

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 10th June 2015 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs David Reeve, Roy McFruin, Pam Shelton, Ben Lord, Trevor Anderson and Ben Birrell

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

In Cllr Courtneils absence it was agreed by all present that Cllr Lord chair the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Wilson & Laughton due to holidays and Cllr Courtnell due to family illness – apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting

After alteration of wording in one sentence, it was agreed by all present that the meeting Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the previous meeting held on 13th May 2015.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

No matters were discussed.

5. Public Forum

Mr Sharpe raised the following points:

- **Walnut tree in St Marys Churchyard** – Planning approval stated the tree should be pruned between July & September. It was pruned too early and the village would have to wait and see if this has caused long term damage
- **Yew tree near tower in St Mary's Churchyard** – Mr Sharpe had spoken with the planning department and it had been agreed that a new Yew tree had to be planted
- **Cherry Trees in development in Stow Road** – The pruning of these trees did not comply with the planning application approval, and also the tree that was to be saved is not visible
- **Mulleys roundabout** - is very overgrown and needs cutting as it is not a very good welcome to Ixworth
- **A143** – The A143 leaving Ixworth towards Bury St Edmunds needs resurfacing
- **Dog Warden** – Is there a dog warden in the Borough

B Cllr Griffiths answered the question about a dog warden and informed members and Mr Sharpe that there was not a dog warden employed by the Borough Council.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

No report had been received.

7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

C Cllr Spicer reported the following;

- **Parked cars for sale on the verges near Mulleys roundabout** – C Cllr Spicer stated that notices were being left on any cars parked in that area requesting that they be moved. If not moved then they could be removed by the County Council. Highway officers passed the area most days to check the area.
- **Access Road planning application** – C Cllr Spicer requested if she could be copied into any response the Parish Council makes to the application being discussed later in the evening. It was agreed by all present.

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths reported the following;

- **Smarter funding – Better Outcomes** – B Cllr Griffiths informed members that there was an event **being held** on 15th July at the Apex for community, charity and voluntary organisations to explain various options of funding. This event is open to all and a place needs to be booked by emailing kirsty.downes@westsuffolk.gov.uk
- **Rural Youth Work** – B Cllr Griffiths explained the Rural Youth work programme would be visiting Ixworth on Monday evenings until 20th July 2015. This service is commissioned by YMCA Suffolk.
- **Locality Budget** – The ward member's locality budget started last year would be continuing again this year. The criteria had changed slightly this year. Last year some of B Cllr's Griffiths locality budget went to the Library, Robin's Copse and the Over 60's group.
- **Access road planning application** – B Cllr Griffiths reported that he had requested that this application be taken to the Delegation Committee for discussion. B Cllr Griffiths also requested that he be copied into the Parish Councils response to this application. It was agreed by all present.
- **Devolution of Powers** – B Cllr Griffiths stated that discussions needed to be undertaken by all levels of government about given powers from central government to local government.

9. Planning Application

DC/15/0873 – Introduction of a right turn ghost island junction on A1088 to provide vehicular access – Land for New Access Road A1088, Ixworth, Suffolk – **Object – Objections due to traffic safety on the A1088-a five spur roundabout would be a better option for Ixworth**

DC/15/0931 – Removal of dead boughs – 1 Maple tree – Fell 1 Cherry tree – Buttons Close, 35 High Street, Ixworth **No objection**

DC/15/1010 – Resubmission of DC/14/1953 – Conversion of function room to provide five letting bedrooms including internal alterations – The Pykkerell, High Street, Ixworth **No objection**

10. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received;

Suffolk Police – Meeting Report 13th May 2015

Havebury Housing – Solar Panels

Suffolk Police – Weekly Roundup – 24.05.2015

Persimmon Homes – Response from Meeting on 20.05.2015

Suffolk County Council – Temporary Road Closure

Paul Roberts – Mulleys Roundabout

The Clerk stated that the Mulley's roundabout had been reported and would be cut within the next 4-6 weeks.

11. Accounts

It was agreed to pay the following payments;

Chq No 917/918	Wages	£1038.25
Chq No 919	H M Rev & Customs	£378.26
Chq No 920	A J Wheelie Bin Cleaning	£10.00
Chq No 921	Anglian Water	£18.53
Chq No 922	RBA Solutions	£264.00
Chq No 923	Ixworth Village Hall	£177.00
Chq No 924	G Palastanga	£32.90

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

The internal auditor reported verbally to the RFO that there were no issues to report in the accounts dated 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015.

After reviewing the figures in Section 1, the Accounting Statement of the Annual Return, for year ending 31st March 2015 it was resolved that these figures were correct. It was resolved that the Chairman on the evening and Clerk could sign this section of the form.

After reviewing Section 2, the Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return, for year ending 31st March 2015 it was resolved that the Council had ensured there is a sound system of internal control. It was resolved that the Chairman on the evening and Clerk could sign this section of the form.

It was agreed to add Cllr Shelton as a signature on the account.

12. Section 106

A list of suggested items that S106 development income could be spent on within the Parish, that had been previously distributed, was discussed fully. It was agreed by all present that the list be passed as soon as possible to the planning department at St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

13. Persimmon Homes (Crown Lane Development)

Cllr Lord gave a report on the presentation that Persimmon gave to the Parish Council.

14. Ixworth Cemetery

It was agreed by all present to discuss the grass cutting problems at the next meeting when Cllr Courtnell would be present. It was agreed by all present that the Clerk could order various books, such as Grant of Burials, up to a cost of £950.

15. St Mary’s Church Clock

Cllr Reeve requested if he could start getting quotes to have the clock face refurbished. It was agreed by all present that Cllr Reeve and the Clerk could take this item forward and a full discussion would take place once all quotes had been received.

16. Highway Issues

The Clerk distributed a list of all outstanding highway issues within the village. It was agreed to pass this list once again to C Cllr Spicer. It was also agreed to request a visit to the village by a highways officer to discuss issues outstanding.

17. Chairman’s Report

As Chairman for the meeting Cllr Lord reported the following;

- A new cricket club had been set up in the village, many thanks to Mr Rowe for helping with this
- The grass area leading to the top entrance to the permissive footpath was being cut by someone
- Artefacts from the Middle School had been on show in the Village Hall which was very interesting to view

18. Clerk’s Report

The Clerk reminded members that the Annual Parish Meeting was being held on 17th June at 7pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

19. Councillor’s Reports

Cllr Shelton wished to highlight the overgrown verges along Thetford Road.

Cllr Anderson wished to give a vote of thanks to Gordon and Sue Palastanga for continuing to look after the flower pots in the High Street.

Cllr Birrell wished to highlight his concern that the post office vans were parking on the corner of Commister Lane and the High Street causing a potential traffic risk.

Cllr McFruin wished to highlight the overgrown verges at the junction of Commister Lane and Thetford Road.

18. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 15th July 2015 in Ixworth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 10.15pm

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Date