

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr Richard Courtneil (Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Sophia Wilson, Roy McFruin, Pam Shelton and Ben Birrell.

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer MBE and one member of the public

Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Nick Laughton, Trevor Anderson and Ben Lord – apologies accepted by all members present.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr McFruin for item 10 – Ixworth Village Hall.

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 9th December 2015.

4. Public Forum

No comment.

5. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

C Cllr reported the following;

- **Kebab Van** – The kebab van parked just off Bury Road is actually in Pakenham Parish
- **Ixworth Court** – Ixworth Court was now closed and all residents had been moved to homes of their choice and staff had either taken redundancy or had new contracts at different care homes. The property would now be sold. The Parish Council confirmed it would rather used for something such as a larger surgery rather than housing.
- **Ixworth Fire Station** – Ixworth fire station safe from closure
- **Ixworth Primary School** – C Cllr Spicer reported that she had had some meetings about the future of the Primary School and there was some agreement that the school should be moved to the land near the Free School. Another meeting was to be held wk beginning 18.01.2016 to discuss adding to Suffolk County Councils Capital list.

Cllr Wilson enquired if Pip Whiteside was aware of meetings about a new school, C Cllr Spicer stated that yes Pip was aware.

C Cllr Spicer stated she would follow up on the following;

- **Churchyard path** – This still needed resurfacing
- **Handrail on steps from New Road to Stow Road** – Still needed fitting
- **Peacock Rise/Stow Road drainage** – Not yet looked at
- **Hempyard Bridge** – C Cllr Spicer will pass concerns to S.C.C. engineer

6. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths offered his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. A letter received via email about the planning application DC/15/2569 was passed to all members.

7. 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.

Crime Statistics for the Parish:

There have been 2 crimes of interest since the last meeting:

Theft from Shop – 04/01/16 – High Street

A known suspect stole £10 worth of goods. They have been dealt with by a Community Resolution.

Driving with Excess Alcohol – 14/12/15 - Stow Road

A driver provided a positive breath sample following a RTC.

Information & Advice

What to do in a Road Traffic Collision

Accidents are often unexpected and scary situations. If you are involved in a serious accident where someone is injured you should call **999** immediately.

If you are the driver you must:

- Stop and remain at the scene for a reasonable time
- Give your name and address, vehicle registration number, and details of the owner (if different) to anyone with reasonable grounds for asking for these details

If you do not exchange those at the scene you must report the accident at a police station as soon as possible and within 24 hours in any case.

When another person involved is not injured you need to:

- Produce your certificate of insurance to anyone at the scene having reasonable grounds to see it
- If you don't have your certificate with you then you may take it to the police station when you report the incident (within 24 hours). This must be produced within seven days.

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For non-urgent matters dial 101

or email: stedsruralnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

If you believe a crime is in progress dial 999

8. Planning Applications

DC/15/2470 – Two storey rear extension and side porch (demolition of side conservatory), Heathlands, 1 Heath Road, Ixworth **No objection**

DC/15/2569 - Resubmission of 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 **Objection**

9. Play Area

The Clerk confirmed the damaged swings had been removed and the fence panels had been repaired. The insurance claim had been sent to Zurich. The new swings had been ordered from Playdale and may take up to six weeks to deliver and install. Playdale had also been instructed to repair the other minor items listed of the last play area inspection report.

10. Ixworth Village Hall

Following the presentation from the Village Hall Committee representative at the January meeting a lengthy discussion was held about funding the village hall. It was agreed that the Parish Council would help the Village Hall, where able, with funding for essential repairs. However, the Village Hall Committee would need to apply for a grant for a specific project, for instance replacing the windows, rather than requesting a grant for general repairs. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Village Hall Committee with the Council's decision.

11. Budget/Precept 2016/2017

A lengthy discussion took place on whether to reduce the budget as St Edmundsbury Borough Council was reducing their grant to the Parish again this year by £3474, or to keep it the same as 2015/16. Members felt that to keep services in the Parish they would not be able to cut the budget by this amount and would need to keep it the same as the previous year. It was agreed that the amount set aside for grants had been increased in preparation of a grant request from the Village Hall Committee for essential repairs.

12. Robin's Copse

It was agreed by all present to accept a quote of £800 for various tree work to be carried out in Robin's Copse. The Clerk was instructed to inform Wildlife Group of their decision.

13. Ixworth Cemetery

Two quotes had been received for suggested work needed in the Cemetery. It was decided to carry this item to the February meeting as the Councillor suggesting the work needed was not in attendance to explain the project.

14. Parish Plan

This item was carried over to the February meeting.

15. Grass Cutting Contract

It was agreed by all present to speak with the current contractor for to see if he wishes to continue the contract for another year.

16. Accounts

It was agreed to pay the following accounts;

Chq No 975/976	Wages	£1032.55
Chq No 977	Ixworth Village Hall	£168.75
Chq No 978	Rougham Estate Sales	£276.00
Chq No 979	St Edmundsbury BC	£21.34
Chq No 980	St Edmundsbury BC	£36.40

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

17. Speeding in Ixworth Thorpe

This item will be discussed again in the February meeting as the Council had still not heard from Suffolk County Council Highway department about permission to erect the signs. C Cllr Spicer had been requested to chase this matter.

18. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received;

Jess Brockhurst – Request for a Litter Bin

John Sharpe – Stow Road Grit Bin

Suffolk Local Policing Review Team – PCSO Match Funding

Clare Town Council – Response to PCSO Match Funding

SALC – Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments

Steve Wilson – Monthly Update

Roland Unsworth (FOIL) – Request for Meeting

Suffolk Police – Updates 13.12.15 & 06.01.2016

Suffolk fire & Rescue – Public Meetings & Risk Management Plan

West Suffolk Partnership – West Suffolk Operational Hub

Steve Wilson/Sgt Whybro/PCSO Teakle – Nitrous Oxide

Sue Herne (SCC) – Emergency Plan

It was agreed for the Clerk to arrange a meeting with Roland Unsworth (FOIL). It was agreed to write to Tim Passmore about PCSO Match Funding, highlighted the short timescale to respond.

19. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that he had not yet received any confirmation the Cheryl Froud had visited Ixworth to look at the road name signs. The Chairman reported he would contact Ms Froud for an update.

20. Clerk's Report

The Clerk gave the following report;

Reeve Farm Development – Names suggested previously not acceptable – Developer suggests

Farm Drive
Willow View
Meadow View

Cllr Reeve suggested Lower Street Farm as that was the farms name previous to Dover Farm. The Clerk was instructed to pass this suggesting onto the developer.

- **Adopt a Kiosk** – Reply received from BT – requested to adopt – will need permission from St Eds, could take up to 90 days
- **St Mary's Clock** – Arranging a meeting with Cllr Reeve to compile a specification for the refurbishment of the Clock face so quotes can be obtained
- **Highway issues** Hand rails on steps, Peacock Rise/Stow Road puddle, Ix Thorpe Drains, Church Path
- **Dates for 2016 Meetings** – No Ixworth Thorpe Meeting – All 2nd Wednesday –
- **Cobbled Area** – Approval from S.C.C. – Waiting confirmation that quote still valid after three months
- **Grit Bins** – Waiting confirmation of deliver and installation (Stow Road, New Road, Commister Lane & Peacock Rise) (M&TJ's)
- **Notice Board Scott Road** – Very unstable – in need of securing
- **Burial Books** – Ordering from another supplier
- **Christmas tree** – Arranging removal

21. Councillor's Report

Cllr Shelton wished to highlight the notice board in Stow Road is very unstable.

Cllr Wilson reported the drains in Ixworth Thorpe had been cleared.

Cllr Birrell reported the recycling bins in the village hall car park were overflowing.

22. Date of the Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 10th February 2016 in Ixworth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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Date