

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

*Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7:30pm*

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

**Also Present:** Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk) and four members of the public.

As Cllr Courtnell was absent due to illness was agreed by all present that Cllr Wilson would Chair the meeting.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Lord and Cllr Courtnell – apologies were accepted by all members present.

### **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 meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

### **4. Public Forum**

No comments were made by the public present.

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

C Cllr Spicer sent her apologies for not attending the meeting, a report had been sent via email which would be passed to all Councillors via the internal website.

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

B Cllr Griffiths sent his apologies for not attending the meeting.

### **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.

Your dedicated officer is PCSO 3268 Claire Teakle.

### **Crime Statistics for the Parish:**

There have been **2** crimes of interest since your last meeting, as detailed below.

#### **Criminal Damage – High Street, Ixworth – 26/09/2015**

During the hours of darkness two males climbed the drainpipe at the back of the church in order to get onto the roof and subsequently one of the males put his foot through a small window. Enquiries are ongoing.

#### **Theft – A143 Ixworth – 13/10/2015**

Two signs advertising a local kebab van were stolen between 0000-1545hrs from the road side verge. Enquiries are ongoing.

### **News**

#### **Distraction type Burglaries and Daytime Burglary Dwellings**

There has been an increase in these types of offence, particularly targeting elderly vulnerable residents and unoccupied homes.

Please ask residents to be vigilant, report any suspicious activity immediately. Dial 999 if you think a burglary is being committed.

Elderly residents need to be wary of any unannounced visitors, especially if they claim to be from a utilities company. Check ID before opening doors. **If in doubt, keep them out.**

#### **Other issues**

We have received several reports of suspicious males flagging down passing motorists at the roadside across the West of the county. They claim to have run out of fuel and ask for cash in exchange for 'gold' jewellery.

Please be aware that this is a scam and advise your friends, family and neighbours not to hand over any money. Please also call 101 straight away with details of location, vehicles and persons involved.

### **8. Crown Lane Development**

It was agreed by all present to postpone this discussion until November.

### **9. Highway Issues**

It was agreed by all present to postpone this item until November when C Cllr Spicer would be able to give a report.

### **10. Cobbled Area in the High Street**

A discussion was held and it was agreed by all present that the Parish Council would not adopt this area from Suffolk County Council. However, it was agreed that Cllr McFruin could tidy the area using weed killer.

### **11. Grit Bins**

The Clerk reported that up to four grit bins needed replacing. It was agreed that the Clerk could go ahead and replace the damaged grit bins.

### **12. Planning Applications**

**DC/15/1354** – Part two storey and part single storey extensions – The Beeches, High St, Ixworth **No Objection**

**DC/15/1828** – Chalet Bungalow (following demolition of single domestic garage) – Whiteways, Crown Lane, Ixworth **No Objection**

**DC/15/1783** – (i) 9no Lime trees – reduce by 50% (ii) 1no Beech tree – reduce height by 50% (iii) 1no Sycamore tree – fell – 5 St Edmund Close, Ixworth **No Objection**

**DC/15/1642** – (i) change of use and conversion of redundant barns to ancillary accommodation (ii) demolition of abutting barn – Dairy Farm, Thetford Road, Ixworth **No Objection**

### **13. Parish Plan**

It was agreed by all present that this item be postponed until November. The item agenda title would be Parish Plan & Neighbourhood Plan.

### **14. Accounts**

The following accounts were agreed for payment:

Chq No 947/948	Wages	£1100.01
Chq No 949	St Edmundsbury BC	£36.40
Chq No 950	TOP Gardening Services	£512.50
Chq No 951	Ixworth Village Hall	£163.75
Chq No 952	SALC	£24.00
Chq No 953	AJ Wheelie Bin Cleaning	£10.00
Chq No 954	G Palastanga	£33.30
Chq No 955	Clarks of Walsham	£20.16

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

### **15. Speeding in Ixworth Thorpe**

Cllr Wilson reported that she and the Clerk had found out information on 'Slow Down' flashing speeding signs for Ixworth Thorpe. Two signs would be needed at a total cost of approximately £5000. Cllr Wilson still had further information to collect, such as if highways or Police permission would be needed, and she would report back to the Council once all information had been collected.

### **16. Grass Area near Mulley's Roundabout**

A discussion was held about this area and whose responsibility it was to look after it. It was agreed by all present that the Parish Council would not adopt this area.

### **17. St Mary's Church**

This item was postponed until the November meeting for Cllr Courtnell to give a report.

### **18. Remembrance 2015**

It was agreed by all present that a grant of £75 would be given to Ixworth & District Royal British Legion towards the cost of the band for the parade on Remembrance Sunday. Remembrance Sunday is on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

The Clerk stated the Chairman had requested as many members of the Parish Council as possible attend this year's parade, and smart dress would be appropriate. It was also agreed to donate £25 to The Poppy Appeal for a wreath from the residents of the Parish.

### **19. Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been received;

- **Suffolk Police** - 3 weekly roundups
- **SALC** – Letter from T/Chief Constable
- **Jaki Fisher** – Report on tree issues
- **St Edmundsbury BC** – Notification of Development Control Meeting on 01.10.2015
- **Suffolk County Council** – Temporary Road Closure
- **Kirsty Downes** – Parish Council Conference
- **Mr Ozcan** - Mobile Kebab Van
- **S Wilson** – Monthly Report
- **John Sharpe** – Trees in Ixworth

### **20. Councillors Roles & Responsibilities**

This item was postponed until a later agenda.

### **21. Chairman's Report**

No report as Chairman was absent.

### **22. Clerks Report**

No report.

### **23. Councillors Reports**

Cllr Anderson states he was disappointed that only a small section of pavement had been repaired in the High Street.

Cllr McFruin also wanted to highlight the two trees mentioned in Mr Sharpe's letter.

Cllr Laughton read Steve Wilson monthly report. Cllr Laughton also reported that a wall in the Churchyard had fallen down. This matter was being investigated by the Church.

Cllr Laughton also requested that the village hall be added to the December agenda. This was agreed by all present.

### **24. Date of the Next Meeting**

It was agreed by all present the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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Date