

## **IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

*Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7:30pm*

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

**Also Present:** Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer (arrived at 9pm), B Cllr John Griffiths MBE & two members of the public.

### **1. Election of Chairman**

Cllr T Plummer and Cllr B Lord were nominated to be Chairman for the next year. The result was as follows: Cllr T Plummer four votes, Cllr B Lord three votes. Cllr T Plummer was duly elected as Chairman for the next year. Cllr Plummer agreed to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the next meeting.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Wilson sent apologies for being absent – Apology accepted by members. Cllr McFruin apologised that he would be late attending meeting. Cllr McFruin arrived at approximately 8pm.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Cllr Lord requested the draft minutes be altered as he had also mentioned parking problems in Dover Terrace area in his Councillors report. The draft minutes were altered to reflect Cllr Lord's comments. It was then agreed by all present that the Chairman sign the minutes a true account of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

### **5. Matters Arising from Minutes**

Cllr Plummer stated she had spoken with the owner of Envirocar in Stow Road who stated he would tell his employees not to park in Dover Terrace car park he agreed there had been one car parked there for a couple of days by an employee in the past.

*Meeting Adjourned*

### **6. Public Forum**

Mr John Sharpe made the following comments;

- The grass verges around the Mulley's roundabout needed cutting as they were causing visibility problems
- The pathway between Peacock Rise and the telephone box was very overgrown and causing problems for resident who walked along the path
- The roundabout near Mulleys was in need of a good tidy as at present it was in a very poor condition
- Mr Sharpe had concerns about the Rural 2031 document stating recreational facilities in the school could be used – Mr Sharpe felt this had never been the case and would not be in the future

### **7. Report from Local Police Officer**

No report.

### **8. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer**

This report was given later in the meeting after C Cllr Spicer arrived. C Cllr Spicer reported the following;

- C Cllr Spicer had spoken with the Headteacher of the Free School and she thinks the Play & Learn Centre is staying at the Free School site
- C Cllr Spicer stated that John Noble of Suffolk County Council had objected to the suggested alterations to the Stanton Road roundabout
- Pot holes repairs were a priority for Suffolk County Council – a meeting would be held again with the highway department in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June to discuss further the highway concerns within Ixworth
- C Cllr Spicer confirmed Healthwatch was funded by the Government

Cllr Lord suggested a slip road from the by-pass to the new Crown Lane development would be an alternative to alterations to Stanton roundabout. C Cllr Spicer stated she would pass along his suggestion.

### **9. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE**

B Cllr Griffiths reported the following;

- The pot holes in Bardwell Road in Ixworth Thorpe had been repaired
- St Edmundsbury Ward members had been given a locality budget a trial basis for 1 year, B Cllr encouraged members to apply if any projects in the local area needed funding.
- B Cllr Griffiths gave the members information about a Rural Opportunities Bulletin about grants for the local community

B Cllr Griffiths also stated he had attended, along with the Parish Council Chairman and Cllr Courtnell, the recent Healthwatch meeting held in the Village Hall. B Cllr Griffiths, Cllr Plummer & Cllr Courtnell stated how disappointed they were in the whole event and did not feel the concept of Healthwatch had been explained clearly.

*Meeting reconvened*

### **10. Planning Applications**

**DC/14/0717** – Conversion of Public House to 4no 2 Bedroom dwellings, erection of first floor side extension, single storey rear extension and erection of garage for 4no cars, The Royal Oak, Ixworth Thorpe

**No objection**

**DC/13/0544** – Appeal against refusal – The Royal Oak, Ixworth Thorpe

**Members informed**

### **11. Determined Applications**

**DC/14/0266** – 21 Street Farm lane

**Granted**

**DC/14/0463 & DC/14/0464** – The Priory, High St, Ixworth

**Granted**

**DC/14/0472** – The Priory, High Street, Ixworth

**Granted**

### **12. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received;

- **PCSO Jade Morton** – Speeding data
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly report
- **S.C.C.** – Information about road closures
- **John Griffiths** – Information about ‘Liftshare’
- **Annette Feeney** – Planning Practice Guidance
- **C Cllr Joanna Spicer** – Information about Wednesday bus service
- **Community Action Suffolk** – Confirmation of Membership
- **M Murison** – Various village concerns
- **Havebury Housing** – Report about latest ‘Walkabout’
- **Ixworth Relief in Need** – Nomination of Trustees (see item 16)

### **13. Accounts**

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 841/842	Wages	£1135.56
Chq No 843	Ixworth Village Hall	£163.75
Chq No 844	AJ Wheelie Bin Cleaning	£10.00
Chq No 845	Clarks of Walsham	£24.89
Chq No 846	G Palastanga	£29.95

The RFO was authorised to transfer £1500 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

An annual review of internal controls was carried out. It was agreed by all present that the internal measures were adequate.

### **14. Ixworth Cemetery**

Cllr Courtnell reported he had spoken with the current grass contractor about various issues previously discussed, such a levelling graves and grass cuttings removal.

The finials that will be placed on the larger gates at the Cemetery have been returned for re-shaping. Cllr Courtnell also requested if he could obtain quotes for removal of another two trees within St Mary's Churchyard, this was agreed by all present.

### **15. Section 106**

As some members have not read the information received from Cllr McFruin this item will be added to the June agenda.

### **16. Ixworth Relief in Need**

A letter had been received from the Clerk of the Ixworth Relief in Need Charity requesting the Parish Councils approval to re-appoint the Nominative Trustees for the next four years. It was agreed by all present to approve this request. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Clerk confirming this.

### **17. Refurbishment of Benches/Seats in Ixworth**

Cllr McFruin reported they he and Cllr Shelton had assessed all the benches within the Parish and produced a report which was passed to members. It was agreed to refurbish the benches in the following locations – Scott Road, Street Farm Lane and the High Street at an approximate cost of £300. Cllr McFruin stated he was willing to volunteer to carry out the refurbishment. Cllr McFruin was instructed to order the materials needed and have invoices sent to the Clerk for payment.

### **18. Chairman's Report**

No report.

### **19. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reminded members that the Locality Officer Helen Lindfield would be attending the next meeting to meet members. Ms Lindfield would be attending at 7pm before the meeting commencing at 7.30pm.

### **20. Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Shelton highlighted her concerns about the overgrown hedges along Thetford Road and Commister Lane.

Cllr Reeve stated the Parish Council equipment that was placed in his farm sale was sold for a total of £38.

Cllr McFruin reported the 'No Entry' signs at the junction of the High Street and Commister Lane were turned around thus making them hard to see when travelling up the High Street.

Cllr Laughton reported the new team helping at Robin's Copse had completed various jobs recently including creating a picnic area, trimming the Sycamores, planting some donated Bluebells and planting 15 fruit trees. The group were also looking into creating steps to the higher level of the area.

Cllr Lord requested permission from the other members to investigate replacing the outside toilet in the Village Hall with a coin operated toilet. Permission was granted by all members present.

**21. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 10.15pm.

.....  
Signed

.....  
Date