

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 11th February 2015 at 7:30pm

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Roy McFruin – Apology accepted by all members present.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved by all present that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 14th January 2015.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Cllr Lord presented the data he had received under the Freedom of Information Act concerning speeding offences in the Parish. Data is provided below.

Freedom of Information Request

Request Details

Please may I make a freedom of information request to inform me about the number of speeding offences that have been reported by Suffolk Police within the parishes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe over the past 5 years. Where possible, please also provide the road on which these offences were carried out so that we can ascertain whether these were within the confines of the village or on the bypass routes surrounding Ixworth.

Response

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below. This response is correct as of 15 January 2015.

A search was completed of the Central Ticket Office PentiP system for all incidents of speeding in Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe over the past 5 years.

The search located a total of 11 offences as follows;

2014	1 offence A1088 Ixworth
2013	1 offence A1088 Ixworth 1 offence A143
2012	1 offence A1088 Ixworth
2011	2 offences A1088 Ixworth 3 offences A1088 Ixworth Thorpe
2010	2 offences A143 Ixworth

After discussing the data it was agreed by all present to speak with Sgt Jay or Inspector Jane Hertzog to raise the Parish Councils concern over speeding within the Parish.

Cllr Lord also reported that he and Cllr Laughton had met with the Headteacher Nicky French at the Free School in Ixworth. It was reported that she was very keen to work with the village were and when she could, including considering sharing facilities at the school, using Robins Copse and supporting the Village Fete.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

Mr John Sharpe wished to express his opinion that the article placed in the magazine about 'Speedwatch' was very bland and he felt this would not attract many residents to put their names forward.

Mr Sharpe also commented on the planning application for work to be carried out on the Walnut Tree in St Mary's Churchyard. Mr Sharpe stated that the application received by the Parish Council stated the tree was to be trimmed to a height of 3 metres but the original application was 8 metres. Mr Sharpe felt if the original application of 8 metres is correct then as tree officer for the Parish he had no objection to this application.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

The following report was received via email;

Firstly the SNT would like to thank the Chairman, the Council and the community for their continued support and wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

Your dedicated PCSO and PC are 3268 Teakle and 1639 DeJongh.

Crime Statistics for the Parish to 14/01/2015

There have been 3 crimes of interest in the Parish since the last meeting.

Burglary other building – Ixworth – 15/12/14-20/12/14

Two drills were removed from a newly occupied and secure bungalow. Each drill was last seen at different times so believed to have been removed on separate occasions. Enquiries are ongoing.

Burglary dwelling – Ixworth – 24/12/14-29/12/14

Whilst occupiers were away, a residential property was entered by forcing the wooden garden gate before smashing a large double glazed patio door. Jewellery was stolen from within the property. Enquiries are ongoing.

Criminal damage – Thetford Road, Ixworth – 04/01/15-05/01/15

Whilst parked in the street overnight, a vehicle was scratched on the bonnet, offside front and rear doors and offside rear panel. The offside front wing plastic trim was also pulled from the roof and markings left to the offside rear window. Enquiries are ongoing.

7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

C Cllr Spicer reported the following;

- The footpath in St Mary's Churchyard would be resurfaced
- Resurfacing of the A1088 & A134 would take place soon – please expect road closures
- Pavements within the Parish are on list of work to be carried out in 2015/16
- Flooding issues within the Parish seem to sorted

Cllr Wilson stated the flooding issues in Ixworth Thorpe were still causing problems at the junction of Bardwell Road. It was felt the drains were blocked further up the road. Cllr Wilson also stated the pavements in Ixworth Thorpe also needed resurfacing.

8. Report from Local Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

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

Meeting Reconvened

9. Planning Applications

DC/15/0081 – Single storey rear conservatory – 1 Copper Court, High Street, Ixworth **No objection**

DC/15/0171 – Reduce 1 Walnut tree to 3m high with 4m radius, St Mary's Church, High Street, Ixworth
If height of 8 metres confirmed – **No objection**

DC/15/0145 – Fell 5 Conifers – River House, High Street, Ixworth **No objection**

10. Determined Applications

None as of 11th February 2015.

11. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received;

- **Suffolk Police** – January Report
- **West Suffolk** – Democracy Better
- **Steve Wilson** – Various items
- **Mike Walker** – Condition of The Priory Wall
- **Suffolk Police** – Update 04.02.2015
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly Report
- **P Edwards** – Neighbourhood Plans
- **St Eds** – PC Conference – 26.03.2015 at Sapiston VH 5.30pm

12. Accounts

It was agreed by all present to pay the following accounts;

▪ Chq No 888/889	Wages	£1055.86
▪ Chq No 890	SALC	£24.00
▪ Chq No 891	Ixworth Village Hall	£168.75
▪ Chq No 892	P A Brown	£418.75
▪ Chq No 893	Home Start	£50.00
▪ Chq No 8894	D Thrower	£70.00
▪ DD	PWLB (01.03.2015)	£3116.90

The RFO was authorised to transfer £4500 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

13. Section 106

The Clerk reported that a meeting with St Edmundsbury Borough Planning Department still had to be arranged.

14. Grass Cutting Contract

The Clerk reported that meetings had been held with companies interested in quoting for the 2015/16 grass cutting contract. Quotes would be available to discuss at the March meeting.

15. Election 2015

The Clerk confirmed she had attended the election briefing at SALC which had been very interesting. Nomination papers would be available from the middle of March for anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. An article would be placed in the magazine encouraging new members.

16. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the Parish tree officer had raised concerns that the trees on the small development in Stow Road had been cut back too much.

17. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported the following;

- PCSO Claire Teakle had not as of 11.02.2015 had any response from the Speedwatch article
- A new dog waste bin for Street Farm Lane would cost £226.70 + VAT and would cost £2.80 a week to empty

It was agreed by all present to purchase the new bin and agreed to have St Edmundsbury Borough Council empty it each week.

18. Councillors Reports

Cllr Lord reported that a local resident had started a new petition to get 'Free School Transport' for sixth formers. Cllr Lord requested the Parish Council support this petition. It was felt that the Clerk check with SALC what support a Parish Council can give to a petition.

Cllr Reeve reported the trees planted by the Parish Council on the A1088 would need maintenance soon.

Cllr Laughton reported that Robins Copse had successfully gained a grant from B Cllr Griffiths locality budget.

Cllr Laughton reported he had also been approached by Patricia from the Post Office who was quite upset by the previous minutes stating she was selling the Post Office. The Clerk confirmed she had spoken with Patricia who had requested a retraction to be placed in the magazine. The Clerk stated that a retraction was not possible as the minutes are a true reflection of what happened at the meeting. It was agreed by all present that correspondence received from the Post Office Network gave the impression the current Sub postmistress did not wish to continue, it would therefore be suggested the current Sub postmaster place an article clarifying the situation.

19. Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting would be 11th March 2015 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

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Date