

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 13th September 2017 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Ben Lord (Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Roy McFruin, Pam Shelton and Trevor Anderson

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

2. Declarations of Interest

A non-pecuniary declaration was made by Cllr McFruin in relation to item 8.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

After minor punctuation amendments, it was agreed by all present the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings held on 12th July 2017 and 7th August 2017.

4. Public Forum

Residents of Peasecroft Road attended the meeting to highlight their frustration at anti-social behaviour in their road by a particular family.

A long discussion was held and the following points were raised;

- Residents were shouted at and verbally abused
- Long standing anti-social behaviour
- Police had been contacted several times
- Anti-social behaviour over a number of months/years
- Havebury housing contacted on several occasions
- Children now find it difficult to play outside without being shouted at with obscene language

B Cllr Griffiths suggested contacting Karen Mayhew the Chief executive for Havebury Housing. Cllr Lord also suggested contacting Tim Passmore, Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner.

It was agreed for the Chairman to contact the Police, Havebury Housing and Tim Passmore to see if anything further could be done to assist the residents. The Chairman requested that the residents present send him any information, such as dates and times that would assist him in helping their case.

Mr John Sharpe raised the following;

- The white fence had now been erected in Stow Road but Mr Sharpe enquired as to what the white lines on the road represent
- Speeding in Stow Road is still excessive, over 40% of the vehicles using the road are speeding
- The pavements within the village need sweeping. Does St Edmundsbury Borough Council or Suffolk County sweep the pavements or is it the responsibility of the Parish Council? Gt Barton have their pavements swept on a regular basis

The Chairman stated the Council would look into whose responsibility it was to sweep the pavements.

The Chairman requested if there was any data available concerning Speedwatch, for instance how often the group was out, how many individuals had received letters and if Speedwatch was making a difference to speeding drivers. Mr Sharpe said he would contact the group leader to see if any data was available.

Mr Stephen Mann wished to remind members that the Village Hall Management Committee wishes to change to a C.I. O. as soon as possible.

5. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

C Cllr Spicer reported the following;

- A consultation into school transport was about to happen. Changes suggested may have an impact on Thurston School. There would be public meetings and consultations and C Cllr Spicer was working with both Thurston and Ixworth Free School heads about the proposed changes.
- It was good news that the Stow Road sign had been erected and the roundels on the road had been painted
- C Cllr Spicer stated she was setting up a meeting with the planning officers dealing with the developers of the proposed housing development

C Cllr Spicer was informed that the Parish council had received many complaints about the condition of Mulley's roundabout. C Cllr Spicer stated she would arrange as soon as possible a meeting with the relevant officer to discuss the situation.

Mr Sharpe asked C Cllr Spicer when the 'cats eyes' would be returned to the by-pass. C Cllr Spicer hoped they would be reinstated soon.

6. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths reported the following;

Fordham's Site

The enforcement planning team were looking at the whole site re the various businesses on the site. Hopefully they would visit the site soon to assess. The application by the Co-op group had been extended to 6th September 2017. There had been no objections so it looked like it may be approved especially since traffic issues raised had been addressed.

Crown Lane Development

Planners have spoken with the developers about issues raised with the first application. A new application may be needed. This item was making slow progress

7. Planning Applications

DC/17/1617 – (i) fell 3no Conifers (ii) 1no Red Leaf Maple, overall crown reduction by 2 metres (iii) 1no Prunus overall crown reduction by 1.5 metres (iv) 1no Sorbus overall crown reduction by 1 metre – Park House, 64 High Street, Ixworth

No objection

DC/17/1561 – Single storey rear extension – 1 Commister Lane, Ixworth

No objection

DC/17/1544 – (i) single storey rear extension to existing garage to create a garden room (ii) 2no pillars and electric gates to entrance of property (iii) rebuild wall and reinstate side entrance gate – The Priory, Ixworth

No objection

8. Ixworth Village Hall

The Clerk reported that unfortunately the registering the land had not yet commenced as the Solicitor dealing with the previous enquiries had left. The clerk had been in contact with the Parish Council's Solicitor but was waiting for a reply as to when the process could start again.

Cllr Lord stated the Parish Council was not trying to obstruct things for the Village Hall Committee but situation were complicated and were taking longer than expected.

It was agreed to write to the Village Hall Management Committee stating that once the land was registered the Parish Council would sign the land to the new C.I.O. as long as this was the correct and legal thing to do on behalf of the residents of Ixworth.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

It was reported that a 'drop in' session was to be held on 20th September 2017 in the village hall. It was hoped volunteers to sit on the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group would attend so the group could officially be formed on 27th September 2017. The Clerk explained a Terms of Reference would be needed for the group.

10. Parish Boundary

The Chairman explained he had received an email from B Cllr Simon Brown wishing to discuss the possibility of altering the Parish Boundary. If the boundary were to be altered it would mean the residents on the other side of the bridge in Bury Road would fall into Ixworth Parish rather than Pakenham Parish. After a discussion the Clerk was instructed to contact the Pakenham Parish Clerk to ascertain if any residents had contacted Pakenham Parish Council requesting the boundary be altered.

11. Ixworth Cemetery/St Mary's Church

The Clerk reported that Haward Horological Ltd were now in a position to carry out the work to refurbish the clockface. The Clerk had contacted St Mary's Church Warden to apply for a faculty to carry out the work. Hawards also needed to install alarmed scaffolding at a cost of £1500 to carry out the work. It was agreed by all present that the cost of this be added to the cost of the refurbishment.

It was agreed by all present that a meeting with the current grass cutting contractor be arranged to discuss issues around St Mary's and the Cemetery grass cutting.

The Clerk requested permission to purchase some stationery, such as a Grant of Burial Register, up at a cost of £600 to help bring the Cemetery records up to date. It was agreed by all present that the Clerk be allowed to purchase the necessary books.

12. Notice Boards

Cllr McFruin had sought three quotes to replace the current notice boards. After a discussion it was agreed by all present to accept the quote from Greenbarnes Ltd for three man-made timber noticeboards which, would hold 10 A4 sheets of paper. The Cost including installation would be £3000. The clerk was instructed to accept the quote and arrange the installation.

13. Accounts

The following were agreed for payment;

Chq No 1131/1132	Wages	£1205.85
Chq No 1133	Hm Revenue Customs	£348.67
Chq No 1134	St Eds Borough Council	£510.97
Chq No 1135	Anglian Water	£13.67
Chq No 1136	Tripp Batt	£11.20
Chq No 1137	Noticeboard Company Ltd	£20.38
Chq No 1138	Ixworth Village Hall	£354.70
Chq No 1139	St Eds Borough Council	£36.40
Chq No 1140	Coastline Graphics Ltd	£139.20
Chq No 1141	Mrs A Adlington	£134.05
Chq No 1142	BDO LLP	£276.00
Chq No 1143	Haward Horological Ltd	£2500
NEST Pension	Direct Debit	£6.72

The RFO was authorised to transfer £3500 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

The RFO reported that the external audit report had been received from BDO.

14. Robins Copse

Due to the Parish Council Solicitor leaving no further progress had been made on this item.

15. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received;

- **RBL Ixworth** – Request for Donation & Road Closure
- **Ixworth Primary School**
- **St Eds** – Neighbourhood Plan Information on Designated Area & Comments
- **Joanna Spicer** – Highways Enquiries
- **Suffolk Highways** – Road Repairs
- **Suffolk Police** – Press Release – Corrie McKeague
- **Suffolk Highways** – Temporary Road Closure C646

- **St Eds** – Help Shape the Future of West Suffolk
- **Suffolk Highways** – Temporary Road Closure – C642
- **Rachel Waite** – Speedwatch
- **Ixworth Methodist Church**
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly Report
- **Kath Bond** – Mulley’s Roundabout
- **Edward Spurrier** – Kiosk Idea
- **Suffolk Highways** – Crown Crescent
- **Suffolk Police** – Corrie McKeague update
- **Planning Direct** – NP
- **Guy Smith** – Roads in Ixworth
- **Suffolk Police** – Police Advisory
- **Suffolk Highways** – Spread Eagle Junction
- **Anna Whybro** – Burglaries in Ixworth
- **John Sharpe** – Three issues
- **Suffolk Highways** – Drainage

16. Christmas Tree

The Clerk reported that it was time to order the Christmas tree for the bottom of the High Street. A discussion was held as to whether there was enough room for the Christmas tree as the tree on the grass area had grown quite large. It was agreed to contact the electrician to find out if it would be possible to install the lights onto this tree rather than a Christmas tree.

17. Meeting Dates 2017/2018

After a discussion the following meeting dates were agreed;

October 11th 2017
 November 8th 2017
 December 13th 2017 (Planning & Finance only)
 January 10th 2018
 February 14th 2018
 March 11th 2018
 April 11th 2018
 May 9th 2018 – Ixworth Annual Parish Council Meeting
 May 16th 2018 – Annual Parish Meeting
 June 6th 2018
 July 11th 2018
 September 12th 2018
 October 10th 2018
 November 14th 2018
 December 12th 2018

It was agreed not to hold a meeting in August and the December meeting would be planning and finance only. It was agreed, however, that if there were a number of planning applications in August that could not be extended, the Clerk would call a planning only meeting.

18. Chairman’s Report

The Chairman reported the following;

- I will shortly be meeting with the Primary School following the letter received over the Summer
- I have been invited to meet with the Free School’s new Headteacher
- The Tour of Britain was welcomed with great spirit
- Once again there has been fly tipping in the Parish
- I have been invited to join a County Council delegation meeting at the Fire Station on Monday 18th September
- I received a complaint of dog fouling at the play area. Steve Wilson clarified only one episode and unusually low occurrences over the Summer holidays

19. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported the following;

- The de-fib had still not been installed in the telephone kiosk in Ixworth Thorpe
- The kiosk in Stow Road would need to be refurbished

Outstanding issues;

- Gate sign for Commister Lane
- Info on Parish surgeries
- Training (planning info)
- Play area fence (awaiting quote)

20. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Anderson stated that in his opinion the 30mph signs on the road in Stow Road need to be painted further down towards the village if speeding is as excessive as the Speedwatch group state.

Cllr Reeve reported the Holly tree in St Mary's churchyard was in need of attention.

Cllr Reeve and Cllr McFruin were concerned about the number of yellow lines that needed repainting, especially in Saddlers Yards and opposite Dover Terrace.

21. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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Date