

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 12th October 2016 at 7:30pm

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

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer MBE, B Cllr John Griffiths MBE and several members of the public

As several members of the public were in attendance to comment on planning application DC/16/1873 the Chairman explained the format for a Parish Council meeting. The Chairman explained that the public would have an allocated slot to give their opinions to the Council but once that slot had finished then only members of the Council would be allowed to make any further comments during the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

All members were present.

2. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of a non-pecuniary interest were declared by Cllrs Laughton and McFruin for item 13 – Ixworth Village Hall.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was agreed by all present the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings held on 14th September 2016.

However, it was noted that in previous minutes dated 7th September 2016, the members had objected to application **DC/16/1699** but after advice from St Edmundsbury Borough planning department the decision was altered to **no objection**. The planning department advised that health & safety in relation to the position of an oil tank was not a valid planning objection.

4. Public Forum

Members of the public wished to highlight the following;

Speedwatch – It was reported that the scheme now had 11 volunteers and all their forms had been completed and given to PCSO Ruston. The sites had been selected which now need to be signed off by the Police. Once all checks had been completed equipment would need to be purchased.

Buses – Residents were concerned the bus timetables have recently been altered and the most popular bus service had been removed

Mulleys Roundabout – Residents are still concerned and dismayed about the condition of Mulleys roundabout

Planning Application DC/16/1873 – Change of use of Post Office to Kebab Takeaway – the following concerns were raised;

- Late night traffic and noise
- Traffic parking on corner junction on double yellow lines obscuring access from Commister Lane
- Not in keeping with the Village conservation area
- Concerns about smell from extractor fan
- Litter
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Concerns from Ixworth Chip Shop owners that it would be detriment to their business

The Chairman also read two letters received from the resident of 21a/b High Street and the owner of Ice Dress shop highlighting their concerns and objections to the application

The Chairman thanked the members of the public present for attending and offering their opinions.

5. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

C Cllr Spicer reported the following;

- **Grass Area near Dover Farm Development** – C Cllr Spicer reported that S.C.C. had confirmed they would cut this area
- **Stow Road** – Highways department would be resurfacing Stow Road next week and hope to add some traffic calming measures

- **Hempyard Bridge** – As advised by the inspection team, the Ivy on the bridge was going to be cleared, S.C.C. would contact the land owner to discuss cutting back the tree over hanging the bridge and an anti slip surface would be added to the temporary bridge. C Cllr Spicer would keep the members updated on the bridge as and when information becomes available.
- **Mulley's Roundabout** – S.C.C. would clear the top of the roundabout and replace the damaged post. The issues with this are ongoing and she will be speaking with Guy Smith to try to resolve the issues. Sponsorship idea will also be looked into again

6. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths reported to members that the West Suffolk Business Festival was going to be held again soon. St Edmundsbury Borough Councils are continuing to discuss Devolution.

B Cllr Griffiths was happy that a meeting had been arranged with the residents of Thistledown Drive and Jaki Fisher.

B Cllr Griffiths acknowledged the comments made by concerned residents about planning application DC/16/1873 and suggested that traffic issues and highway issues were valid reasons for an objection to a planning application.

7. Parish Council Vacancy

All members prior to the meeting had been given reports from members and the Clerk on the applicants interested in filling the vacancy on the Parish Council.

The following people applied to be considered for the vacancy;

Dr Stephen Mann
Mr Terry Lilley
Mr John Rowe
Mr Adrian Harmer

After three rounds of voting Mr John Rowe was selected to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. The Clerk was instructed to inform all applicants of the council decision.

8. Planning

DC/16/1940 – Single storey rear extension – The Moat House, Commister Lane, Ixworth **No objection**

DC/16/2052 – (i) New open front porch & (ii) detached outbuilding with integral wood store – Hope House, 3 Estate Yard, Commister Lane, Ixworth **No objection**

DC/16/1862 – Various tree work – Stable Cottage, High Street, Ixworth **No objection**

DC/16/1873 – Change of use from Post Office (Class A1) to Hot Food Takeaway (Class 5) including extraction fan to side elevation **Objection on various issues**

DC/16/1941 - 1 ½ storey detached cart lodge – White House, Thetford Road, Ixworth **No Objection**

The Chairman reported that as previously mentioned a meeting had been arranged with the residents of Thistledown Drive and Jaki Fisher, from St Eds, on 18th October 2016 to discuss the issues with the trees overhanging Thistledown Drive.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported that the first stage of the application had been received and it has been suggested by St Edmundsbury Borough Council to arrange a meeting to discuss the application further. Cllrs Laughton, Shelton and Birrell volunteered to attend the meeting and sit on the Committee when formed. It was agreed that Cllr Lord would be Chairman of the Committee once formed. Cllrs Wilson and Reeve also volunteered if needed. The Clerk would arrange with St Eds and the Councillors concerned.

10. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No 1048/1049	Wages	£1187.59
Chq No 1050	Ixworth Village Hall	£163.75
Chq No 1051	A J Wheelie Bin Cleaning	£20.00

No transfer was needed from the business account.

11. Ixworth Cemetery

The advertisement for a caretaker had not yet been submitted to Ixworth Magazine. Quotes had not yet been received for the tree work needed in the Cemetery.

12. Play Area

Cllr Shelton reported the small table in the toddler area was broken. Cllr Shelton suggested rather than getting the table fixed could a new piece of equipment be installed instead. All members agreed with this suggestion. Cllrs Shelton & Wilson would seek quotes for a new piece of equipment and report back at a future meeting.

13. Ixworth Village Hall

A request for a grant of £1365 had been received from Ixworth Village Hall Committee to replace the current CCTV's with a new system and an extra camera. After a discussion it was resolved to grant the request. However, it was also agreed to approach the Village Hall Committee to request that they take over the future maintenance of the equipment.

14. Remembrance Parade 13th November 2016

The Clerk reported that if Councillors would like to take part in the parade they needed to be at the Fire Station at 10.15am. It was resolved to grant £75 towards the cost of the band and £25 to The Poppy Appeal for the Poppy Wreath.

15. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received;

- SALC** – One Suffolk Website –
- S.C.C.** – Resurfacing – High Street Footpath/Stow Road
- Joanna Spicer** – Mulley's Update
- St Eds** – Boundary Commission
- Mrs Beckenham** – Complaint Walsham Road
- Various Correspondences** – Thistledown Drive
- Steve Wilson** – Monthly Report
- S.C.C.** – Temporary Road Closure
- Suffolk Highways** – Road Resurfacing

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs Beckenham to inform her The Wildlife Group were arranging to have the bushes cut back along Walsham Road.

16. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported he would be attending the meeting with the residents of Thistledown Drive and Jaki Fisher (St Eds), and was very pleased this meeting had finally been arranged. Cllr Shelton also volunteered to attend the meeting.

The Chairman also requested permission to attend Mr Cross's memorial service on behalf of the Parish Council on 27th October 2016. All members agreed to the Chairman attending.

17. Clerks Report

The Clerk gave members the confirmed dates of meetings for 2017.

The Clerk confirmed that the Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish website previously ran by One Suffolk is now being run by Community Action Suffolk. Unfortunately, this service is no longer free and will now cost £50 per annum. It was resolved to pay this fee.

18. Councillors Reports

Cllr Wilson confirmed she had instructed Stebbings workshop to carry out the refurbishment of Ixworth Village Sign.

Cllr Wilson read Steve Wilson monthly report.

Cllr Reeve highlighted that the trees planted by the Parish Council along Stowmarket Road were in need of attention.

Cllr McFruin requested if he could contact St Edmundsbury Borough council on the issue of trees in Abbey Close. It was agreed that Cllr McFruin does not contact ST Eds until Cllr Lord has spoken with Jaki Fisher.

19. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 9th November at 7.30pm in Ixworth village Hall

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

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Date