

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 8th October 2014 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Teresa Plummer (Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Sophia Wilson, Roy McFruin, 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 Laughton – apology accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 10th September 2014.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

Mr Sharp wished to highlight his concerns about the following;

Flooding in Stow Road – There has been problems recently with flooding in Stow Road as, after resurfacing some time ago, there are no drains between the telephone box and Dover Terrace.

Speeding within the Village – Mr Sharp reported that speeding within the village has become a problem especially along Stow Road. Mr Sharp suggested the Parish Council look into setting up a ‘Speedwatch’ group. Mr Sharp stated he would be willing to help in any way needed and suggested the Council call a public meeting in the future to discuss further with residents. After a discussion it was agreed to place this item on the agenda in November and seek further information as to cost etc.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

PCSO Claire Teakle attended the meeting to give the following report;

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 08/10/2014

There have been two crimes of interest since the last meeting:

Criminal Damage - Micklesmere Drive - 12th-15th September

Over a three day period letters have been scratched onto a gate. *Enquiries completed. Finalised.*

Daytime trespass in the pursuit of game – Ixworth 5th October

During hours of daylight offenders have been seen in various fields with 5 dogs. *5 suspects arrested enquiries ongoing.*

Speeding Data:

Since your last meeting there has been 43 speed checks conducted resulting in 33 verbal warnings, 124 letters, 12 fixed penalty notices, 5 course offers, and 2 notices of impending prosecution.

Our new priorities are:

1. Speeding.
2. Burglary- dwelling and other building.
3. Hare coursing.

We have already had a couple of reports of Harecoursing and the population of hares seems to be high. Please be vigilant and if you see anything suspicious call 999 – we need the vehicle details, particularly registration number with exact location and direction of travel.

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 16th December 2014 at Bury St Edmunds Police Station.

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 that she had a meeting with Samantha Bye to discuss Crown Lane access and the possible access to the new development from the Diss roundabout.

Suffolk County Council objected to the recent planning application to alter the Diss roundabout from four exits to five exits as Suffolk County Council had concerns over the safety of a five arm roundabout.

C Cllr Spicer suggested that at this time it was up to the developer of the site to re-submit the application or, submit a new application with an entrance to the proposed new development off the A1088.

A discussion took place and some Councillors felt that waiting could jeopardise getting an entrance that was safe and acceptable to the residents in Ixworth.

C Cllr Spicer had also discussed the access from Crown Lane into the proposed development from Crown Lane near the Cemetery. It was agreed that a traffic engineer would complete a study into the possibility of traffic exiting the village from Crown Lane through the new the proposed development.

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

The Chairman reported that she had spoken with the owner of Enviro Cars in Stow Road and he had had instructed his staff to make sure all business cars were parked in their yard overnight. He was aware that there had been problems in the past but he had addressed recent concerns. It was agreed by all present not to include this again on the agenda.

10. Flooding Issues in Ixworth

C Cllr Spicer requested that the Parish Council compile a list of the areas around the village that have had recent flooding problems. C Cllr Spicer would like to know not only where the problems were, but possible reasons as to why they flood and possible ways to fix the problem. Once the list is compiled she would discuss further with the highways department.

11. Crown Lane

See C Cllr Spicer's report.

12. Planning Applications

DC/14/1445 – 2No dwellings and garages (resubmission of SE/13/0858) Land North Fern Cross, Stow Road, Ixworth

No objection

DC/14/1796 – Householder Planning Application – Single storey rear extension – 19 Green Lane, Ixworth Thorpe

No objection

13. Determined Applications

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

Granted

14. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received;

- **Suffolk Police** – weekly & partner update x 4
- **Tim Passmore** – Speeding
- **St Edmundsbury BC** – Adoption of Vision 2031
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly report and request for new litter bin
- **St Edmundsbury BC** – PC Conference
- **Mr Orbell** – Request to plant a memorial tree

The Clerk was instructed to get a quote for a replacement bin.

Cllrs McFruin and Shelton agreed to go to the PC Conference on 14th October 2014.

The Clerk was instructed to speak with Mr Orbell about the planting of a memorial tree.

15. Accounts

It was agreed to pay the following accounts;

Chq No's 850/851	Wages	£1012.08
Chq No 852	A J Wheelie Bin	£10.00
Chq No 853	Ixworth Village Hall	£163.75
Chq No 854	D Thrower	£240.00
Chq No 855	St Edmundsbury BC	£22.40
Chq No 856	Saxon Monumental Craft	£846.00

The RFO was authorised to transfer £2500 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

16. Ixworth Cemetery

Cllr Courtnell reported that it was coming into the quieter period for work in the Cemetery. Cllr Courtnell stated he would be looking into constructing a wooden enclosure for the waste bins.

The Clerk reported that she had met with a family who wished to erect a memorial bench in the Cemetery. A lengthy discussion took place and in principal the members had no objections. However, it was decided that the Clerk needed to look into the implications to the family installing the bench with reference to the Councils public liability insurance. A request also had been received about re-turfing a grave. It was agreed by all present that permission would not be granted for re-turfing.

17. Play Area

The Clerk reported that an engineer from Wicksteed had visited the play to inspect the new equipment and had repaired the faulty bolt on the rowing machine. The engineer also informed the Clerk that he had replaced the vandalised stoppers on some of the equipment free of charge. Further to previous minutes, the cost of the fencing had now been removed from the invoice due to the faulty fencing being erected during installation. The Clerk reported that Playdale were still stating that the correct amount of cushionfall had been installed under the climbing frame. The Clerk was instructed to discuss this issue further before the cheque was sent in payment.

18. Section 106 Contributions

This item will be included in the November meeting for further discussion. The Clerk was instructed to compile a list of suggestions received and distribute to members before the next meeting. At the next meeting members could start to formalise the list to send to St Edmundsbury Borough Council for future consideration. The Clerk was also instructed to write an article for the magazine for resident's thoughts.

19. Refurbishment of Benches/Seats in the Parish

The Clerk reported that after some confusion the plants had now been delivered to Cllr McFruin for the refurbishment of the benches. Cllr McFruin requested if he could purchase some bench bolts from Clarks of Walsham, this was agreed by all present.

20. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported again that the path behind the flats in Thetford Road needed clearing.

21. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported the following:

Christmas tree – The tree had been ordered for week beg 24th November for lights to be on by 1st December

Remembrance Parade – Sunday 9th November at Fire Station at 10.25am for Parade to Church.
It was agreed by all present to donate £25 to the Poppy Appeal for the wreath and donate £75 to The Royal British Legion Ixworth & District Branch to help pay for the band.

22. Councillors Reports

Cllr Lord reported that he and Cllr Courtnell had attended A Griffiths memorial service that morning. Cllr Lord also reported that he had attended the Free School Open Evening and had been very impressed.

Cllr Lord enquired if the other members would like him to organise the Councillors Christmas meal. This was agreed by all present.

Cllr Shelton reported that she had been approached by a resident about the amount of vehicles at school time in Crown Lane. The resident had also requested if the Parish Council knew who owned the small mound of earth outside the Primary School. The members felt that area was owned by Suffolk County Council.

Cllr Reeve stated that Rev Garbett was holding a Churchyard tidy up on Saturday.

Cllr Anderson stated he was pleased to see the flint wall he had reported the previous meeting had been fixed.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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Date