

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 13th August 2014 at 7:30pm

Present: 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, B Cllr John Griffiths MBE and one member of the public.

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted for Cllr Plummer, Cllr Wilson and Cllr Reeve.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

B Cllr Griffiths requested the figure of £2500 be added to his report as the amount available in his locality budget. This was agreed by all present and added to the minutes. It was then resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 16th July 2014.

Cllr Lord wished to highlight the problems that had occurred with the installation of the new play equipment the night before the fete. When the groundwork had started, metal bolts were installed that would hold the equipment. These bolts had been left uncovered and sticking out of the ground and a resident had tripped over them. The company was contacted immediately and they had erected a fence around the area. Unfortunately, this fence was inadequate and dangerous and was easily pulled down by vandals. It was agreed by Cllr Plummer, Cllr Lord and the Clerk that it was unsafe to leave the fence in place and it was taken down and stored near the village hall. The bolts were then covered with yellow tape and the village hall committee placed a table over the bolts during the fete. Cllr Lord suggested that the Parish Council contact Wicksteed to negotiate a reduction in cost due to the problems that had occurred. This was agreed by all present. Cllr Lord wished to thank all the scouts present who helped carry the fence to the village hall.

4. Public Forum

No comments were made.

Meeting Adjourned

Report from B Cllr Griffiths

B Cllr Griffiths encouraged members to pass on the information to any groups within in the community about his locality budget. B Cllr Griffiths confirmed he had a budget of £2500 for this financial year. If any small groups wished any further information they could contact him directly or contact the area Locality Officer Helen Lindfield at St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

B Cllr Griffiths also informed members that he had spoken with Helen Lindfield about arranging a meeting with the planning department, C Cllr Spicer and the Parish Council to discuss issues around the future Crown Lane development.

Report from C Cllr Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer reported that there would be a road closure around Mulley's roundabout overnight between 3rd & 5th September. C Cllr Spicer had requested that the highways department take this opportunity to clean the roundabout. C Cllr requested that the Parish Council write to Suffolk County Council highways department requesting this also. This was agreed by all present and the Clerk was instructed to write to Suffolk County Council.

Meeting Reconvened

5. Planning 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

No Objection

6. Determined Applications

DC/14/0894 – Single storey extension and veranda on rear elevation (following existing) and associated courtyard wall – Lynton House, Ixworth Thorpe

**Granted
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DC/14/1005 – Insulation to be added to external walls – 100 High Street, Ixworth

7. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 833/834	Wages	£1010.77
Chq No 835	Ixworth Village Hall	£168.75
Chq No 836	Clarks of Walsham Ltd	£28.06

The Clerk also reported the Public Works Loan payment of £3116.90 was due on 3rd September 2014.

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

8. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 10th September 2014 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

Cllr Courtnell reported that work had been started on the unsafe headstones in the Cemetery. Cllr Courtnell had once again reported the overgrown hedges at the top of Crown Lane leading to the by-pass and Micklesmere estate.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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Date