

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 16th July at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Teresa Plummer (Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Sophia Wilson, Nick Laughton, Roy McFruin, Pam Shelton, 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.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Lord – apology accepted.

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 11th June 2014.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

No comments were made.

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.

Your dedicated PCSO and PC are 3268 Teakle and 1639 De Jongh respectively.

Crime Statistics for the Parish to 16/07/2014:

There have been 7 crimes recorded in the Parish since the last meeting however 0 of public interest.

News/Information:

We have been seeing an increase in the number of break-ins to cars in secluded areas such as; Lackford lakes, West Stow, Kings Forest, Knettishall Heath.

We would like to remind everyone to not keep their valuables on display in their cars when leaving them, and to be extremely careful when hiding belongings in the car under seats or coats as you never know who is watching.

- When leaving your vehicle parked, remove all valuables – especially cameras, binoculars, mobile phones and handbags. If you cannot take them with you, lock them out of sight.
- Remove your sat-nav from your vehicle and don't forget to remove the cradle and wipe the sucker marks from your windscreen.
- Secure doors, windows, boot and sunroof every time you leave your vehicles.
- Park in a busy, well-lit location that is visible to passers-by
- Use an immobiliser, alarm and other security devices if you have them.

If you see anyone acting suspiciously around parked vehicles, particularly if they are trying car door handles on parked vehicles call the police on 101, giving as full a description as possible.

Dates for your diary:

The next tasking meeting to discuss and decide priorities, which is open to the public, will be held at 7pm Tuesday 9th September 2014 at Bury St Edmunds Police Station.

7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

The following items were discussed with members and B Cllr John Griffiths;

Roundabout near Mulleys – The roundabout had recently been cleared slightly but C Cllr Spicer felt more could be done. C Cllr Spicer had arranged a meeting with S.C.C. highways department to discuss refurbishments of the black and white chevrons and the grass area. C Cllr Spicer stated this may require a grant from her locality budget. The members agreed that the Parish Council would like this work carried out.

Advertisement Signs on Verges & Roundabouts – B Cllr Griffiths & C Cllr Spicer reported that signs had been removed around Mulleys roundabout and adjoining areas. It was suggested that the Parish Council, jointly with other local Parish Councils, may like to have the responsibility of verges dissolved from St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Suffolk County Council. It was agreed to add this item to the September agenda for further discussion.

Roundabout near Stanton – The planning application for improvements to the Stanton roundabout had been refused by St Edmundsbury Borough Council after objections from Suffolk County Council highways department.

Rural 2031 – C Cllr Spicer requested a meeting be organised with St Edmundsbury Borough Council planning department, the Parish Council and herself to discuss various issues with the Crown Lane possible development, including the Masterplan for that area. Once again B Cllr Griffiths stated that this was not set in stone and he would speak with Helen Lindfield to arrange a meeting suitable to all parties.

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths also reported the following;

Locality Budget – B Cllr Griffiths reported that this year, as a trial, all Borough Councillors have been given a small locality budget to grants funds to groups within their Borough. The grants are available to all groups within his Borough and if anyone is interested in applying please contact Helen Lindfield the Locality Officer for this area who will supply further information.

Questions

Cllr Shelton asked whether a pedestrian crossing could be installed at the bottom of the High Street, possibly near the Library entrance, as a frail resident had approached her after having trouble crossing the road. C Cllr Spicer suggested placing an article in the magazine to firstly see if other residents felt this was needed. This was agreed by all present.

Meeting Reconvened

9. Planning Applications

DC/14/0894 – Single storey extension and veranda on rear elevation (following existing) and associated courtyard wall – Lynton House, Ixworth Thorpe	No objection
DC/14/1005 – Insulation to be added to external walls – 100 High Street, Ixworth	No objection
DC/14/1272 – Fell one Fir tree & one Laurel Bush – Moat Edge, Commister Lane, Ixworth	No objection

10. Determined Applications

DC/14/0196 – Improvements to A143/A1088 roundabout to provide vehicular access to serve potential future residential development	Refused
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11. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received;

St Eds – West Suffolk Annual Report, Council Tax Support Grant, S106 information, Boundary fence ownership, Notice boards, Helen Lindfields contact details, notification of Planning Inspectors report and the cost of emptying Ixworth Thorpe litter bin.

B Cllr John Griffiths – Parking problems in Stow Road.

Suffolk Police – Current priorities, crimes of interest and PCSO Hollie Cogman email about various issues.

C Cllr Joanna Spicer – Wednesday bus service and Post Office Community grant fund.

Havebury Housing – Invitation to an event.

M Brook – Concerns about an overhanging tree from the play area.

Steve Wilson – Monthly report.

It was agreed that the litter bin in Ixworth Thorpe be emptied by St Edmundsbury Borough Council once a week at a cost of £145.60 per annum.

Cllr Laughton stated he would speak with Steve Wilson about litter bins being emptied whilst he is on holiday.

It was agreed by all present the parking problems in Stow Road be added to the September agenda.

Cllr Laughton stated he would speak with the tree surgeon with reference to the overhanging tree in the play area.

12. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 824/825	Wages	£1023.49
Chq No 826	S.A.R.S.	£25.00
Chq No 827	F.O.I.L.	£200.00
Chq No	BDO LLP	£360.00
Chq No 829	M & TJ's Gardening	£300.00
Chq No 830	AJ Wheelie Bin Cleaning	£20.00
Chq No 831	Playdale Playgrounds	£2019.36
Chq No 832	Ixworth Village Hall	£163.75

The RFO was authorised to transfer £3500 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

The Clerk stated that the external audit had been completed and there were no significant issues to report.

13. Ixworth Cemetery

Cllr Courtnell reported that he had had no response to his recent article in the magazine about the unsafe headstones. It was agreed by all present to carry out the work to make the headstones safe at a cost of £705. Cllr Courtnell agreed to contact the stone masons to arrange for this work to be carried out as soon as possible. Cllr Courtnell also stated a Lime tree within the Cemetery needed attention at a cost of approximately £150. It was agreed by all present that this work be carried out and C Cllr Courtnell stated he would contact the tree surgeon.

14. Play Area

Cllr Wilson reported the new equipment had started to be installed and hopefully it would be finished soon. The company installing the equipment would not be able to install the rowing machine until the end of August and had supplied a bench free of charge due to the delay.

Cllr Laughton agreed to look at the positioning of the notice board and some felt it was placed too far into the playing field.

15. Section 106 Contributions

It was agreed to place this item on the September agenda. It was also agreed that members make a list of items that S106 money could be used for around the village.

16. Refurbishment of Benches within the Parish

Cllr McFruin reported that he had found a new supplier for the materials needed to refurbish the benches. Cllr McFruin stated that the company was sending him a sample of the material to confirm it is the material needed. It was agreed by all present that once Cllr McFruin was happy with the material being supplied the Clerk would contact the company to place the order.

17. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from the new Mayor of Bury St Edmunds requesting that he visit a Parish Council meeting to introduce himself. It was agreed to invite him to the October or November meeting.

The Chairman also enquired if she could contact C Cllr Spicer about arranging a meeting to meet the new Headteacher of the Free School, all present felt this was a good idea.

18. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that a demonstration day was being held in the village hall by the company that installed the defibrillator. It would be held on Tuesday 22nd July between 11am and 12.30pm.

19. Councillors Reports

Cllr Shelton reported that residents were very pleased the pot hole in Peddars Close had been repaired. Cllr Anderson requested who was responsible for the trees in Peddars Close near the notice board. Members present felt it was Havebury Housing and it was agreed to report them at the next Havebury walkabout. Cllr Courtnell requested that Suffolk County Council be reminded that the path near the cemetery going to Micklesmere and the steps to the by pass needed trimming. Cllr McFruin enquired if there were any plan to upgrade the CCTV cameras. It was confirmed that no upgrade was being discussed at present. Cllr McFruin reported that the Village Hall hoped to start installing the new heating system within the next few weeks.

20 Date of the Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting would be 13th August 2014 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall. It was also confirmed that this meeting would only be a Planning and Finance meeting and all other items could be carried over to the September meeting.

With no further business the meeting closed at 10pm.

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Date