

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 10th December 2014 at 7:30pm

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

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer MBE and one member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Reeve & Wilson – apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 12th November 2014.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

Cllr McFruin reported the rowing machine in the play had come loose from the ground again. The Councillors who visited the Ixworth Free School were impressed with the school and agreed this was an exciting time for the school and for the education of children in the village.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

The member of public present made no comment.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

No report.

7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

C Cllr Spicer also had visited Ixworth Free School and was pleased the progress they had made since opening. The Seckford Foundation was trying to put a 21st century mark on an older building and had future plans to alter and improve the site.

Unfortunately, Suffolk was not sitting well in league tables at present. It would be three years before GCSE results would be available for Ixworth Free School. There had been some issues with transport but C Cllr Spicer was looking into these issues. C Cllr Spicer agreed to try and arrange a visit for Cllr Plummer as she had been unable to attend due to illness.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would approach Ixworth Free School to enquire if residents would be able to use the recreational facilities at the school.

C Cllr also reported that she had agreed to grant Ixworth Library £500 from her locality budget.

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

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

Meeting Reconvened

9. Planning Applications

DC/14/2261 – Single storey rear conservatory – 1 Copper Court, High Street, Ixworth **No objection**

DC/14/2147 – Reduce height and spread of 2no Sycamore trees, fell Alder tree – Thetford Road, Ixworth.

Application Havebury Housing –

No objection

DC/14/2321 – Remove 7-8 feet off top of Holly tree on south boundary- Telford Lodge, High Street, Ixworth

No objection

DC/14/2207 – Change of use of existing garage to convenience foodstore including part demolition of garage to allow construction of 280sqm convenience store with associated parking.(revised scheme of SE/13/0604) –

Fordhams Garage, High Street, Ixworth –

No objection

However the following comments were made;

- Confirmation that a pedestrian crossing would be installed
- The number of parking spaces adhered to Suffolk County Councils parking policies
- Request that delivery and construction traffic entered the village off the A1088 bypass

10. Determined Applications

None.

11. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received;

- **Mr Cowie** – Pavement Concerns
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly Report
- **Police Update** – 08.12.2014
- **S.C.C.** – Potters Bridge
- **St Eds** – New Website Details

It was agreed by all present to pass on Mr Cowie's concerns to C Cllr Spicer and Suffolk County Councils highway department at pavements fall under their jurisdiction.

A response had already been returned to St Edmundsbury Borough Council in response to plans for weight restrictions on Potters Bridge.

12. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No 868/869	Wages	£1061.10
Chq No 870	H M Rev & Customs	£353.18
Chq No 872	David Thrower	£2400.00
Chq No 873	JK & GA Agnew Woods	£264.00
Chq No 874	Ixworth Village Hall	£163.75
Chq No 875	AJ Wheelie Bin	£15.00
Chq No 876	Anglian Water	£19.55
Chq No 877	A Adlington	£90.00
Chq No 878	M & TJ's Gardening	£720.00
Chq No 880	Anglian Tree Solutions	£180.00

Chq no's 871 & 879 were cancelled due to completing errors.

The RFO was authorised to transfer £4,500 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

13. Budget 2015/16

The Clerk handed out suggested budgets for the year 2015/16. It was agreed by all present to discuss and finalise this at the meeting in January 2015.

14. Speedwatch

The Clerk reported the meeting with PCSO Teakle had gone very well. The next step was to recruit volunteers to assist in running the scheme. It was agreed by all present an article be placed in the magazine.

PCSO Teakle stated it could take some months to set the scheme up as possible sites had to be sought and confirmed with Suffolk Police.

It was also agreed that the Parish Council would take ownership of the scheme and equipment, grants would be sought to purchase equipment.

15. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that she had had problems with a van parking on Stow Road pavement. The van was obstructing the pavement and when she requested that he move, so she could pass with her granddaughter pushchair, the driver was extremely rude and aggressive. The Chairman had contacted the company who owned the van to complain.

16. Clerk's Report

The Clerk enquired if the January 2015 was to be a full Council meeting rather than planning and finance only. It was agreed by all present it would be a full Council meeting.

17. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Lord enquired if the Council had received any further information about the sale of the Post Office. The Clerk confirmed no further correspondence had been received. Cllr Lord also confirmed the date of the Councils Christmas meal as 30th January at 7.30pm. Cllr Lord wished to highlight his concerns over noise disturbance on a particular evening, he had reported this matter to Suffolk Police whilst the noise was happening and he was very disappointed in their response.

Cllr Courtnell stated he was purchasing screens for the dustbins at the Cemetery as agreed at a previous meeting. Cllr Courtnell also requested the grass cutting contracts revisions be sent to contractors as soon as possible for quotes so this matter can be resolved before 1st April 2015.

Cllr Anderson wished to highlight his concerns about the condition of the pavements in the High Street.

Cllr Laughton informed the members that Ixworth Village Hall Committee had agreed to cut down a tree in the toddler play area as they had had many complaints. Cllr Laughton also reported the heating was now up and running and programming of the system was now being looked into.

Cllr Laughton also read Steve Wilson's monthly report.

18. Date of Next meeting

It was confirmed by all present the date of the next meeting would be 14th January 2015 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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Date