

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

*Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7:30pm*

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

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

No declarations were made.

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

The Clerk explained amendments made after the draft copy had been sent to all members. It was agreed by all present that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

### **4. Public Forum**

The leader of the Community Speedwatch Group, Rachel Waite, reported that two sites had been approved – one in Stow Road and one at the bottom of the High Street. The group now had 11 volunteers.

Mr John Sharpe highlighted the following;

- The footpath sign between New Road and Carpenter Close needed replacing and the path needed cutting back
- The brambles on Stow Road once again needed attention along with the footpath
- One of the pavements in Saddlers Yard had overgrown hedges blocking the pavement
- Mulleys Roundabout – when would the tidying of the roundabout be completed

A discussion was held about some Parish Councils arranging general tidying within their Parish to be carried out with financial support from the Borough and County Council. It was agreed to discuss further in the Spring.

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

C Cllr Spicer reported the following;

- C Cllr requested a meeting to discuss Mulley's roundabout and other issues in that area
- There was a delay in implementing the weight limit on Potters Bridge – this would now happen on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017
- After flooding in Crown Crescent there would potentially be work on the drains
- Funding would be sought for repairing Hemyard Bridge
- C Cllr Spicer thanked the Speedwatch volunteers

The 26<sup>th</sup> January was provisionally agreed for the meeting to discuss Mulley's roundabout, to meet at the village hall at 9.30am. It was agreed that Cllrs Lord, Wilson, Laughton and McFruin would attend.

C Cllr Spicer also stated that she would contribute to the Speedwatch Group and requested a letter requesting a grant be sent to her as soon as possible.

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

B Cllr Griffiths also stated he would be able to contribute to the Speedwatch Group and requested that the Clerk contact Helen Lindfield for application forms.

B Cllr Griffiths stated discussions were continuing to pass enforcement for parking from the Police to the Borough. However, discussions and implementation could take some time.

## **7. Planning**

**DC/16/2626** – Fell 1no Buckthorn – Dover House Farm – Stowe Road, Ixworth

**No Objection**

**DC/16/2727** – Works to manage trees within garden of Moat House as per submitted specifications which includes felling of no11 trees – The Moat House, Commister Lane, Ixworth

**No Objection**

## **8. Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Lord reported he would submit the amended plan in the next few weeks. The Clerk reported that as discussed £10,000 had been allocated in the Parish Councils accounts for this project.

## **9. Footpaths/Pavements**

After a discussion it was agreed to produce a list of all path and pavements that had issues and pass to C Cllr Spicer.

## **10. Land at Crown Lane**

The Chairman reported that he had met with Marcus Hopkins, Bypass Farm Partnership's Chairman, at the Crown Lane site. The discussions had been very interesting and the partnership was going to produce a Masterplan for the site. The acquisition of the land for the next stage of the Cemetery was discussed.

## **11. Speedwatch/Speeding**

The Clerk reported that the Speedcar radar gun recommended by the Police had been ordered. The Clerk was seeking quotes for the signs needed and would confirm cost at a future meeting. The Clerk stated that high visibility jackets were needed at a cost of approximately £25 each. The Clerk requested if a jacket for each volunteer could be purchased. It was agreed by all present that the Clerk could order a jacket for each volunteer. However, if a volunteer were to give up the jacket would need to be returned, cleaned and then issued again. The Clerk was also instructed to contact C Cllr Spicer and B Cllr Griffiths for grants towards this project.

## **12. Play Area**

Cllr Wilson and Shelton reported that they had met with a representative from Playdale to discuss further the options of replacing the broken piece of equipment in the toddler play area. Previously it had been agreed that a cost of up to £4000 could be spent on these refurbishments. However, when looking at the site Cllrs Wilson and Shelton realised that new picnic benches and bins were needed for the site. A new quote had been sought to replace the broken equipment and to replace the old picnic bench and install two new picnic benches and bins. The quote was £6980. It was agreed by all present to accept this quote and the Clerk was instructed to contact Playdale to accept the quote.

## **13. Ixworth Cemetery**

The Clerk requested if 'Reserved' signs could be purchased to mark reserved plots. It was agreed by all present to purchase 5 signs at a cost of £24.95 + VAT each.

## **14. Accounts**

The following accounts were agreed for payments;

Chq No 1072/1073	Wages	£1104.43
Chq No 1074	Ixworth Village Hall	£168.75
Chq No 1075	AJ Wheelie Bin Cleaning	£30.00
Direct Debit Nest Pensions		£6.79

The RFO was authorised to transfer £1000 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

## **15. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received;

**Steve Wilson** – December & January Report

**St Eds** – Parish forum 31.01.2017

**Joanna Spicer** – Report from meeting with Marcus Hopkins

**SALC** – WW1 Beacons

**The Chairman** – Marcus Hopkins - Emails

**Marc Beaumont** – Fuel Poverty Project  
**Jenna Williams** – De-Fib

It was agreed by all present that Cllr Lord would reply to Jenna Williams about her enquires about the de-fib at the Village Hall.

**16. Chairman's Report**

No report.

**17. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that she and the Chairman, Cllr Lord, had met with Stephan Mann the Chairman of Ixworth Village Hall Management Committee to discuss any future involvement the Parish Council may have with the Village Hall when the Village Hall alters to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The meeting had been informative but some issues still needed clarification. The Clerk requested permission to incur possible overtime and expenses to research records and speak with any Solicitors who have dealt with the Village Hall in the past. It was agreed by all present that the Clerk to research this issue and was given permission for any expenses necessary. Cllr Lord was also given permission to contact a Solicitor to discuss possible issues once the Clerk has compiled a report.

The Clerk also reported that St Eds planning department had granted permission for the phone kiosks in Ixworth Thorpe and Stow Road to be removed. The Clerk had applied for the Parish Council to adopt both Kiosks.

**18. Councillors Reports**

Cllr Wilson stated a resident in Ixworth Thorpe had volunteered to refurbish the kiosk if the Parish Council adopts the telephone kiosk in Ixworth Thorpe.

Cllr Reeve raised concerns that any new work that was being carried out at the village Hall goes along with the original aims of the Village Hall when the land was given to the residents of Ixworth.

Cllr McFruin requested if the litter bin in Abbey Close could be re-cemented into the ground.

Cllr Laughton reported that the Deeds for Robins Copse had been sent from the Solicitor.

**19. Date of the Next Meeting**

It was agreed for the next meeting to be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall. The meeting had been changed from the 8<sup>th</sup> February as the Village Hall Committee was holding their residents meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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Date