

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 10th February 2016 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Richard Courtneil (Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Sophia Wilson, Nick Laughton, Roy McFruin, Pam Shelton, Ben Lord and Trevor Anderson.

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr B Birrell – apology accepted by all members.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was agreed by all present that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the previous meetings held on 13th January 2016.

4. Public Forum

Mr Sharpe requested that the Parish council acknowledge any emails received. Also, could the Parish Council communicate with the residents more, perhaps through an article in the village magazine. The Chairman replied that an article had been discussed and would be auctioned soon.

5. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

C Cllr Spicer updated the Parish Council on the following items;

- **Hempyard Bridge** – An engineer had inspected the bridge and discovered that the bridge was in need of urgent repair, up to a cost of approx £50,000. Discussions were being held to decide on a way forward.
- **Handrail on steps leading to Stow Road** – The hand rail had now been fitted
- **Footpath through St Mary's Churchyard** – Suffolk County Council were in discussions with the Diocese on which surface they would prefer. Once decided the resurfacing would go ahead
- **V.A.S. Signs in Ixworth Thorpe** – Unfortunately, the Parish Council cannot own and install V.A.S. signs in a 40mph zone. However, Suffolk County Council are in the process of purchasing 20 signs to be deployed on a none permanent basis in 40mph zone. C Cllr Spicer has added Ixworth Thorpe to the list of villages wishing to be included in the scheme
- **Flooding at the Junction of Peacock Rise/Stow Road** – The gully in Peacock Rise has been jetted to clear the build up and Suffolk County Council were looking into adding another gully at the junction where the flooding occurs
- **Grass Area on Mulley's Roundabout** – Once again several cars have been parked on this area advertising they are for sale. C Cllr Spicer suggested ringing the telephone numbers on the advertisements stating if they were not removed they would be reported to Suffolk County Council for removal

6. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths reported the following;

- **Council Tax** – After freezing Council Tax for the last 7 years, unfortunately, the Borough Council has had to increase it this year. A D Band property would now cost approximately £3.40 more this year
- **Locality Budget** – B Cllr Griffiths reminded members that even though the financial year was coming to a close it was not too late to apply for a grant from his locality grant scheme. The scheme would again be running in the financial year 2016/2017
- **Crown Lane Development** – A meeting had been held with Persimmon and the planning department that day. The good news is in the discussions they are now talking about the whole area of land rather than the first section next to the Cemetery.
- **A1088 Ghost Island Planning Application** – An appeal had been lodged against the decision not to grant permission to install a ghost island junction to access the Crown Lane Development

B Cllr Griffiths offered his apologies for not being able to attend the March meeting of the Parish Council.

7. Report from Local Police Officer

No report had been received.

8. Planning Applications

DC/16/0076 – Crown Lift 1 Sycamore to approximately 6 metres to balance crown and let light into garden beneath canopy – 98 High Street, Ixworth

No Objection

DC/16/0105 – Fell to ground level 1 sycamore tree – 15 Coddington Way, Ixworth

No Objection

9. Planning Other

DC/15/0873 – Introduction of a right turn ghost island junction on the A1088 to provide vehicular access

Notification of Appeal

It was decided that the Chairman would attend any meeting to discuss this application as a representative of the Parish Council.

10. Ixworth Cemetery

The tree work previously discussed had already been carried out for free by the current grass contractor so this item did not need any further discussion.

11. Grass Cutting Contract

Cllr Courtnell agreed to speak with the current contractor to get a quote for them to carry on with the contract for another year.

12. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No 981/982	Wages	£1041.10
Chq No 983	Ixworth Village Hall	£168.75
Chq No 984	Welham Surfacing	£1743.60
Chq No 985	Shaw & Sons	£426.00
Chq No 986	R W Engineering	£1016.40
Chq No 987	M & TJ's	£396.00
Chq No 988	A J Wheelie Bin Cleaning	£20.00
Chq No 989	Key Industrial	£624.00
Chq No 990	P A Brown Electrical	£324.00
Chq No 991	Viking	£404.07

The RFO was authorised to transfer £5500 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

13. Speeding in Ixworth Thorpe

This item was dealt with in C Cllr Spicer's report.

14. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received;

- **John Griffiths** – Response to Ghost Island Application
- **PCSO Teakle** – Leaving Suffolk Police
- **SALC** – Queens Birthday Celebrations
- **Tim Passmore** – Response to email and letter
- **SALC** – Highways Survey
- **Joanna Spicer** – Church Path Update
- **Rev Garbett** - Ixworth Relief in Need
- **Joanna Spicer** – Beacons for the Queen
- **St Eds** – Ghost Island Appeal
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly Report

The Clerk was instructed to write to Rev Garbett confirming the name of the Nominee Trustee for the Parish Council to sit on the Ixworth Relief in Need Charity.

Cllr Laughton read to members Steve Wilson's monthly update.

15. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that Cheryl Froud from St Edmundsbury had informed him that the road signs that needed replacing would be replaced this financial year or early in the next financial year.

The Chairman also reported he had received an invitation, for all members, to attend the official opening of Ixworth Free School on 25th February 2016.

16. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported the following;

- **Adopt a BT Kiosk** – No reply from BT as yet
- **Notice Board Scott Road** – Needs to be taken down as unsafe
- **Grant of Burial Rights Book** – The Clerk sourcing another printer for a quote

The Clerk was instructed to have the notice board removed.

17. Councillors Reports

Cllr Wilson reported the road sign that has fallen down in Ixworth Thorpe has not yet been repaired.

Cllr Laughton reported that he and Cllr Courtnell had met with representatives from F.O.I.L. and the Village Hall Management Committee to discuss various suggestions for the Village Hall and Village activities. It was suggested that each organisation put forward a representative to form a working group to meet occasionally to discuss ideas. Cllr Shelton stated she would consider taking on this role but would need time to think about it.

Cllr Laughton requested that Ixworth Village Hall be added to the April agenda for discussion.

Cllr McFruin thanked Suffolk County Council for their prompt response in inspecting Hempyard Bridge.

Cllr McFruin also wished to highlight that a light in the Churchyard was not working.

18. Date of the Next Meeting

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting would be 9th March 2016 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

19.

To resolve that, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded for the remaining items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by the reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

20. Staffing

21. Standing Orders/Roles and Responsibilities

The above two items are of a confidential matter and minutes will be on a separate set of confidential minutes.

After the discussions of above the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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Date