

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

*Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7:30pm*

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

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

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

Apologies were received from Cllr John Rowe – apology was accepted by all present.

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

A non-pecuniary declaration was received from Cllr Laughton for item 10 – Ixworth Village Hall.  
A non-pecuniary declaration was received from Cllr Lord and Cllr Lilley for item 11 – Telephone kiosk.

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

After a slight amendment to the draft minutes circulated it was agreed by all present the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

### **4. Public Forum**

Mr Paul Cook presented the Council with a cheque of £640.40 for the grant for the project to install information boards at the Ixworth Village sign.

A resident commented that she was pleased to see the 'emergency access' sign had been installed on the gate in Commister Lane.

The Community Speedwatch Group reported that they were still surveying cars entering and leaving the village. The Chairman thanked the group for all their hard work.

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

C Cllr Spicer reported on the following;

- **V.A.S. Ixworth Thorpe** – C Cllr thanked Cllrs Wilson and Laughton for meeting with the highway officers in Ixworth Thorpe to discuss this issue. C Cllr Spicer stated that an agreement had seemed to have been made to move this project forward. Cllr Wilson reported that it had been agreed for two signs to be fitted on two existing poles. The signs would be installed in a rolling 12 weeks on then 12 weeks off as this seems to be the best deterrent to speeding traffic. Cllr Wilson and Laughton informed C Cllr Spicer that it had been agreed that Suffolk County Council would pay for the signs. C Cllr Spicer would speak with them to confirm this.
- **Bardwell Road Pot Holes** – C Cllr Spicer asked that any report reference numbers be forwarded to her, then she could chase this issue
- **Ixworth Thorpe** – C Cllr Spicer thanked St Edmundsbury Borough Council for clearing the pavements in Ixworth Thorpe. An inspection had been arranged to find out the problem with the drains.
- **Footpaths in Ixworth** – C Cllr Spicer reported that she had received three reports on the condition of the footpaths around Ixworth. C Cllr Spicer stated there seemed to be some confusion as to who cuts a Permissive footpath. An owner gives permission for people to walk through their land, the owner would then decide if they wish to cut the grass or not. However, the owner of the land on which the permissive footpath available in Ixworth has stated the grass would be cut in the coming days
- **Hempyard Bridge** – Issues with this are still ongoing. The tree overhanging the bridge has now been cut back by the land owner. An options paper was being written for moving this project forward

- **Footbridge over the By-Pass** – Cllr Laughton reported to C Cllr Spicer that the Parish Council had received a quote from Conisbee of £2100 + VAT for the initial survey of the site. C Cllr Spicer agreed to fund £1500 from her budget towards the cost.
- **Meeting with Deputy Leader** – C Cllr Spicer reported she had arranged a meeting at the fire station in Ixworth with S.C.C. Deputy Leader and Chairmans of Parish Councils in her Ward on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The Chairman confirmed he would be attending.

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

B Cllr Griffiths reported the following;

- **Persimmon Planning Applications** – The two applications were still ongoing as various issues still needed to be addressed. A new planning officer, Julie Barrett, was now in charge of these applications. The Chairman stated he was drafting a letter to Persimmon Chief Executive with the Parish Council's concerns
- **Vertas Planning Application** – Issues were still being discussed with this application

## **7. Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe V.A.S.**

Ixworth Thorpe was discussed in item 5. It was agreed to discuss the possibility of a V.A.S. sign in Ixworth at a future meeting.

## **8. Planning**

<b>DC/18/1570</b> – Fell 1no Bay tree – Torrella, 1 Beeches Close, Ixworth	<b>No objection</b>
<b>DC/18/1409</b> – Remove cement render to East elevation and re-render with dry mix lime	<b>No objection</b>
<b>DC/18/1795</b> – 1 no. Fig tree, overall crown reduce by 35% and 1 no. Smoke tree overall crown reduce by 60% - 24 High Street, Ixworth	<b>No objection</b>
<b>DC/18/1805</b> – 1 no. Walnut tree – Crown lift by 4 metres – Sidshell, Crown Lane, Ixworth	<b>No objection</b>
<b>DC/18/1837</b> – 1 no. Lime – re-pollard – 11 High Street, Ixworth	<b>No objection</b>
<b>DC/18/1809</b> – 2 no. Limes – re-pollard – 11 High Street, Ixworth	<b>No objection</b>

## **9. Ixworth Thorpe Bollards**

Cllr Wilson stated she had obtained a quote for replacing the bollards near the village green that stop people parking cars on the verge. The quote she had obtained was for approximately £60 per bollard. Cllr Anderson showed pictures of the bollards that had just been installed at the Cemetery. Cllr Wilson agreed to contact the contractor to obtain a quote to install similar ones in Ixworth Thorpe.

## **10. Ixworth Village Hall**

The Clerk confirmed that the Land Registry had been completed. A letter would be requested from Ixworth Village Hall Management Committee confirming that the land would only be used for the intended purposes when given in trust to the Village. It was agreed that once such a letter had been received the Parish Council would contact their Solicitor to transfer the land to Ixworth Village Hall Management Committee.

## **11. Ixworth Cemetery**

The Clerk distributed suggested new terms and conditions for burials in Ixworth Cemetery. The Clerk also distributed suggested costings. It was agreed to discuss and decide at the next meeting once members had reviewed them.

A meeting of the Cemetery working party was agreed for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am at the Cemetery.

## 12. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No 1245, 1246, 1247	Wages	£1469.10
Chq No 1248	H M Rev & Customs	£461.34
Chq No 1249	Anglian Water	£15.76
Chq No 1250	Viking	£426.57
Chq No 1251	Ixworth Village Hall	£168.75
Chq No 1252	TOP Garden Services	£723.00
Chq No 1253	Atkins Thomson	£600.00
Chq No 1254	C.A.S. (NP)	£300.00
Chq No 1255	Lex Carpentry	£500.00
Chq No 1256	M J Royal	£65.00
Chq No 1257	M J Royal	£632.00
Chq No 1258	M J Royal	£219.00
Chq No 1259	A Adlington	£99.50
Direct Debit Nest Pensions		£15.83

It was agreed by all present the RFO could transfer £4000 from the business account to the community account.

## 13. Telephone Kiosk

It was agreed by all present to inform The Royal British Legion branch that the Parish council were agreeable for them to adopt and refurbish the Stow Road Telephone Kiosk. It was agreed to award a grant of £250 to carry out the refurbishments.

## 14. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received;

- **Calthorpe & Edwards Educational Foundation** – Trustee Request
- **A Resident** – Kebab Van
- **Mary Kirk** – Cemetery Hedge
- **A resident** – Concerns about bins at the VH
- **S.C.C.** – Quote for reprint of Walk Leaflet
- **West Suffolk** – Annual Report Details
- **SCC REF 219464** – Drainage Bardwell Road
- **West Suffolk** - Christmas Fayre Review
- **S.C.V.** – Grit Bin Review
- **West Suffolk** – Play Area Inspections & Precept Payments
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly Report

Cllr Wilson volunteered to speak with the Calthorpe & Edwards Educational Foundation about the request for a Trustee from the Parish Council.

Cllr Lord agreed to write to the resident who had concerns about the kebab van.

Cllr Laughton, as a committee member of the village hall committee, agreed to contact the residents about the village hall bins.

## 15. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported the following;

- **Ixworth Post Services** – Cllr Lord had received correspondence from the Post Office updating the Parish Council of the current position for services in Ixworth. The letter still did not address all matters raised and it was agreed that the Chairman reply stating the Council's continuing concerns.

- **Persimmon Planning Applications** – The chairman reported he was drafting a letter for the village magazine explaining the Council’s concerns about these applications in their current form.

**16. Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk reported the following;

- **Neighbourhood Plan** – All minutes and information can be accessed via the Village Hall website
- **GDPR** – All documents are now with the Data Protection Officer and the office inspection is due for early November
- **Play Area** – Various work will need to be completed over the winter including new matting under equipment
- **Outstanding** – Paperless working and Parish Surgeries

**17. Councillors Reports**

Cllr Birrell reported that parking around school times in Crown Lane had improved.  
 Cllr Anderson stated the electrician still had not contacted him about installing Christmas lights on the large tree at the bottom of the High Street. It was agreed that Cllrs Anderson, Wilson and Birrell would meet to try and move this project forward. It was agreed to add to the October agenda to discuss further.  
 Cllr Laughton stated he would be arranging a small gathering to officially unveil the information boards at Ixworth Village Sign.  
 Cllr Laughton read Steve Wilson’s monthly report.  
 Cllr Laughton stated the VH Management Committee would be discussing further the suggestion of banning dogs from the playing field.  
 Cllr Wilson reported the tree stump in Ixworth Thorpe had not yet been removed and she would be contacting the contractor to discuss

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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 Date