

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 9th October 2013 at 7:30pm

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Pam Shelton due to illness. Absence agreed by all members.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th September 2013 as a true record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

Cllr Laughton reported that the Village Hall Management Committee was looking at alternative areas to place phase three of the play area refurbishment.

Cllr Lord reported that he had spoken with Havebury Housing who are still looking at projects that could further improve the parking in Peacock Rise.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

Gordon Palastanga, the Chairman of Ixworth & District Royal British Legion, reported that a road closure had been obtained for the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 10th November. The parade would be forming up outside the Fire Station at 10.25am as usual and all Councillors were invited to parade.

Mr Palastanga also reported that, unfortunately, someone had taken some of the flowers that he and his wife planted in the High Street flower pots.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

There have been no crimes of interest in Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe since your last meeting. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

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 3rd December, 2013 at Bury St Edmunds Police Station.

The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore is holding a public meeting at the Athenaeum, Angel Hill Bury St Edmunds Wednesday 2nd October, the meeting starts at 1830.

Priorities:

Speeding

- To 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

Hare coursing

- To 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

To deter, 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

7. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths reported the following;

- Vision 2031 had been through full Council and had now been sent to The Secretary of State and the Planning Inspector
- The planning application for Fordham's was still being considered
- Unfortunately, as previously reported, St Edmundsbury Borough Council would have to cut the grant it gives to Parish Councils. The grant would be phased out over the next 4 years at cut of 25% per year.
- B Cllr Griffiths offered his congratulations to all concerned with the installation of the new Village sign at Ixworth Thorpe

B Cllr John Griffiths also offered his congratulations to Cllr David Reeve for 36 years of dedicated service to St Mary's Church.

8. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer had sent her apologies for not being to attend this evenings meeting and had emailed the following report;

- The High Street bollard had been installed near Saddlers Yard
- Seckford Free School were running a consultation in October
- I presented prizes for the holiday reading project at Ixworth Library 2 weeks ago
- I have reported the untidy verge along Stow Road to the highways department
- The pavements in Ixworth Thorpe, near the former pub, is in need of sweep and clear up
- Has there been any reports of traffic problems following the road closures at Barton Mills roundabout

Meeting reconvened

9. Planning Applications

DC/13/0359/HEDGE – Removal of hedgerow 6 metres long at one location to facilitate laying of new treated water main – Stanton Treatment Works, Woolpit Road, Ixworth –

No objection – request for the hedge to be replanted after work completed

DC/13/0304 – Erection of first floor pitched roof extension over part of existing garage – 21

Kettleborrow Close, Ixworth –

No objection

10. Determined Applications

None.

11. Ixworth Cemetery/St Marys Churchyard

It was resolved to confirm new burial charges as discussed at the September meeting with new charges taking effect from 9th October 2013. The Clerk was instructed to contact all new funeral directors with new charges.

It was resolved to confirm Cemetery conditions with reference to memorials, ornaments and headstones.

Conditions and fees would be displayed on notice at Ixworth Cemetery.

The Clerk reported that a list of specifications of work needed to be carried out in St Mary's Churchyard and Ixworth Cemetery had been drawn up. Quotes would now be obtained for discussion at a future meeting.

Cllr Courtnell reported the refurbished Cemetery gates had been reinstalled.

Cllr Courtnell requested if £200 could be spent to place gravel on some flower beds. It was resolved by all present that Cllr Courtnell could complete this project up to a cost of £200.

12. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received;

- **S.N.T. Rural North** – September Report/Priorities
- **Suffolk Police (23/09/13)** – Latest Crime Report
- **S.C.C.** – Road Closure
- **Seckford Foundation** - Consultation
- **Mike Breffit** (via Email) – Military Tattoo
- **John Sharpe** (via email) – Various issues
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly Report
- **St Eds** – PC Conference

13. Accounts

The following payments were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 756/757	Wages	£1016.53
Chq No 758	S Wilson	£57.38

14. Seckford Foundation Consultation

It was resolved to complete the consultation document and return to The Seckford Foundation.

15. Remembrance Parade

It was resolved to grant £75 towards the cost of the band for the Remembrance Parade on 10th November 2013. It was resolved to grant £25 to The Poppy Appeal for the wreath to lay at the memorial on behalf of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe residents.

16. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that she had spoken with Havebury Housing and the refurbishments on the flats in Thetford Road would hopefully be finished before Christmas.

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council apply to Land Registry to find who owns the land opposite Robins Copse. It was agreed by all present.

17. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported the following;

- Revised versions of Standing Orders/Financial Regulations had been obtained from SALC
- Notice board fro the Village Hall had been ordered
- Defibrillator lease had been signed and returned
- Application form requesting advise for funding of phase 3 of the play area had been completed
- Overgrown hedging & weeds had been reported to SCC

18. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Wilson reported the official opening of Ixworth Thorpe sign had gone very well with a very good turnout. Cllr Wilson requested if she could purchase a bronze plaque could be purchased to install in the plinth. It was agreed by all present.

Cllr Lord reported that he had attended at meeting with developers to discuss the land at the top of the High Street. Developers felt this land could be developed into an office complex or light industry units.

Cllr Laughton read Steve Wilsons monthly report. Cllr Laughton also reported on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee that they were hoping to close the gates to the top car park to stop cars congregating in the evenings.

Cllr Laughton had also contacted Mike Dean to discuss the possibility of creating a butterfly area in the triangle of grass next to toddler play area. Cllr Laughton was also pleased to announce The Wildlife Group had two new volunteers.

Cllr Anderson highlighted he was concerned that the areas around the Village Hall needed to be tidied up.

Cllr McFruin asked for clarification regarding the recent articles placed in The Bury Free Press and Ixworth Village Magazine by Cllr Lord. Cllr Lord stated he had written the articles a an individual not as a Councillor. A lengthy discussion took place about the conduct of Councillors after meetings. Cllr Wilson requested if a new regulation could be incorporated into the Councils Standing Orders to prevent a Councillor expressing a personal opinion on a decision made by the Parish Council. The Clerk was instructed to seek advice from SALC as to what can or cannot be incorporated into The Parish Council Standing Orders and Code of Conduct.

19. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 13th November 2013 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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Date