

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs David Reeve, Sophia Wilson, Roy McFruin, Pam Shelton, Ben Lord, and Trevor Anderson.

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer MBE

It was agreed by all present that Cllr Lord act as Chairman in Cllr Plummer's absence.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Plummer, Laughton and Courtnell.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 13th August 2014.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

None.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

The following report was received via email and read to members by Cllr Lord;

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 and 1639 De Jongh.

Crime Statistics for the Parish to 10/09/2014

There have been 4 crimes of interest in the Parish since the last meeting:

22/08/2014 – 23/08/2014 – 1 x Criminal Damage, Micklesmere Drive, Ixworth.

Overnight damage has been caused to a wooden rear garden gate of a residential property by an unknown offender. Undetected and crime finalised.

28/08/2014 – 29/08/2014 – 1 x Burglary Dwelling, Crown Crescent, Ixworth.

Overnight unknown offender has made entry to a detached residential property via an insecure rear door and taken a handbag from within. Investigations are ongoing.

02/09/2014 – 03/09/2014 and 04/09/2014 – 05/09/2014 – 2 x Criminal Damage, Thistledown Drive, Ixworth.

During the hours of darkness an unknown offender has caused 2 separate scratches all the way along the nearside of an Audi vehicle whilst parked on the victim's driveway. Investigations are ongoing.

News/Information

We have had a few reports of possible Harecoursing over the last couple of weeks – please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity you see – along with as much detail – vehicle registration, make, model, and colour. Also, occupant details and direction of travel.

Catalytic convertor theft has also been coming to our attention recently – Vehicles targeted are primarily Mitsubishi L200s, Shoguns & Warriors; Ford Rangers and Toyota Hilux & Hiaces.

There are various Catalytic Converter marking sessions across the county – keep your eyes peeled and you can get your vehicle marked for free.

Speeding Data

In line with our policing priority to reduce speeding throughout our villages we have conducted 28 speed checks since the 01/08/2014 resulting in: 2 reports for summons, 7 fixed penalty notices, 29 verbal warnings, 5 course offers, 14 letters, 1 notice of impending prosecution and 1 arrest for drink-driving and no insurance/licence.

You can now also follow us on twitter **@StEdsPolice**

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 County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

C Cllr Spicer reported the following;

- The Mulleys Roundabout had been tidied
- C Cllr Spicer would be meeting with the Free School Headteacher and hoped to arrange a meeting with the local Community Leaders before half term
- F.O.I.L. had arranged with the Free School to help out with various events running in the Library
- Crown Lane meeting with Suffolk County Council, St Edmundsbury Borough Council and the Parish Council has yet to be arranged

It was agreed by the members that Mulleys roundabout still needed attention to improve the entrance to the village. It was agreed by all to write again to Suffolk County Council requesting that it is cleaned further. Also, the other roundabout needed urgent attention.

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

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

Meeting Reconvened

9. Parking Problems in Stow Road

It was agreed to postpone this item until the October meeting when B Cllr Griffiths would be in attendance.

10. Planning Applications

DC/14/1571 – Fell one Laburnum – 7 Abbey Close, Ixworth

No objection

DC/14/1546 – Pollard 2no. Lime trees as shading garden and house – 98 High Street, Ixworth

No objection

11. Determined Applications

DC/14/1072 & 1073 – (i) conversion of function rooms to letting rooms (ii) 1no window and doors to north elevation (iii) conversion of door opening to window on north elevation (iv) provision of secondary glazing to existing sash windows – The Pykkerell Inn, High Street, Ixworth

Application Withdrawn

12. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received during August and September;

- **PCSO Hollie Cogman** – Weekly Roundup x 6
- **John Sharpe** – Stow Road issues
- **St Eds** – PC Conference
- **S.C.C.** – Road Closure
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly Report x 2
- **Mayor of St Eds** – PC Visit
- **Gross & Co** – Library Lease
- **Suffolk Highways** – Road closure
- **St Eds** – Community Emergency Planning Workshops – 23.09.2014 at Newmarket
- **S.C.C.** – Wednesday Bus Service
- **St Eds** – Mere View Appeal
- **F.O.I.L.** – Thank you letter
- **S.A.R.S.** – Thank you letter

It was agreed by all present that at present they would like to keep the telephone box in Stow Road and instructed the Clerk to speak with BT about getting the damage repaired. The Clerk was also instructed to contact Havebury Housing once again to get the hedge along that road cut.

13. Accounts

It was agreed to pay the following accounts;

Chq No's 837/838	Wages	£1008.62
Chq No 839	H M Rev & Customs	£304.37
Chq No 840	Anglian Water	£20.24
Chq No 847	AJ Wheelie Bin Cleaning	£20.00
Chq No 848	Ixworth Village Hall	£168.75
Chq No 849	A Adlington	£137.06

The RFO was authorised to transfer £1000 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

14. Ixworth Cemetery

The Clerk, in Cllr Courtnell's absence, reported the work to make safe some headstones had been completed.

15. Play Area

The Clerk reported she was still in discussion with Playdale about the cushionfall underneath the Mega Climbing Frame.

The new exercise equipment had been well received and was being used frequently. Unfortunately, there had been some vandalism already. The Clerk would arrange a meeting with Wicksteed to discuss the damage, the loose bolt on the rowing machine and the problems with the fencing during installation.

16. Section 106 Contributions

Cllr Lord read a list he had prepared with ideas to put forward to St Edmundsbury Borough Council of projects around the village that Section 106 money could be spent on. It was agreed by all present to discuss this item further in October. It was also suggested that an item be placed in the magazine requesting ideas from residents of the village.

17. Refurbishment of Benches/Seats in the Parish

The Clerk reported she had ordered the supplies needed to refurbish the benches.

18. Chairman's Report

No report.

19. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported the following;

- Code of Conduct needs updating
- Final copies of the Library Lease needed signing
- A person needed to be nominated to check the De-Fib
- A meeting with St Edmundsbury Mayor was still to be arranged

It was agreed by all present that the Chairman sign the Library Lease. The Clerk was instructed to get the Lease signed and then return to the Village Hall Management Committee.

20. Councillors Reports

Cllr Wilson enquired about getting the hedge at the back of the Play Area cut.

Cllr Shelton reported that Thetford Road hedge was overgrown making walking along the footpath difficult. Also the bushes near the Cadet Hut were overgrown.

Cllr Anderson reported that there was damage to the Flint Wall near gate entrance from Commister Lane into St Marys Church. Cllr Reeve stated he would find out whose responsibility the wall was.

Cllr Reeve reported that fly tippers had once again left rubbish in Wood Street.

Cllr Reeve also requested that at some point the trees adjacent to the A1088 would need to be discussed. The trees in question had been planted by the Parish Council. It was agreed by all present to add to a future agenda.

21. Date of the Next Meeting

It was agreed by all present the date of the next meeting would be 8th October 2014 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Date