

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 12th April 2017 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Ben Lord (Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, 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, PC Andre De Jongh and six members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Wilson and Laughton – Apologies were accepted by all present.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was agreed by all present that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on Monday 6th March 2017.

4. Public Forum

Mr Sharpe made the following comments;

- Speedwatch now had all the equipment and training was being held on 15th April 2017
- Mulley's roundabout grass was overgrown again and looked very messy
- Is the wild flower garden at the Cemetery any further forward

Mr Gordon Palastanga made the following comment;

- A Willow tree from a bungalow in Commister Lane was overhanging the road and making it impossible to pass

PC Andre De Jongh attended the meeting to update the members on issues of concern within the village.

Anti-Social Behaviour

PC De Jongh explained that he was aware of the individuals who were committing the anti-social behaviour in the village. It was explained to the members the many measures that were being undertaken to stop problem. PC De Jongh explained that other organisations including the Borough council and housing associations were working with him to solve the problem.

Parking Problems

Cllr Lord highlighted again the problems of vehicles parking on yellow lines within the village. Cllr Lord requested that the Police attend more often and enforce the no parking on yellow lines. PC De Jongh stated he would make sure more checks were made.

Cllr Mc Fruin stated the yellow lines were very faded and perhaps would need repainting.

5. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

C Cllr Spicer reported the following;

- **Drainage** – Officers at Suffolk county council were looking into drainage problems in Stow Road, Peacock Rise, High Street and near Priory Lodge
- **Planning** – C Cllr Spicer reported she would be meeting with Suffolk County council planners to discuss issues such as footpaths and highways. C Cllr Spicer would report back to members once she had met with them
- **Stow Road Signage** – C Cllr Spicer had received drawings of the proposed siting of the new Ixworth sign in Stow Road. The drawing was what had been agreed so she would speak with the persons concerned at S.C.C. and report back. Another site meeting may be needed before the next meeting. If arranged she would invite a member of the Council to attend.

- **Fallen Tree in Ixworth Thorpe** – C Cllr Spicer had spoken with highways about the fallen tree on the verge in Ixworth Thorpe. It had been suggested that this land belonged to the Parish Council. The members were not aware that they owned any land within Ixworth Thorpe. C Cllr Spicer stated she would speak again with Cheryl Smith to confirm

Cllr Rowe asked C Cllr Spicer if she could give a clear statement as to when Hempyard Bridge would be repaired. Cllr Spicer confirmed that the bridge was on the list of bridges being considered for repair in this financial year.

6. Report from Borough councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths reported the following;

- The planning application concerning the trees in the area known as 'The Pit' near Thistledown Down had finally been granted
- The next Parish Forum was being held on 24th April 2017 in Ixworth Village Hall
- B Cllr Griffiths had arranged a meeting with planning officers at West Suffolk House on Wednesday 19th April at 1.30pm

Cllrs McFruin and Shelton agreed they would attend the Parish Forum on 24th April 2017.

It was agreed that Cllr Lord, Cllr Laughton and the clerk would attend the meeting on 19th April 2017.

7. Planning

DC/17/0464 – Sycamores, 5 Beeches Close, Ixworth – fell 1no Sycamore tree **No objection**

DC/17/0457 – Land adj to Gibbons, Stow Road, Ixworth – (i) 1no dwelling (following demolition of existing garage) (ii) insertion of solar panels on roof **No objection**

DC/17/0452 – Wychwood, Commister Lane, Ixworth – (i) fell 3no Fir trees (ii) fell 1no unknown species tree **No objection**

DC/17/0453&0454 – The Pykkerell, 38 High Street, Ixworth - Replacement of Signs **No objection**

DC/17/0533 – 3 Thistledown Drive, Ixworth – Single storey front extension **No objection**

DC/17/0272 – Land adj to Gemeed, Bury Road – Continued use of land for stationing of mobile catering trailer outside of operating hours **No comment as application not in Parish**

DC/17/0535 – Old Pumping Station, Bailypool, Ixworth – Conversion of existing water holding tanks to create 1no dwelling – resubmission of DC/16/1282 **Object – Traffic Concerns**

8. Crown Lane Development

Cllr Lord explained the format he would be following for the extra planning meeting being held on 19th April 2017. The two applications to be discussed were for 90 houses on the land next to the Cemetery and the access road joining the proposed houses to the ghost island. Cllr Lord expected many members of the public to be present.

9. St Mary's Church

Cllr Lord reported to members that he and the Clerk had met with the Church Wardens of St Mary's Church. The wardens explained their legal responsibilities concerning the Church and grounds. A letter was also received from Rev Garbett. After a discussion it was resolved to resume cutting the Churchyard grass areas and refurbishment of the Parish clock face.

10. Ixworth Cemetery

It was resolved to form a small working party to discuss issues within the Cemetery, including the wild flower garden suggested by Mr Sharpe. Cllrs Lord, Shelton, Anderson McFruin and the Clerk would form the working party. The clerk will arrange a meeting to meet at the Cemetery.

11. Play Area

Cllr Shelton reported the new equipment had been installed and all comments she had heard had been complementary. The equipment was already being used often.

12. Robins Copse

The Clerk reported she had written to the resident interested in the small area of land at the end of Robin's copse but had not as yet received a reply.

13. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No 1093/1094	Wages	£1161.8
Chq No 1095	St Eds	£36.40
Chq No 1096	PA Brown Electrical	£324.00
Chq No 1097	Anglian Tree Solutions	£1416.00
Chq No 10898	Viking	£251.24

Direct Debit Nest Pensions £6.72

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

14. Speedwatch

The Clerk confirmed that all equipment had now arrived and the training session would take place at the Fire Station on 15th April at 9.30pm.

15. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received;

Andy Osman – Circular Path
Andrew Harvey – Dog Fouling Campaign
SCC – Stow Road Gateway Options (discussed in C Cllr Spicer's report)
Steve Wilson – Monthly Report
Mr J Shepherd – Stow Road Garage
Mrs J Morrow – Play Area
Pam Shelton – Uses for Telephone Kiosk
Mrs Robinson – Concerns about Parking at Dover Terrace
Suffolk Highways – Bridge Work A1088 at Woolpit
West Suffolk Operational Hub – Planning Application Briefing Note
Joanna Spicer – Church path
Network Assurance West – Temp Road Closure A143
Anglian Business
Mr & Mrs Palastanga – War Memorial
Lucy Palmer – Complaint
The Voluntary Network - Grant Request
Rev Garbett – St Mary's
Second Chance Stroke Survivors Group – Grant Request
SCC – Temp Road Closure A143

As it was a highways issue Mr Shepherds concerns were passed to C Cllr Spicer and B Cllr Griffiths. The Clerk was instructed to get quotes to repair the fencing in the play area that was highlighted by Mrs Morrow. Mr Osman's concerns were to be passed to C Cllr Spicer. The Clerk was instructed to contact Andrew Harvey to discuss the dog fouling campaign and to discuss the emptying dog waste bin in Commister Lane. It was resolved to grant £100 each to The Voluntary Network and Second Chance Stroke Survivors Group.

16. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported he was going to arrange a visit to The Free School as he was aware there may be a few changes, such as a New Head in the near future. The Chairman would also try to arrange a meeting with Ixworth surgery to discuss further their input into the future neighbourhood Plan.

17. Annual Parish Meeting

It was confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on 24th May at 7pm in Ixworth Free School. It was agreed that Cllr Lord write an article of the magazine invited all residents along to discuss any issues they have in Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe.

18. Clerk's Report

The Clerk requested if she could purchase the red paint required to refurbish the telephone kiosk in Ixworth Thorpe at a cost of £100. It was agreed by all present. The Clerk requested if she could attend a Cemetery Management Course on 17th May 2017 at SALC at a cost of £80. Cllr Shelton also requested if she could attend. It was agreed by all present that the Clerk and Cllr Shelton could attend.

19. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Reeve stated the yellow lines in Saddlers Yard were in need of repainting. Cllr Anderson requested how a resident could obtain an 'H' box outside their property. Cllr Anderson was informed that the resident needed to contact Suffolk County Council. Cllr McFruin reported the dog waste bin in Commister had not been emptied.

20. Date of Next Meetings

The following meeting dates were confirmed;

- 19th April 2017 at 7pm in Ixworth Village Hall – planning meeting
- 10th May 2017 at 7.30pm in Ixworth village Hall – Annual Parish Council Meeting
- 24th May 2017 at 7pm in Ixworth free School – Annual Parish Meeting

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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Date