

## **IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council held at Ixworth Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm

**Present:** Cllrs David Reeve, Sophia Wilson, Nick Laughton, Roy McFruin, Pam Shelton, Ben Lord, Trevor Anderson, Richard Courtnell Ben Birrell.

**Also Present:** Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), B Cllr John Griffiths MBE, Mrs Teresa Plummer and two members of the public.

### **1. Election of Chairman**

Cllr R Courtnell and Cllr B Lord were nominated to be Chairman for the next year. The result was as follows: Cllr R Courtnell four votes - Cllr B Lord four votes. Mrs T Plummer as Chairman outgoing had the casting vote to elect the Chairman for the coming year. Mrs T Plummer cast her vote for Cllr Courtnell. Cllr R Courtnell was duly elected to be Chairman for the coming year. Cllr Courtnell signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr N Laughton offered his apologies, this was accepted by all present.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made.

### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was resolved by all present that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

### **5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

As discussed previously it was agreed to continue to arrange a meeting in Ixworth with St Edmundsbury tree officer to discuss various outstanding issues with trees within the village.

### **6. Public Forum**

The following concerns were raised by a member of the public;

- Speeding in Stow Road
- The possibility of traffic calming in Stow Road
- Access to Ixworth to be discussed (the junction onto the by-pass on Bury Road)
- Roundabout visibility

### **7. Report from Local Police Officer**

The following report was received via email and read out to members by the Chairman.

Firstly the SNT would like to thank the Chairman, the Council and the community for their continued support.

Your dedicated PCSO is 3268 Teakle

### **Crime Statistics for the Parish to 13/05/2014:**

Theft – other (08-09/05/2015) Ixworth Thorpe

During hours of darkness, a large tin bath, which was situated on the front lawn of a residential property has been emptied and removed.

### **Speeding Data:**

From 1<sup>st</sup> April there have been 26 Speed Checks conducted by the Safer Neighbourhood Team, resulting in 28 Verbal Warnings, 27 Traffic Offence Reports and 30 letters sent out.

## News

Unfortunately there has been a spate of burglaries across the county. This is being treated as a priority and additional patrols are being conducted in vulnerable areas.

We ask that members of the public are vigilant around their home areas and report any suspicious activity immediately. Please record vehicle numbers as well as descriptions of any suspicious vehicles or people.

## Other issues

Vehicles continue to be targeted in the Kings Forest area with personal items regularly being stolen after vehicles are broken into. If anyone is using this area please do not leave valuables in your vehicles and be aware of any suspicious persons or vehicles in the parking areas.

**Please ask your community to secure their property and remove personal items from view when leaving their vehicles. Do not make it easy for thieves!**

**Be vigilant and report any suspicious activity, for non-urgent matters dial 101 or email: [stedsruralnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stedsruralnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)**

**If you believe a crime is in progress dial 999**

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### **8. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE**

C Cllr offered her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

### **9. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE**

B Cllr Griffiths offered his congratulations to all members on being elected to serve on the Parish Council.

### **10. Planning Applications**

None.

### **11. Determined Applications**

None.

### **12. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received;

- **Suffolk Police** – APM Report from Ixworth Thorpe Meeting
- **Joanna Spicer** – Safe Cam Information
- **C.A.S.** Membership Confirmation
- **Mr Orbell** – Requesting permission to plant a tree
- **S Wilson** – Monthly Report
- **Mrs Froud** – Complaint about VH Committee member

The letter from Mrs Froud was discussed and the members were given information that this issue had been resolved by the VH Management Committee. However, a heated discussion took place and Cllr McFruin was reminded that his conduct, even when acting as a village hall committee member, reflected on the Parish Council.

### **13. Accounts**

The following payments were agreed;

Chq No 911/912	Wages	£1109.27
Chq No 913	AJ Wheelie Bin	£20.00
Chq No 914	Ixworth Village Hall	£150.00
Chq No 915	SALC	£32.45
Chq No 916	Anglian Tree Solutions	£168.00

The RFO was authorised to transfer £1000 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

An annual review of internal controls was carried out. It was agreed by all present that the internal measures were adequate. It was agreed by all present to increase the fidelity insurance to £150,000.

It was agreed that the signatories for the account would now be Cllrs R Courtnell, B Lord and D Reeve.

**14. Ixworth Cemetery**

It was agreed by all present to delegate to the Proper Office (Clerk) routine decisions on Ixworth Cemetery. The Clerk is to report to the Council any decision that is out of the ordinary.

The Clerk requested if members would meet to discuss the layout of the Cemetery. It was agreed that Cllrs Wilson, Courtnell and Birrell attend.

Cllr Courtnell reported he would contact the new grass cutting contractor to cut the grass at Ixworth Thorpe Churchyard.

**15. Chairman's Report**

Cllr Courtnell thanked members for electing him to be Chairman for the coming year.

**16. Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported the following;

- The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall
- St Mary's Church Clock would be added to the June agenda
- A list of highway issues has been compiled – the Clerk requested councillors contact her if any issue needs to be added

**17. Councillor's Report**

Cllr Lord stated that businesses were concerned that the High St was closed earlier than the advertised timings for the Cycle races held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

Cllr Wilson requested that speeding issues in Ixworth Thorpe be added to the September agenda. It was agreed by all present.

Cllr Shelton enquired who a resident could speak with reference trees overhanging their gardens, it was suggested residents contact St Edmundsbury Borough Council tree officer.

Cllr Reeve requested that if the Parish Council arranges a meeting with the tree officer could he look at the trees on the Norton Road and give the Council some advice about their upkeep.

**18. Date of the Next Meeting**

It was agreed by all present that the next meeting would be held on 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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Date