

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 13th April 2016 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Richard Courtneil (Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Sophia Wilson, Nick Laughton, 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.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr McFruin for a family commitment, apology accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

After a small adjustment for a spelling mistake, it was agreed by all present the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings held on 9th & 23rd March 2016.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Cllr Lord informed members that he had not written an article for the magazine about the Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations.

5. Public Forum

Mr John Sharpe made the following comments;

- It was good to see the minutes of the Parish Council meetings in the magazine
- Is the footpath through St Mary's Churchyard going to be resurfaced?
- Is the Parish Council still paying for the maintenance of the Churchyard?
- Flooding was still happening at the junction of Stow Road and Peacock Rise
- The Crown Lane Development has had many vision statements – which was being used at present? And hopefully there would be recreation facilities incorporated as the development grows

The Chairman replied that at present the Parish Council was still paying for the maintenance of the Churchyard and the resurfacing of the footpath was being actioned by Suffolk County Council.

6. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

C Cllr Spicer reported that she had given a grant to F.O.I.L. for redecorating and was pleased to say the Library was doing well and being used frequently.

C Cllr Spicer had also given small grants to Ixworth Cricket Club and Ixworth Bowls Club.

C Cllr Spicer also reported the following on Hempyard Bridge;

- The meeting between all concerned parties on 1st April 2016 had gone very well
- Suffolk County Council had agreed to replace the plastic bollards with a boardwalk which would be more in keeping with the area
- Suffolk County Council were also looking into whether access could be agreed for one horse at a time rather than completely closing the bridleway
- A full inspection of the bridge would be completed once the water level had gone down, hopefully by the end of May (date to be confirmed)
- It was agreed not to remove any of the Ivy until after the inspection, however, the landowner would be approached to seek permission to cut down an overhanging tree branch
- The Bridge is not listed but does come under the cartilage of The Abbey

C Cllr Spicer enquired if the Parish Council had received any further complaints about the kebab van, the Clerk confirmed no further complaints had been received. It was confirmed that the kebab van is parked in Pakenham Parish.

7. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths reported that discussions concerning the Crown Lane Development were ongoing with all parties, these included the future developers, St Eds planning department, Suffolk County Council, the land owners and the Parish Council. At present the main access had not been decided, but once this decision had been made then all other options could be discussed such as recreation facilities and schooling.

B Cllr Griffiths also reported that he had made grants to the Cricket Club and the Free School from his locality budget. As it is a new financial year B Cllr Griffiths urged local groups to apply for a grant for their organisation.

8. Report from Local Police Officer

The following email was received;

Unfortunately we will no longer attend Parish meetings unless there is a major specific issue to be addressed. We will no longer be sending out individual parish reports. There will however be a report, based on Wards that will be updated monthly which will be accessible through the constabulary website.

Another resource that Parish Council can use is the Police.uk website which has Crime and ASB information from a Nation level down to street level. <https://www.police.uk/suffolk/H21/crime/>

There will not be a dedicated officer for any individual parish, however, individual officers will retain an oversight for Wards as follows:

PC Paul Fox and PCSO Amanda Dodd	– Abbeygate
PC Andre de Jongh	– Bardwell, Barningham, Stanton, Ixworth, Pakenham, Great Barton
PCSO Ken Ruston	– Barrow, Risby, Fornhams, Rougham, Horringer
PC Neil Brown	– Eastgate, Morten Hall
PCSO John Wilken	– Risbygate
PC Mark Ellis	– St Olaves, Northgate
PC Phil Howard	– Southgate
PC Vici Lawrence	– Westgate, Minden

Any requests for a service from the police (particularly any crime related issues) should be directed through the 101 system or via the police website (non-urgent only). Crimes that are in progress should always be reported by dialling 999. All requests are now managed through a central team who will allocate the request to the appropriate resource to be dealt with.

The new Bury SNT email address is SNTBuryStEdmunds@suffolk.pnn.police.uk. Please direct all correspondence to this address and not to individual officers, this will ensure that your enquiry is dealt with in a timely manner.

9. Hempyard Bridge

This item was covered in item 6.

10. Planning Applications

DC/16/0580 – Variation of Condition 13 of Planning Application DC/15/1716 substitution of approved drawings with amended drawings (alterations to plots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 – Dover Farm, Stow Road, Ixworth

No Objection

DC/16/0411 – Internal & external alterations to plot 3 of SE/11/1072 – Plot 3 Dover Farm, Stow Road, Ixworth

No Objection

11. Accounts

The following were agreed for payment;

Chq No 1001/1002	Wages	£1316.79
Chq No 1003	A J Wheelie Bin Cleaning	£10.00
Chq No 1004	SALC	£26.10
Chq No 1005	Ixworth Village Hall	£168.75
Chq No 1006	St Eds	£36.40

The RFO was authorised to transfer £2000 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

12. Ixworth Cemetery

Cllr Courtnell informed members that there had been some fly tipping at the cemetery recently. Kitchen cupboards had been left, Cllr Mc Fruin had taken the rubbish to the local dump. Cllr Courtnell requested if new turf could be ordered to tidy the area that use to be used for the chalk overspill from graves. After a discussion it was agreed that Cllr Courtnell could get quotes and go ahead with this project up to a cost of £2000. The Clerk was instructed to contact the current grass contractor to discuss the 2016/17 contract.

13. Ixworth Thorpe Litter Bin

Quotes had not yet been received for the two new litter bins for Ixworth Thorpe, one near the bus stop and one outside the Church. After a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk could go ahead with this project up to a maximum of £1000. It was also agreed that if there was a charge for emptying the new bin outside the Church this would be paid for by the Parish Council.

14. Grass Area on Mulley's Roundabout

Cllr Courtnell stated that once again cars for sale had been parked on this area. Cllr Courtnell requested if a 'No Parking' sign could be purchased to place on the grass. It was agreed by all present for Cllr Courtnell to get a quote for discussion at the next meeting. It was also suggested the Suffolk County Highways department be contacted about installing bollards so cars were unable to park on this grass area. The Clerk was instructed to contact Suffolk County Council for advice on this and advise about the implications of the Parish Council adopting this grass area.

15. Standing Orders/Financial Regulations

A meeting of the working party would be held in May to start looking at updating these orders. This item would then be discussed further at the June meeting.

16. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received;

- **Steve Wilson** – VH Bins
- **Suffolk Police** – Letter from Chief Constable
- **Suffolk Police** – Final Update
- **Helimed** – Donation Request
- **RM Network Assurance** – Temporary Traffic Order
- **Joanna/ John/Richard** – Response to 5 Arm Roundabout Application
- **UK Power Networks** – Priority Service
- **Suffolk Highways** – Temporary Road Closure
- **Glyn French (SCC)** – Hempyard Bridge Update
- **Mrs Clutterham** – Road Conditions
- **Guy Smith (SCC)** – Response to Mrs Clutterham Concerns
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly Update
- **Suffolk Highways** – Road Repairs – Peddars Close
- **Suffolk Police** – Monthly Meetings

It was agreed to award a grant of £100 to Helimed. The Clerk was instructed to report the pot holes in Stow Road. The Clerk was instructed to contact St Edmundsbury Borough Council waste department to discuss the litter bin mentioned in Steve Wilson's email.

17. Chairman's Report

The Chairman was pleased to see the new road signs were now being stalled. Three had been completed and the rest would be completed in the next phase. The Chairman urged members and residents to report any fly tipping to the waste department at St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

18. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported the following;

- The notice board in Scott Road had fallen down as it was rotten, Cllr McFruin kindly took to the dump for disposal
- The Parish Council website is currently being updated and would include more information for residents
- Community Action Suffolk had sent information relevant to a new Parish/Neighbourhood Plan
- No response as yet to the request to adopt the telephone kiosk in Stow Road

19. Councillors Reports

Cllr Anderson noticed the grass had been cut in St Mary's Churchyard.

Cllr Wilson reported that the drains near Easter Green were blocked. Also, grass cuttings were once again being dumped over the hedge near Easter Green.

Cllr Birrell reported that grass cuttings were being dumped in Robins Copse from a neighbouring house. It was agreed that Cllrs Laughton and Courtnell would speak with the resident concerned.

Cllr Birrell also requested when the resurfacing of the pavements in the High Street would be completed. The Clerk was instructed to speak with Claire Dickson for further information.

Cllr Laughton reported that a resident in Abbey close had contacted him with reference to overhanging trees in Abbey Close, he had contacted St Edmundsbury who informing him that they would inspect them and carry out any work needed.

20. Date of the Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 11th May 2016, this meeting is the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

It was also confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on 18th May 2016 at 7pm in Ixworth village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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Date