

Ixworth Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of Ixworth Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 6th June 2018 at 7.00pm at Ixworth Free School

Present were Cllr Ben Lord, Chairman of the Parish Council, C Cllr Joanna Spicer MBE, B Cllr John Griffiths & 19 residents.

Also present were representatives from Ixworth Free School, Ixworth Primary School, Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, F.O.I.L. and Ixworth & District RBL

It was agreed by all present that the role of clerk for the purpose of recording the minutes of the meeting be undertaken by Mandy Adlington.

Minutes

The minutes were duly signed as a true record of the previous meeting held on 24th May 2018.

Report from Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Ben Lord

Good evening everyone and welcome to the 2018 Ixworth Annual Parish Meeting hosted by the Parish Council.

Tonight's proceedings are relatively informal since this is not a parish council meeting and provide an opportunity to not only hear what's going on within the various tiers of local government but also what is going on amongst the different community groups within the village.

On the subject of local government, I'd like to begin by welcoming our County Councillor, Joanna Spicer, and Borough Councillor John Griffiths and thank them both for the ongoing wealth of support to both the Parish Council as well as to the wider Ixworth community.

Furthermore, we as Parish Councillors could not do what we do without the support and backup on a vast range of matters offered by our Clerk, Mandy Adlington so my thanks go to her as well for the great job she does for the Parish Council and indeed for the community as a whole.

- **Changes within the Parish Council**

As we welcomed the new year, we found ourselves with a vacancy on the Parish Council following the resignation of Roy McFruin. Once again, we found ourselves in the surprising position of having a number of people willing and eager to get involved with the governance of the village. After extensive deliberations resulting in an equal three-way tie on who would fill the vacancy resulting in me as Chairman having to break the deadlock in order to select one candidate, and we were delighted to welcome Terry Lilley to serve as Parish Councillor alongside the rest of us through to the end of our current four-year tenure. In just under a year from now, local elections will take place for both Borough and Parish Councils and, in the event more than 8 councillors seek to nominate to become a Parish Councillor, an election will be held. If you would like to consider yourselves to join the Parish Council and give something back to this community, more information on how to do that will be offered in February.

The past twelve months have brought a varying and fulfilling range of issues for the Parish Council and I'll now give a synopsis of what we have been getting involved and dealing with:

- **Post Office Services**

3 months ago, Ixworth came under intense inconvenience with the unexpected interruption of post office services being suspended at Chapman's Stores. Despite assurances from the Post Office that interim measures would be implemented to keep services open in Ixworth, they failed to provide us with anything leading to a major strain on those residents with difficulties travelling to nearby alternative post office locations. Up until late April, the Post Office failed to communicate with the community in a meaningful way which made it difficult for the Parish Council to know how best to tackle this issue when from the word go, interim services were promised. At the beginning of May, we were informed that post office services would not be resuming at Chapman's Stores. On behalf of the community, I would like to thank Chapman's Stores for their efforts in hosting the post office for the past 2½ years, without which would have almost certainly seen us lose our post office service provision then. The focus now has to be on getting services resumed as soon as possible in a suitable location and I met with Post Office Ltd representatives last week to gather an understanding on what they're looking for and how we as a community can work together collaboratively in achieving the long-term restoration of services in the right venue within the village.

- **Neighbourhood Plan**

In previous years, I have mentioned that there are key issues within the community which seem to change depending on their individual natures, and are just some of the regular issues which we hope to be able to better address by renewing the Parish Plan which was last carried out back in 2005. Two years ago, the Parish Council decided that a new plan was required, and the definition of a Parish Plan has changed considerably over the past decade to when the last was put together. Now known as a Neighbourhood Plan, the concept seeks to engage with residents to obtain feedback on both current issues and what your vision is for Ixworth into the future. From this, we can identify what you, the residents, want us to pursue and enhance to make Ixworth an even better place to live. The construction of a Neighbourhood Plan is no small undertaking both in its compilation and although led and mandated by the Parish Council, I am delighted that a separate working group was formed almost a year ago, led by Tessa Stonehouse who we will hear from later and sees a wide participation from within the village which is really great to see. It really should not be underestimated the significance of the Neighbourhood Plan which is why the Parish Council are investing in several thousands of pounds of money that is being well spent ensuring that the needs of our community, in the face of major developments that will significantly increase our population are met with sufficient resources to sustain our ongoing infrastructure demands and requirements.

- **Planning Applications – Persimmon Crown Lane / Access Roads**

Just as in the previous three years that I have given this report, our Parish Council meetings have been dominated by the ongoing and increasing momentum towards the land north of Crown Lane that has been earmarked for development where progress is really lethargic. To briefly summarise, two years ago we had just been informed that against all opposition and a refusal from St Edmundsbury Borough Council, that an appeal to the National Planning Inspector saw the overturn of the decision made by the planning authority enabling the developer to deliver access into this new development from a ghost-island junction off the A1088 between the current northern roundabout and the end of the Thistledown/Coltsfoot development. At the time, an application was still awaiting determination that would see the northern roundabout become a 5-arm roundabout and deliver the option of access into the new development from the roundabout as it does on the southern roundabout into Micklesmere. However, shortly after the appeal was granted, this was withdrawn by Persimmon Homes whom currently seek to deliver access into this development from a junction that would create a huge traffic hiatus onto a 60mph road that has not had any speed reduction conditions imposed on it. In November 2016, we contacted the developer urgently seeking a meeting to address our ongoing genuine and valid concerns which until earlier this year, continued to go unanswered. Thanks to mounting pressure through the local press, we have now opened some dialogue and hope that we will be in a position to meet the developer, so they fully understand the robust issues that faces our community if their planned proposal goes ahead. A year ago, we were consulted on a planning application for 90 homes on the first phase of the site nearest Crown Lane. At this stage, the application still awaits determination and no planning consent has been granted. Given the size of such proposed development, it is widely expected that this application will go before the Development Control Committee at St Edmundsbury Borough Council but with some key intricate issues pending resolution, it is unlikely this will happen anytime soon. Beyond this, we reconfirm our steadfast commitment to lobby the developer, Persimmon Homes, to acknowledge the needs of the village by way of safe access into development in the hope that public safety commands their next move rather than going with an unsafe ghost island junction simply because it is cheaper than expanding the 5-arm roundabout. We remain in consultation with the landowners, Bypass Farm Partnership, as part of a wider masterplan for the site, a draft of which has recently been received and will shortly go to public consultation.

- **Hempyard Bridge**

We continue to be in dialogue with the County Council as Rights of Way Authority regarding Hempyard Bridge. As a result of its continued deteriorating condition, a new more robust structure was installed ensuring that all pedestrian and equestrian movements over the bridge is confined to the centre of the footpath rather than the edges nearest the walls. Whilst that is delivering a short-term solution, the dilapidations of the bridge continue to worsen with a tree coming dangerously close to impacting the bridge. Unlike a number of other Suffolk communities, Ixworth is not in vast supply of footpaths and whilst we are grateful for measures taken that continue to see our only footpath remain open, it is recognised that we have been let down by the County Council in not addressing this issue in recent years which now sees the cost of any long-term remedial work far exceeding what it would have done had matters of been dealt with sooner. Whilst recognising the ongoing capital budget issues the County Council continue to experience, as do we all, we continue to lobby them through Joanna Spicer to deal with what is fast becoming an urgent situation as soon

as possible to avoid any deteriorations.

- **Village Maintenance**

Our village cleaner, Steve Wilson, continues to maintain the streets of Ixworth in his duties which all helps to make Ixworth look as presentable as possible and of course this does vary seasonally. We are very fortunate to have Steve working for us, and ultimately for the village, and I'd also like to thank him for his ongoing efforts, many of which often require quite a degree of tenacity at times when they never seem to show sign of diminishing!

- **Robins Copse**

The wildlife group continue to apply their efforts extensively to the upkeep of this part of the village which continues to be supported by the Parish Council and we are grateful to them for their time and skills which continues to preserve a quiet area of natural beauty within the village.

- **Dog Fouling**

Whilst in previous year it was reported that we had received several complaints on this topic, I am pleased to advise that issues pertaining to dog fouling continue to be on the decline, aided by ongoing awareness campaigns by St Edmundsbury and our latest information from our village cleaner informs us that they are unusually lower than normal. We hope that this remains the case, particularly with the increased use of dog fouling bins which sees our complaining of late being due to their infrequent emptying rather than the lack of use or fouling itself.

- **Cemetery**

Over the past year, we have continued to undertake an ongoing programme of maintenance to Ixworth Cemetery. A new working group of Parish Councillors has now been appointed to oversee the ongoing needs of maintenance within the cemetery which is proving successful. By the end of the year, we will have addressed issues including installing new boundary fence posts to prevent vehicle movements adjacent to graves as well as enhancing the appearance of what is a lawn cemetery by keeping all of the longer grass in the unused part of the cemetery to a more aesthetically pleasing appearance. Our village cleaner has over the past six months undertaken various efforts to keep the cemetery clean and tidy in order that the Parish Council remains steadfast in its commitment to providing the cemetery in the ambience we have become accustomed to in recent years through major renovation that has taken place.

- **Policing**

We continue to maintain a great rapport with our rural police officer, PC Andre de Jongh whom we are very lucky to have within our community amongst immense pressures within policing. One of the biggest issues occurring was with anti-social behaviour which, in recent months, seems to have calmed compared with previous years I have delivered this report. Although we continue to lobby for police to support efforts to reduce parking infringements in various corners of the village and particularly around safety concerns we have expressed in and around our schools, we look forward to maintaining this working relationship and seeing some deterring and preventative measures that we desperately need to help curb problems within the village.

- **S137 Contributions / Locality Budgets**

We have continued to make various charitable donations on a case-by-case basis to local charitable efforts, projects and causes from our Section 137 budget and we are always particularly happy to support village causes. Additionally, we thank both John Griffiths and Joanna for various contributions from their locality budgets they have made towards village causes such as the WI, Over 60's and the Cricket Club; without them we may not be lucky enough to boast the amount of facilities, clubs and organisations that we do.

- **Schools**

The Parish Council have continued to enjoy a great working relationship with Ixworth Free School following the arrival of its new headteacher back in September and really feel that the school is embracing opportunities to link in with the community which we hope will continue to go from strength to strength. We will be hearing a little later on about how life is at the Free School. We are also looking forward to forging new relationships with the new headteacher at Ixworth Primary School and seeing how we can support the school in any community capacity and again, welcome Lyndsey Allsop to talk to us a little later on.

- **Stow Road Improvements**

We continue to monitor improvements which have been made in Stow Road whilst also considering any further ones required. Our Community Speedwatch programme continues to offer ongoing remedial efforts in reducing speed in what has been a big issue in recent years and our local safer neighbourhood team are reporting that statistics from Speedwatch sessions are showing a decline in the extent of the problem previously. Recently, I attended meetings with colleagues in Suffolk County Council Highways along with Joanna and we are very much looking forward to finally getting the ghastly appearance of our roundabouts tidied up once and for all in the coming weeks and months – work has already begun in organising that and we look forward to observing the results shortly.

- **Remembrance Day Commemorations**

It was again a huge honour to join members of our village's branch of the Royal British Legion and other village organisations, in leading our annual remembrance commemorations. Year on year, the number of Ixworthians joining the commemorations grow and grow and it really does make me feel very proud to be a part of this community which is epitomised on occasions like this so long may this continue. This year, we saw less than a handful of vehicles parking in the High Street ignoring the yellow 'no parking' cones, as commemorations took place which help the parade march down the High Street more smoothly. We will hear later from Ixworth & District Royal British Legion on what is planned for this year's significant commemorations of the end of the First World War.

- **General Issues**

In addition to some of the issues I mentioned earlier, we continue to observe, and receive concerns of a plethora of issues within the village including:

- Adverse Highway Conditions
- Parking Problems / Congestions
- Communicating with the Community

Taking each one of those in turn:

- Just like many parts of Suffolk and across the country even, the conditions of our roads continue to be a regular topic of discussion with the County Council. Despite the best of intentions from our County Councillor, we sincerely hope that recent leadership changes within the County Council will bring about an air of fresh direction that will see some of the ongoing, relative minor issues by comparison get resolved once and for all.
- Where possible, we provide advice on measures to ease parking problems within the village and again, this is pertinent in some areas of notoriety, including the Commister Lane/High Street junction and the presence of parked cars on double-yellow lines either side of the junction and parking obstructions are also very evident in Crown Lane during the school day's start and finish times where we have some real genuine safety concerns. The past year has seen no sign of this reducing and as I mentioned earlier, through our dialogue with the rural policing team, we continue to call for more action to be taken to reduce what, at peak times, can often be intolerable levels of congestion along key routes in the village.
- It is rare now for us each month to not have residents come and speak to the Parish Council about issues they have, and we are always available to hear from anyone with any issues they think we can help with. Even if you can't come to one of our meetings, you can always call or ask for someone to come and visit you as I have done on a few occasions in the past year. We are also looking at the concept of holding Parish Surgeries which we hope will offer a less formal setting than a Parish Council meeting whilst offering better time to listen to and assist in issues raised.
- **Budget Cuts**
As with all local authorities, we continue to endure the various measures of austerity and mounting pressures on public services. The Parish Council continues to feel that it cannot reduce its budget without jeopardising the quality and level of services that we carry out within the village which is why by keeping our budget the same as the 2016/17 fiscal year there was a small increase in council tax once again. We don't like having to take those actions but feel this is the lesser of the two evils when considering how things would be if we start cutting back on service levels that the community continues to expect of us.

Whilst we as Parish Council have interests and ideas on how to make Ixworth a better community and place for us all to live in, we always welcome any other ideas, issues or are happy to hear of any concerns that you, the residents, would like us to look into. Some of them may be possible for us to explore and work through, others may not; there's no guarantees but if there are things you want to see addressed, be it positive or negative, please do come and reach out to us, be it tonight at this meeting, or any other of our monthly meetings – it would be great to see more of you interact with us and get involved in community matters!

As I bring my report for this year to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues on the Parish Council for the ongoing, steadfast dedication to leading the community by example on a variety of matters; some of which you have heard of this evening. Each of us do what we do voluntarily in the hope that we make a positive difference on the lives of our community and it remains an honour and a privilege for me in particular to lead the Parish Council as its Chairman which I now begin my third year as having been unanimously voted into the position once again at our Annual Parish Council Meeting last month. Despite the hustle and bustle of modern life, we really are incredibly fortunate to live in a beautiful part of the country, and no matter how near or far my travels take me, there's nowhere else that feels more home to me than Ixworth; something which I hear said to me by so many, not just living here as well but throughout the county as well, in itself, a proud testament of our village.

Thank you once again for coming out this evening and I will now invite various invited guests to give their report.

Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

Firstly, I would like to thank the Chairman, Members, B Cllr John Griffiths and Clerk of Ixworth Parish Council for their help, support and advice to me over the last year and for always keeping me in touch with issues involving Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe.

- The County Council remains very committed to retaining essential front line services – despite massive cuts in Government grants and we expect more cuts to come
- Suffolk County Council has had a very challenging year with so many cuts, but high standards had been maintained in the Parish. Council Tax unfortunately increased this year, the first time in 7 years
- Ixworth Free School continues to grow in numbers, and they have a superb new extension and I am please they are increasingly engaged with different parts of the Community. Many thanks to the school for hosting this evening and supplying such good refreshments
- Ixworth library is busier than ever with youth member's numbers up. I am full of admiration for the developments at Ixworth Library both with the staff and volunteers. The library has recently been refurbished and looks very welcoming for visitors.
- I have made a grant to the new Speedwatch Group and pleased to say that is now up and running and deterring speeding within the village. I wish to thank all the volunteers running this Community Group helping to make Ixworth a safer area
- Kier are working with Suffolk County council on various highway projects and this seems to be working well. A vast amount of work is being completed although it doesn't always seem it as Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe does not always get the service they deserve
- It is very sad that the Post Office in Ixworth is no longer operating. I suggest a plan is formulated as to what the village requires from their postal services so we can hopefully get this service re-installed. I am willing to help in any way to move this project forward
- Vertas is a company separate from Suffolk County Council, but it is wholly owned by Suffolk County Council. A planning application for the site at Fordham's is ongoing and St Edmundsbury Borough planning officers are currently looking at all issues raised to determine this application

However, the big issue for me over the last few years and indeed for the years ahead is all related to Persimmon, their access road, planning applications and possible developments of up to 475 houses. I am ready to work with not just the Parish Council but the whole community to ensure that any development is appropriate in size and adds value to the village as a whole. I am working with the current owners of the land at Crown Lane to produce a new masterplan for the area.

If you wish to contact me my email address is joanna.spicer@suffolk.gov.uk

Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

Firstly, I would like to congratulate both Ben Lord on his re-election as Chairman of our Parish Council. I would also like to thank Cllr Lord, C Cllr Joanna Spicer, all our Parish Councillors and of course the Parish clerk for all their hard work for, and on behalf of, Ixworth and Ixworth Thorpe over the last year. Working together, and with our residents, local organisations and businesses I believe we have achieved a lot for our lovely villages.

- **Locality Budgets-** Locality budgets have been in place since March 2014. Locality budgets have been designed to ensure that funding can get right to the heart of local communities, via the ward Councillor, to enable projects and activities which communities care about, to develop, grow and succeed.
- Since March 2014 I have been able to grant £8341 to various groups including the over 60's, the scouts, the cricket club, Ixworth Speedwatch Group and the WI to name a few. A locality officer, who has a wealth of information, is assigned to each ward so if you require any further information please contact me and I can give you the contact details
- **Planning Applications** – As mentioned previously by C Cllr Spicer there are two major planning applications in progress at present, the Vertas application at the Fordham's site and the Persimmon application at the land at Crown Lane. Each of these applications are quite complex and the planning officers are working through all issues raised before any final decisions are made
- **West Suffolk** – The process of St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath Council amalgamating to become one Council under the name of West Suffolk will be completed in time for next years local elections. Working as one large Council will be able to make vast savings but still deliver the services the residents require
- **Councils Responsibilities** –
 - Potholes – Suffolk County Council (S.C.C.)
 - Roundabouts – The maintenance is S.C.C., litter picking is St Eds
 - Road Sweeping – St Eds
 - Street Cleaning – St Eds
 - Cleansing Schedules in Ixworth and Ixworth Thorpe – St Eds. There is a 13 week schedule for mechanical road sweeping. Litter picking on highway verges and pavements is not scheduled and addressed as hoc

Report from Ixworth Free School

Mr Mark Barrow the Head Teacher of Ixworth Free School gave the following report;

I joined the school in September and relocated as Ixworth Free School is focused on the children who attend, we like to know the pupils and their families to make school an enjoyable experience.

I wish to make the school a real part of the community and to be an outstanding school the community can be proud of. School should be a place for all where children can be the best they want to be. We want to be the best secondary education in this area.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Report from Ixworth Primary School

The Head Teacher of the Primary School gave the following report;

The School has seen many changes over the last few months including myself as the new Head. I have only been in the position for 33 days. One factor that has made things difficult was the bad Ofsted report, but we are now beginning to turn things around.

The School is now aligned with the Tillian Partnership, and they have a few other schools in this area. We hope over the next couple of years to make the stability of the school better by not having such a high turnover of staff.

The School hopes to work with the community, engage with the parent group and encourage volunteers to come into the school to assist in such things as a reading group. Going forward we wish to relaunch the values that the school believe in and if you have any queries please contact me at the school.

Report from Friends of Ixworth Library (FOIL)

Foil is a voluntary organisation supporting the Ixworth library. Foil help fund raise to purchase equipment for the library, we help in the voluntary events, such as reading week and assist the staff in any way we can.

Foil have organised the equipment to be able to hold film nights in the Village Hall as a fundraising opportunity but also to encourage the social aspect of village life.

If you wish to join come along to the library and they will be able to help. Volunteers for the reading week are required now if you wish to start somewhere.

Report from Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG)

The following report was given by a member of the NPWG;

- The group was formed in October and we have at present 12 in the group
- A consultation is working with us since the New Year
- The first thing to establish is the Vision for the Parish – getting views from the community
- A grant had been applied for to help deliver this project
- A graphic designer has been employed to design the flyers, posters etc to seek views of residents
- Information needs to be gathered from the residents with their views such as recreation
- A questionnaire will be distributed, and we urge you to complete and return to assist in putting our Vision for the Parish together
- Drop in sessions will also be arrange

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group urge all residents to take part in developing and assist in delivery what we the residents want for our Parish in the future.

Report from Ixworth Village Hall

The Village hall and playing fields are run by a Charity “The Jiggins Trust”. This Trust has recently been approved by the Charity Commissioners to set up a new trust that is “Incorporated” by recent legislation. The assets of the existing trust will then be transferred into that new Charitable Incorporated Trust. The conditions of the new Trust and its aims and objectives will be, by law, the same as those for the original Trust. All this is expected to be completed by the end of June.

Improvements to the Village Hall -The Village Hall has seen a number of improvements over the last 12 months. Including a new floor to the main hall, new doors at the entrance and decoration to the hall itself and to the entrance hall. The Trustees would like to thank granting bodies, who include the Ixworth Association for their help. Also, and especially, the gallant and energetic group of village hall fund raisers to have made it all possible. We are always looking for members to this group and or as Trustees. If you are interested, please contact me.

- **Lettings Policy** -The running of the Village Hall has been occurring at a day to day loss and with this in mind the Trustees will be increasing charges by 10% from the first of September. This will allow the hall to operate at a break-even cost. It is the first increase for 5 years. A general review of commercial lettings will occur as a result of a request from the Charity Commissioners, but it is anticipated that there will be no further changes for the foreseeable future.
- **The Development of the Village and Sporting Facilities**- The housing developments proposed for Village of Ixworth present problems for residents and developers alike. With the proposed development almost doubling the population it is necessary that we increase the social and recreational facilities that exist within the Village and this the Trust will now do. Most of the present facilities were originally designed 70 years ago for a very much smaller population. The Jiggins Trust has discussed potential developments with a number of bodies and have agreed the way forward is to add additional facilities by working with the Ixworth Free School under their Seckford Trust. In this project the School's facilities for sport and recreation will be made available to the Community both in and out of term time. This has not previously been the case. When not required for the school's educational activities, its sports, recreational and adult education facilities will be available to the community thus maximizing the value of those facilities. In addition, the two Trusts wish to create additional facilities for school and community.
- The first step in this project is to provide a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) for School and Community. In addition, the Jiggins Trust is searching, and applying for grants, to enable the school to employ a person skilled in Community Education. The job description of this person will be to develop and organise community activities at the school under the umbrella of the two Trusts. Applications for funding for the MUGA and the outreach teacher are currently under way.
- **A New Village Hall** -As part of the new developments the possibility has arisen of a new Village Hall being provided in the north of the village, to include Library, Concert facilities, Dining facilities, and Gymnasium. If this were to transpire the existing playing fields would be retained as a recreational

area for the village in accordance with the original Jiggins Trust and include recreational space, gardens, assembly area (for fêtes etc), children's area etc.

- **Post Office** -The Village Hall and Library are being considered as the possible site for a new Post Office, but any new PO will be dependent on attracting a Postmaster and people to run the business.
- **The Local Plan**- Finally, the new developments in this report will be included in the Village Plan that is currently being prepared and residents will have an opportunity to comment and express their views.

Report from Ixworth & District Royal British Legion

Ixworth & District Royal British Legion is your local branch of the well known national charity who, since its inception in 1921, have been the national custodians of Remembrance. Are Branch has been active since 1984 and currently has almost 70 members who participate in various events and promote the concept and work of the Royal British Legion.

We recently enjoyed our Annual Dinner & Dance and Presentation evening. Presentations included various awards to branch members for outstanding contribution to our work over the year but also winners of our popular winter games night tournaments which are supported also by neighbouring branches in Stanton and Hopton.

For anyone who would like to know more about the branch, or who would like to consider joining us as a member it costs just £17 per year and you do not need to have been a serving member of the armed forces. If you require any further information, please contact me.

Ben Lord – Secretary and Treasurer Royal British Legion Ixworth & District Branch

Report from Women's Institute

The following report was received via email and read by the Chairman;

Good evening, apologies I can't be there in person, but I am in Cardiff at a WI conference.

It has been a challenging year for the Ixworth & District WI, a drop in numbers last year saw us nearly close, but a call was put out and people rallied around, and we are delighted to report we are going from strength to strength.

This is an important year for us- 100 years of the Woman's Vote! To celebrate the WI are hosting a village party to commemorate this special occasion. It will be held in the village Hall on Saturday 6th October at 2pm - 5pm. Please look out for further details in The Ixworth Magazine but there will be music, displays and children's activities and of course no WI event would be without tea and cake!

We have recently supported the Suffolk Wheelers at the Annual Cycle Race and helped keep the competitors and spectators refreshed.

We are planning many more events in the coming years and do hope you will come and be a part of it.

Thank-you very much.

Jeannette Channing-Pearce
President of Ixworth & District WI

Other Business

- A resident was concerned about the Church clock
- Residents were still concerned about speeding within the village

It was suggested that the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting be held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019. Venue and time to be confirmed in 2019.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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Date