

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on Monday 6th February 2017 at 7:30pm

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

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer MBE and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Anderson and Rowe – apologies were accepted by members.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were received.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was agreed by all present that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 11th January 2017.

4. Public Forum

Mr Sharpe highlighted the following;

- **Wild Flower Garden at Ixworth Cemetery** – Mr Sharpe enquired if there had been any progress on establishing a wild flower garden in Ixworth Cemetery
- **Sweeping of pavements** – Mr sharpe enquired if any progress had been made on the sweeping of pavements in Ixworth
- **Speedwatch** – Mr sharpe reported that Rachel Waite was unable to attend the meeting but had requested that Mr Sharpe pass on the following information – Rachel was still waiting for two volunteers to get back to her about sizes of hi-vis jackets they would need

It was agreed to add to the March agenda an item to discuss the Wild Flower Garden at Ixworth Cemetery.

5. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

C Cllr Spicer reported on the following;

- **Speedwatch** – C Cllr Spicer stated that she had arranged a £1000 grant from her locality budget for Speedwatch. C Cllr Spicer had also helped secure a £1000 grant from B Cllr Griffiths
- **Fire Service Impact Day** – Suffolk Fire Service would be visiting Ixworth on 14th February 2017 to meet with business to discuss the impact of fires in residential properties would have on their businesses. C Cllr Spicer and Cllr Lord had met with the Officer co-ordinating the visit to discuss various implications of the visit
- **Mulleys Roundabout** – C Cllr Spicer, Guy Smith (SCC) and Cllrs Lord and Wilson had met to discuss issues around Mulleys roundabout. Guy Smith had spoken with Marketingforce about sponsorship of the roundabout by local companies. C Cllr Spicer suggested meeting with some members of the Parish Council, Guy Smith, herself and a member of Marketingforce to discuss options. C Cllr Spicer agreed to arrange this meeting
- **Stow Road** – It was suggested that to help with issues in Stow Road, such as speeding, a new gateway be installed stating 'Welcome to Ixworth-Please drive slowly/carefully'. It was also suggested to discuss possible markings on the road itself. C Cllr Spicer requested that if the Parish Council were in agreement she would go ahead and request a plan be drawn up for the Parish council to consider. It was agreed by all present that C Cllr Spicer continue this project

Cllr McFruin wished to pass onto C Cllr Spicer his thanks that Ixworth Fire crew and Bury St Edmunds Fire crew attending his recent house fire promptly.

6. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths sent his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

7. Planning

DC/16/2850 – Fell 1no Larch – Commister House, Commister Lane, Ixworth	No objection
DC/17/0031 – One and a half storey rear extension – 6 New Road, Ixworth	No objection
DC/16/2828 – Variation of condition 22 of SE/11/1071/FUL revised house types for plots 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 and associated garaging and layout change – Dover Farm, Stow Road, Ixworth	No objection
DC/16/2834 – Nitrate plant and ancillary works – Water Treatment Works, Crown Lane, Ixworth	No objection
DC/17/0011 – (i) 2no Hornbeams pollard 1/3 rd (ii) no 1 Silver Birch – Fell – Lammas field, The Paddock, Ixworth	No objection
DC/17/0094 – fell 1no Apple tree – 16 High Street, Ixworth	No objection

8. Play Area

The Clerk reported that the new equipment had been ordered.

9. Speedwatch

The Clerk reported that the Community Speedwatch signs and radar gun have been ordered. Once all sizes for the volunteers jackets had been collected they would also be ordered. The Clerk confirmed that notification of grants of £1000 from C Cllr Spicer and B Cllr Griffiths had been approved.

10. De-fibrillator at Village Hall & Ixworth Thorpe

The Clerk reported that an incident had happened recently in connection to the de-fibrillator at the village hall. A resident wished to use the de-fibrillator and did not know how to access the equipment. The Clerk explained that the code was only available through the ambulance service. If a resident was to call 999 and the ambulance service felt the defibrillator would help then they would give the code to the box and request the defibrillator be collected. The Clerk requested if she could write a small article for the magazine to convey this information. It was agreed by all present to write such an article.

The clerk reported that permission had been received about adopting the red telephone kiosk in Ixworth Thorpe from BT and they also gave their permission to install a defibrillator for the village. The cost would be £1750 and approximately £200 for fitting. BT would supply paint to refurbish the kiosk. It was agreed by all present to go ahead with purchasing and installing this equipment.

11. Accounts

The following were agreed for payment;

Chq No 1076/1077	Wages	£1107.90
Chq No 1078	Ixworth Village Hall	£168.75
Chq No 1079	St Eds BC	£36.40
Chq No 1080	Viking	£394.48
Chq No 1081	The Parking Shop	£305.98
Direct Debit Nest Pensions		£6.79

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

12. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received;

- **Rev Garbett** – St Mary's Church Clock
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly Report
- **St Eds** – The Great Spring clean
- **Suffolk Community Foundation**– Awards & Grants Programme
- **St Eds Mayor's Office** – Request to Visit the Parish
- **St Eds Emergency Planning Dept** – AGM/Vacancy on Steering Group
- **Anglian Water** – Change of Details
- **SALC** – WW1 Beacons

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to write to Rev Garbett informing St Mary's Parochial Church Council that to simplify matters the Parish Council would no longer have any input into matters pertaining to St Mary's Church and Churchyard.

13. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported the following;

- The Chairman would be attending the Village Hall presentation meeting on Wednesday 8th February
- The Chairman had received an email from Steve Wilson about an issue at the Cemetery. Steve had been approached by a resident who had spoken with Cllr McFruin about an issue with tree roots near the relative's graves. The Chairman reminded Cllr McFruin that all enquiries relating to the Cemetery needed to be passed to the Clerk, the Councils Burial Officer
- The Chairman stated that he had visited the Cemetery recently and there were a few graves that had sunk

The Clerk was instructed to contact the grass contractor to discuss levelling the sunken graves. The Clerk was also instructed to speak with the Parish Tree Officer to discuss what could be done to resolve the issue of the tree root near a grave.

14. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that she has received a quote for the new litter bin to be installed by the bench near the Village sign. The quote was for £294.99 + VAT including installation. It was agreed by all present to accept this quote and the Clerk was instructed to instruct St Edmundsbury Borough Council to install. The Clerk had spoken with Steve Wilson and he would incorporate the emptying of this litter bin within his current round. The Clerk reported that she had not yet heard anything from BT about adopting the telephone kiosk in Stow Road. The Clerk requested if an article could be placed in the magazine requesting suggestions as to what the kiosk could be used for once adopted, a second defibrillator was not necessary for the village. It was agreed by all present to write the article.

15. Councillors Reports

Cllr Shelton requested if the overgrown branches in Saddlers Yard were to be cut back. Cllr Birrell stated he would cut them back as soon as he could.

Cllr McFruin requested if the litter bin in Abbey Close could be cemented back in place.

Cllr Laughton read Steve Wilson monthly report. In Steve's report he requested what date he could remove the dead Christmas wreaths from the graves at the Cemetery. It was agreed by all present the end of February would be appropriate. The Clerk was instructed to make a notice to place on the notice board at the Cemetery.

16. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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Date