

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 15th July 2015 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Richard Courtnell (Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Sophia Wilson, Nick Laughton, 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 four members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

All members were present.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was agreed by all present that the meeting Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the previous meeting held on 10th June 2015.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Cllr Wilson suggested that if the Chairman was ever absent again, each Councillor should be Chairman, on a rota basis. Cllr Wilson explained that all members would then get experience and has an understanding of the difficult role the Chairman has. It was agreed by all present.

5. Public Forum

Two members of F.O.I.L. (Friends of Ixworth Library) requested a grant from the Parish Council to enable F.O.I.L. to purchase e-readers to lend to its members who were unable to attend the library. It was proposed by Cllr Wilson that a grant of £500 be given. It was agreed by all present.

Mr Sharpe wished to highlight the following;

- Mr Sharpe was pleased the roundabout had been cut but he felt it still needed more work
- Wild Flower garden – had this been discussed
- The overgrown hedge and mud on path between Peacock Rise and the telephone box in Stow Road
- Pot holes in Stow Road need attention
- Speedwatch – was there any further information
- A hand rail for the steps leading from New Road to Stow Road

Cllr Courtnell informed Mr Sharpe that a meeting was to be held with C Cllr Spicer to discuss various issues including potholes within the village, the hand rail and the foot path in Stow Road. The wild flower garden would be discussed in item 15.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

No report.

7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

C Cllr Spicer reported the following;

- **High way issues** – a meeting is arranged for 24th July with the PC and Claire Starling to discuss various issues
- **Cars for sale on verge of Mulley's roundabout** – C Cllr Spicer requested that a volunteer make a log of the cars that are for sale – Cllr Courtnell volunteered
- **Mulley Roundabout** – C Cllr Spicer stated she would follow up on the suggestion of a sponsor for the roundabout

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths reported he had spoken with the Tree Officer at St Edmundsbury Borough Council about visiting the village to discuss some issues with trees within the village. B Cllr Griffiths would forward some suggested dates for the visit and liaise with the Clerk and the Chairman.

C Cllr Spicer and B Cllr Griffiths reported that they both had strong concerns about the planning application for a ghost island to access the new development in Crown Lane. B Cllr Griffiths stated the application would now be discussed by the Planning Committee.

Cllr Courtnell requested a meeting with C Cllr Spicer and B Cllr Griffiths to discuss S106 contributions.

9. Planning Applications

DC/15/0974 – Listed Building Consent - Replacement windows and doors – 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 Council Houses, Stow Road, Ixworth **No objection**
DC/15/1189 – Pollard 15no Sycamores to 3 metres in height – The Pit, Thistledown Drive, Ixworth **No objection**
DC/15/1207 – Crown reduce one Walnut tree – 21 Fordham Place, Ixworth **No objection**
DC/15/1167 – Relocation of feed silos on concrete pad – Ixworth Unit, Stow Lane, Pakenham **No objection**

10. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received;

- **West Suffolk Partnership** – Smarter Funding
- **John Griffiths** – Rural Youth Programme, Access Road Planning Application
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly Report
- **Joanna Spicer** – Road Resurfacing, Road Safety Audit Report Walsham Road Roundabout
- **Suffolk Police** – Weekly Update – 14.06.2015
- **Peter Longfield** – Mere View, Stow Road
- **SCC** – Temporary Road Closure A1088, Potters Bridge, Ixworth, Temporary Road Closure – A1088
- **Sarah Fithie** – Ixworth Roundabouts
- **Cllr Lord** – Correspondence to Havebury Housing
- **Post Office** – Consultation on Proposed Move
- **CWGC** – Review of Payments
- **St Eds** – Response about Tree Issues
- **Havebury Housing** – Ixworth Walkabout (09.09.2015)
- **Mr Osman** – Overgrown Hedges
- **The Pykkerell** – Advertising Signs
- **Havebury Housing** – Response about Reeve Close Parking Complaint
- **Mrs Joan Smith** – Advertising Signs
- **Crown Lane Development Access** – Three Reports

11. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No 925/926	Wages	£1068.31
Chq No 927	BDO LLP	£360.00
Chq No 928	SALC	£23.49
Chq No 929	Ixworth Village Hall	£180.25
Chq No 930	AJ Wheelie Bin Cleaning	£20.00
Chq No 931	Zurich Municipal	£969.13
Chq No 932	T.O.P Gardening	£512.50
Chq No 933	A Adlington	£131.48

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

The RFO/Clerk reported that the External Audit had been completed by BDO and there were no issues to report

12. Section 106

C Courtnell read out some of the rules regarding Section 106 revenue from developers. It was agreed by all present that the meeting, to be arranged with C Cllr Spicer and B Cllr Griffiths, needed to have taken place before this issue could be discussed further.

13. High Issues

The issues that had been discussed at previous meetings, such as the pavements in the High Street, would be discussed in detail during the meeting on 24th July with C Cllr Spicer and Claire Starling from S.C.C.

14. Annual Parish Meeting

The following issues were brought up at the Annual Parish meeting;

- Dog fouling
- Rubbish in St Mary's Churchyard
- CCTV at the Village Hall
- Village Hall gates
- Section 106

15. Ixworth Cemetery

Cllr Courtnell reported that there had been some issues with the new grass cutting contractor. After a discussion it was agreed that Cllr Courtnell write to the contractor listing the issues and if they were not resolved in the next three months then the contract would be terminated.

It was agreed by all present to accept a quote for £400 to have the large pile of rubbish on the top corner of the Cemetery to be removed. It was agreed that once removed it would be an ideal place for a wild flower garden.

16. Parish Council Insurance

The Clerk reported that quotes had been obtained for the Insurance for the Parish Council. It was agreed by all present to accept the quote from Zurich Municipal.

17. Chairman's Report

Cllr Courtnell reported that Steve Wilson would be unable to empty the bins on Friday 17th July. Cllr Birrell volunteered to empty them in Steve Wilson's absence.

Cllr Courtnell reported he had attended the Chapel Dedication at A E Thurlows & Son.

18. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported the following;

- **St Mary's Clock** – Arranging a meeting with Cllr Reeve to compile a specification for the refurbishment so quotes can be obtained
- **Adopt a Kiosk** – No reply as yet from BT with further information
- **Overgrown Verges** – Various have been reported
- **Shared Training** – Stanton is trying to arrange Councillor training and wish to invite other Parish Councils to come along and share the cost.

It was agreed by all present that they would like to share training with Stanton Parish Council. The Clerk would confirm dates and times once they were received from Stanton Parish Council.

19. Councillors Reports

Cllr Shelton reported that some of the play equipment in the play area was loose

Cllr Birrell wished to report that residents had approached him with their concerns about speeding in the High Street.

Cllr Reeve requested that the discussion on St Mary's Clock Face be moved to the October/November meeting.

Cllr Anderson wished to thank Cllr Lord for volunteering to Chair the Annual Parish Meeting and congratulated him on giving such a good report on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Laughton read Steve Wilson's monthly report.

20. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 12th August 2015 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm

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Date