

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 14th November 2018 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Ben Lord (Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Nick Laughton, Pam Shelton, Trevor Anderson, Terry Lilley and John Rowe

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Wilson and Cllr Birrell.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Laughton declared a non-pecuniary interest in a piece of correspondence in item 14.

Cllr Lord and Cllr Lilley declared a non-pecuniary interest in a piece of correspondence in item 14.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was agreed by all present the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 17th October 2018.

4. Public Forum

The following points were raised by members of the public present;

- **Speedwatch/Speeding** – Rachel Waite informed members that she was stepping down as the coordinator of the Speedwatch Team as she would be leaving the village soon. Two current members would be stepping into her role. The Speedwatch team informed members that they had lost some volunteers due to various reasons such as ill health. The team enquired if installation of a flashing speed sign was still going to happen. The Clerk confirmed a meeting was still to be arranged with C Cllr Spicer to discuss this further. A lengthy discussion was held on various issues regarding speeding within the village.
- B Cllr Griffiths hoped in the future the local authority would have powers to enforce parking and speeding issued but felt this would not happen until at least 2020.
- **Remembrance** – The Chairman of Ixworth & District Royal British Legion wished to convey his disappointment at the grant that had been awarded in the October meeting towards the Remembrance Parade and the afternoon Remembrance event they had organised. The Chairman stated that their committee organised the parade each year and only received a small grant from the Parish Council to cover the expenses. It was agreed to discuss this further in item 14
- **Thanks** – a member of the public forum wished to thank the relevant authorities for finally tidying Mulley's roundabout and the clearance of the pavements in Stow Road and Thetford Road

5. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

C Cllr Spicer had sent her apologies at not being able to attend the meeting.

6. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths reported the following;

- **Remembrance Sunday** – B Cllr Griffiths wanted to offer his thanks for the events of Sunday. The parade was very well attended and he was, as a Parish resident, very honoured to have taken part. B Cllr Griffiths stated how lucky we are for living in such a dynamic community.
- **Persimmon Planning Application** – Discussions were still ongoing with the developer and the planning officers
- **Vertas** – B Cllr Griffiths stated that he realised this item was going to be discussed later but he just wanted the members to be aware that, with the input from the Parish Council and residents, the applicants had made changes to the original application to help address some of the issues raised
- **TPO – Yew Tree – 7 High Street**– B Cllr Griffiths requested if he could be informed of the members decision when they discuss this later in the meeting. It was agreed by all present to pass on the members decision

7. New Traffic Regulation Order in St Edmundsbury

The earlier plans received from Suffolk County Council had been previously been distributed to members. After a discussion, members agreed they were happy for these new regulations. However, the members wished to request confirmation from Suffolk County Council that there would be adequate signage that would be kept in good repair.

8. Planning

DC/18/1805 – Re-consultation – (i) crown raise to 4 metres (ii) crown by up to 2.5 metres all round, to appropriate pruning points – Sidshell, Crown Lane, Ixworth **No objection**

DC/17/2288 – Amendments to original application – (i) change of use from display of vehicles for sale to private hire passenger vehicle parking (ii) retention of the existing office portacabin (iii) provision of a new office/welfare portacabin – High Street, Ixworth (discuss further information given by planning officer) **Continued Objection**

9. Ixworth Cemetery

It was agreed by all present to accept the quote of £3850 for all the work required on the trees at the Cemetery. It was also agreed to place an article in the magazine explaining to residents that work on the trees and extending the road will be carried out in the new year.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

An email had been received from the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group enquiring if the Council wished to carry out a housing needs survey or include site allocations within the plan. It was agreed by all present to follow the advice of the officer from St Edmundsbury overseeing neighbourhood plans not to include a housing study at this point. It was also agreed not to include site allocations at this point, but this may be looked again by the working group in the future. Cllr Rowe informed members that the first questionnaire had been given to residents and hoped all responses would be received by Christmas.

11. Footbridge Over the By-Pass

Cllr Laughton informed members that he had recently had a very good meeting with Conisbee who felt more groundwork investigations were needed. The ground investigations could be obtained from Persimmon, but a utilities study was needed. It was agreed to instruct Conisbee to carry out a utilities study at a cost of £450.

12. Christmas Tree (High Street)

Cllr Anderson reported that he and Cllr Birrell had met at the tree at the bottom of the High Street and agreed what was needed to install Christmas lights. Cllr Anderson hoped the lights would be installed on the same day as the small High street Christmas trees are installed on 2nd December 2018.

13. Accounts

It was agreed to pay the following accounts;

Chq No 1268, 1269, 1270	Wages	£1299.72
Chq No 1271	Tuddenham Press Ltd (NP)	£236.40
Chq No 1272	Navigus Planning (NP)	£1304.40
Chq No 1273	Ixworth Patients Assoc.	£500.00
Chq No 1274	Community Heartbeat	£126.00
Chq No 1275	Ixworth Village Hall	£335.26
Chq No 1276	The Poppy Appeal	£25.00
Chq No 1277	Ixworth & District RBL	£175.00
Chq No 1278	S Wilson	£10.60
Direct Debit Nest Pensions		£15.83

It was agreed by all present that the R.F.O. transfer £4000 from the reserve account to the community account.

14. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received;

- **Resident** – Concerns over Lorries in Crown Lane
- **Community Bus** – Grant Request
- **West Suffolk** – TPO – 7 High Street, Ixworth
- **Resident** – TPO 7 High Street
- **Ixworth Village Hall** – Grant Request
- **West Suffolk** - 2019 Parish Election Costs
- **The Post Office** – Ixworth Post Services
- **Ixworth & District RBL** – Funding Request
- **West Suffolk** – Elected Members Sessions
- **West Suffolk** – Enforcement Policy Consultation
- **West Suffolk** – Polling District Review
- **Conisbee** – Crown Lane Footbridge
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly Report
- **S.C.C.** – Suffolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan
- **Boundary Commission** – Review of West Suffolk – Final Recommendations
- **NPWG Chairman** – Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed by all present to purchase an industrial floor cleaner for the Village Hall at a cost of £2149. It was also agreed to grant the remaining £1351 of the £3500 currently set aside for the Village Hall in the Council's reserves for further improvements.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to award Ixworth & District RBL a further £350 towards the cost of the Remembrance Sunday Parade and afternoon event. It was agreed to add Remembrance Sunday Parade costings to a future agenda for discussion.

It was agreed to support the resident's objection to St Edmundsbury Borough Council on their decision to place a TPO on a tree he wishes to fell.

15. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported the following;

- **Persimmon** – After reading the letter the Chairman had written to Persimmon (previously agreed) it was agreed by all present to send the letter as soon as possible
- **Remembrance Day** – The Chairman reported how pleased everyone was with the turnout for the Parade. The High Street was lined with many people watching and the Church service was very well attended. The event in the afternoon also went very well
- **Post Office** – The Chairman read the letter from the Post Office stating they had not yet been able to start the mobile Post Office van in Ixworth yet but still hoped to in the future
- **Health Issues in Ixworth** – After it was highlighted in the October meeting that there were concerns about the health indicators for Ixworth, the Chairman reported that C Cllr Spicer hoped to put plans together for a health initiative to address them.

16. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported the following;

- **Cemetery** – All new applications forms were nearly completed and would be uploaded to the website and passed to local undertakers soon
- **Website** – The upgrading of the website to a .gov.uk site and .gov.uk email addresses for Councillors was still ongoing
- **2019-2020 Budget** – Discussions for the budget would be started in December and finalised in January
- Standing & Financial Orders would be updated in the New Year ready for elections in May

17. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Lilley reported he still had not had a response from the grave digger about a risk assessment.
 Cllr Reeve requested that St Mary's Church and Ixworth Thorpe Church be added to the December agenda for discussion. Cllr Reeve reported that footpaths and driveways needed repair.
 Cllr Rowe requested if there could be an agenda item 'matters arising', the Clerk stated she would speak with SALC to ascertain if this was possible.

18. Date of the Next Meeting

It was confirmed the next meeting would be held on 12th December at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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Date