiths highlighted this organisation to request grants for small groups such as the village hall.

Meeting Reconvened

8. Planning Applications

DC/14/0463 & DC/14/0464 – Erection of (i) single storey rear extension (ii) internal alterations and (iii) alterations to fenestration, The Priory, High St, Ixworth

No objection

DC/14/0472 – Reduce height of one Holly tree – The Priory, High Street, Ixworth

No objection

9. Determined Applications

DC/14/0140 – Stanton Water Treatment Works

Approved

DC/14/0171 – 1 Beeches Close

Approved

10. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 806/807	Wages	£1021.86
Chq No 808	Ixworth Village Hall	£168.75
Chq No 809	Anglian Tree Solutions	£216.00
Chq No 810	Ixworth Village Hall	£2000.00
Chq No 811	Designs on Metal	£871.20
Chq No 812	SALC	£660.00
Chq No 813	Community Action Suffolk	£30.00

The RFO was authorised to transfer £5000 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

11. Play Area

Cllr Wilson informed members that the six pieces of outdoor exercise equipment had been ordered.

12. Refurbishment of Village Benches

Cllr Shelton stated that many of the benches within the village needed refurbishment. Cllr Shelton was going to assess each bench and report back to the members at the May meeting. Cllr McFruin volunteered help Cllr Shelton.

13. Ixworth Cemetery//St Mary's Churchyard

Cllr Courtnell reported the Ash tree that was overlooking the Cemetery had been cut. Cllr Courtnell had placed a notice on the notice board stating that the sunken graves would be levelled over the next few months.

At Mary's Churchyard there were still residents who stored their rubbish bins in the Churchyard which was making it difficult for the grass cutting contractors to cut the grass.

Cllr Courtnell requested if he could arrange a meeting with the grass cutting contractors to discuss their contract, this was agreed by all present.

14. Ixworth Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk reminded members that the Ixworth Annual Parish meeting was being held on 16th April 2014 at 7pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

15. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received;

S.C.C. – Road Closure Walsham Road – 28.04.2014 – 09.05.2014

Child Centre – Request to plant a tree

Kirsty Downes (St Eds) – Parish Council Conference

Suffolk Better Broadband – Update

Community Action Suffolk – Request for Membership Fee

Claire Elsdon – Information about 'Streetlife'

Steve Wilson – Monthly report

16. Chairman's Report

The Chairman said she was pleased the Planning Inspector had reported his suggestions so quickly. She hoped that when the consultation came through it would show the Parish Councils concerns about the traffic in Crown Lane.

The Chairman stated it was very good that the Police had come along to the meeting.

17. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported the following;

Defibrillator

The lease had been returned and we were now waiting an installation date.

Village Magazine

An article needed placing in the village magazine about the Cemetery, Churchyard and requesting if anyone would be interested in becoming Ixworth History Recorder.

Highway Issues

The Clerk had emailed list of issues to Joanna Spicer & Guy Smith– as yet there had been no response

18. Councillors Reports

Cllr Laughton, on behalf of Ixworth Village Hall, confirmed the new Library Lease had been signed. Cllr Laughton stated that the matting under the large swing had been damaged and he had reported this to the Police. A resident had come forward with a picture of the person vandalising the matting which he had passed onto the Police. The Clerk was instructed to get the matting repaired as soon as possible. Cllr Laughton also read Steve Wilson's report. Cllrs Anderson and Laughton volunteered to clear the remaining moss from the cobbled area near the village sign. Cllr McFruin, on behalf of the village hall, thanked members for their grant of £2000. The village hall now had confirmed grants totalling £18,000 towards the new heating system. Cllr Lord stated he had been unable to attend the Havebury walkabout the previous day but he would be contacting Havebury as residents in Council Houses, Stow Road had requested a sign highlighting the name of their properties. Cllr Courtnell had spoken with a new resident who had a few concerns about issues within the village. Cllr Courtnell had instructed the resident to write to the Parish Council, via the Clerk, to highlight her concerns.

19. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 14th May 2014 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall. This meeting will be The Annual Parish Council Meeting.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

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Date