

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

*Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7:30pm*

**Present:** Cllr Ben Lord (Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Pam Shelton, Trevor Anderson and Terry Lilley

**Also Present:** Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), B Cllr John Griffiths MBE and five members of the public

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Wilson, Laughton, Birrell and Rowe – apologies were accepted by all present.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were received.

### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

After a small amendment of the distributed draft minutes, it was agreed by all present the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

### **4. Public Forum**

The following were items were highlighted;

- **Emergency Access Sign (Commister Lane)** – the sign was still not fixed – the Clerk was instructed to chase
- **Mulley's Roundabout** – the roundabout still in a dreadful condition, when will it be tidied up? The Chairman reported that it was being looked at, but it could take up to 3 months to arrange the traffic management
- **Flashing Speed Signs** – The coordinator of the Community Speedwatch Group had considered where the new signs could be installed, the group felt one in Stow Road and one in the High Street would be the best locations. The Clerk was instructed to contact C Cllr Spicer to arrange a meeting with Highways to agree locations and if current lamp posts could be utilised

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

The following report was received via email;

- **Hempyard Bridge** – I would like to try to arrange another meeting with all concerned parties to discuss this issue further
- **Scott Road** – I have arranged a further inspection of the pavement
- **Drain A1088 in Ixworth Thorpe** – I have arranged a further inspection
- **V.A.S. in Ixworth Thorpe** – I will need to arrange a meeting in Ixworth Thorpe about where the signs can be sited. Suffolk County Council are willing for them to be sited in a 40mph area so long as they are sited on private land. The reason for this is the safety of the person maintaining the signs

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

B Cllr Griffiths reported the following;

- **Pavement Sweeping** – Ixworth Thorpe pavements should be swept in the next couple of days
- **Pot Holes** – pot holes on the junction of Bardwell Road in Ixworth Thorpe have still not been repaired. The Clerk was instructed to report again
- **Vertas Planning Application** – this application is still ongoing
- **Speed Signs in Ixworth Thorpe** – it is good news that the signs can be installed in Ixworth Thorpe
- **Crown Lane Development** – please could the Council pass to him, as the Ward Councillor, their views on the planning application being discussed later this evening. The Clerk was instructed to pass this information once the decision had been made

## **7. Crown Lane Development**

The Chairman reported that he, Cllr Lilley and Cllr Laughton had met with representatives from Persimmon at the site. The issue of the access onto the development was discussed and the area where the ghost island was going to be situated was viewed. The Chairman and Cllr Lilley reiterated the Council and residents' views on the ghost island and the preferred option of a five-arm roundabout giving access to the site and the disappointment that the views were not being listened to by Persimmon. The Persimmon representatives stated that Persimmon are not keen to re-open this issue.

The Chairman proposed that the Council carry on lobbying through the magazine and the newspaper the views of residents on the access to the development. It was resolved by all present to continue to lobby in any way.

## **8. Planning**

**DC/18/0725** – 1no garage attached to annexe outbuilding (following demolition of existing attached garage)

**No Objection**

**DC/18/0544** - Demolition of 3no existing dwellings and (ii) outline planning application (means of access to be considered) for up to 5no dwellings - Land North of Green Acre, Ixworth Thorpe

**No Objection**

**DC/18/1460** – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the continued existing use of (i) rental of self-contained flat/annexe and (ii) continued use of the rest of the barn for general use – The Barn Annexe, Lynton Cottage, Ixworth Thorpe

**No Objection**

**DC/17/0333** – 90no dwellings and associated access road, emergency access, car parking and landscaping – Land of Crown Lane, Ixworth

**Objection**

**DC/17/0339** – Access road to serve residential development – Land to the South of A1088 and Crown Lane, Ixworth

**Objection**

**DC/18/1396** – Red Norway Maple-Crown lift to 4 metres above ground level and selectively shorten by 2 metres in length longer branches on the western aspect, shortening these branches back in line with the main body of the tree's crown – 6 Fordham Place, Ixworth

**No Objection**

## **9. Ixworth Speed Signs**

This issue was discussed in the public forum.

## **10. Accounts**

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No 1239, 1240, 1241	Wages	£1168.52
Chq No 1242	PKF Littlejohn LLP	£240.00
Chq No 1243	Ixworth VH	£168.75
Chq No 1244	Multisigns	£140.40
Nest Pensions		£15.83

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

## **11. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received;

- **West Suffolk** – Civic Leadership Review
- **Suffolk Police** – Update
- **West Suffolk** – Ward Reviews
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly Report
- **Joanna Spicer** – Road Repairs
- **West Suffolk** – Civic Leadership
- **Resident** – A1088 Speeding & Rights of Way

It was agreed to pass the concerns of the resident about speeding and the Rights of Way to C Cllr Spicer. The Chairman read Steve Wilson's report to all present.

**12. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Laughton had a successful meeting at St Edmundsbury Borough Council to discuss the possibility of a footbridge over the by-pass. The meeting was quite successful, and all seem to be on board to move this project forward. C Cllr Spicer had agreed to fund the cost of the survey, which could be between £500 & £1000. It was proposed that the Parish Council, if needed, contribute up to 50% of the cost of the survey and was agreed by all present.

**13. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that all the outstanding issues reported last month are still ongoing.

**14. Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Anderson reported that he has spoken with the contractor who was installing the post at the Cemetery. The contractor stated he would be able to start them within the next couple of weeks. As yet, Cllr Anderson had not had any response from the electrician about installing lights in the large tree at the bottom of the High Street.

The Clerk was instructed to chase the electrician along with Cllr Anderson.

Cllr Reeve reported that there was a large amount of litter under the bridge leading to the Permissive Footpath. The Clerk was instructed to contact Claire Dickson the Rights of Way Officer to report.

**15. Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Date