

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 7:30pm

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Wilson, Cllr Birrell and Cllr Rowe – 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 the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 9th May 2018.

4. Public Forum

The following issues were highlighted by the residents present;

- **Ixworth Post Office** – Residents were concerned that there were still no facilities within the village, not even a mobile van as in other villages in the area.
- **Memorial Planter** – Disappointment that the memorial planter had still not been installed, however, the refurbishment of the lettering on the War Memorial looked good
- **Mulley's Roundabout** – Concerns were raised again about the condition of Mulley's roundabout. It was highlighted how overgrown and unsightly it was and not a very good impression of Ixworth. A resident stated that the long grass was causing visibility problems.
- **Cars Parked on the Verges near Mulley's Roundabout** – A resident was concerned about the number of cars parked on the verge outside Mulley's garage

The Chairman informed the residents present that the Parish Council were still lobbying the Post Office to reinstate a Post Office in Ixworth but there were many issues to overcome. The Council would, however, keep working on bringing this vital service back to the village,

The Clerk reported that Saxon Monumental had not yet collected the planter from their supplier but hoped it would be installed in the next two weeks. The Clerk was instructed to contact Saxon expressing the Council's disappointment that this project has taken over a year to complete

C Cllr Spicer stated she would report on Mulley's roundabout in her report. C Cllr Spicer stated that most of the cars near Mulley's were not causing an obstruction to the highway.

5. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer MBE

C Cllr Spicer reported the following;

- **Mulley's Roundabout** – As previously reported Marketing Force Ltd have now been given permission by Suffolk County Council to seek sponsorship to look after the two roundabouts in Ixworth. Marketing Force Ltd have requested the contact details for the companies in Ixworth who previously showed interest in sponsoring the roundabouts. It was agreed by all present that the Chairman contact Marketing Force Ltd to discuss options for the roundabout.
- **Pavements** – the pavement in Ixworth Thorpe and the pavement between Peddars Close and Dairy Farm are now going to be swept by St Edmundsbury BC as sweeping of pavements are their responsibility
- **School Transport** – The Cabinet will be discussing School and post-16 transport at their meeting next week. A report has been written after the recent consultation and evidence collection, which gives various recommendations for the Cabinet to consider

6. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr John Griffiths reported the following;

- **Locality Budget** – As it is now a new financial year B Cllr Griffiths urged local groups to apply for grants from his locality budget
- **Vertas Planning Application** – A decision on this application should be made next week. It was agreed that if the application went to the Delegation Committee, Cllr Lord could attend on behalf of the Parish Council. B Cllr Griffiths suggested that Cllr Lord contact the planning officer dealing with the application for further information, this was agreed by all present
- **Persimmon Planning Application** – Various issues with this application were still being looked at by the planning officers
- **Electoral Boundary Review** – A review of Ward boundary changes was still ongoing
- **Pavement Sweeping** – The Borough Council had a 13 week programme for sweeping pavements and he stated he would investigate whether the two pavements mentioned in C Cllr Spicer's report were included in the schedule

7. Flashing Speed Signs in Ixworth

A discussion was held about purchasing a flashing speed sign for Ixworth. It was agreed by all present and a representative of the Speedwatch group that a portable sign would be more effective as it could be deployed at various locations. The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotes for the July meeting, so it could be discussed further.

8. Planning

DC/18/0725 – 1 no garage attached to annexe outbuilding (following demolition of existing attached garage)
Park House, 64 High Street, Ixworth

No Objection

DC/18/0798 – (i) 1 metre high perimeter fencing and (ii) 1 metre high gates (retrospective) – 49 chalk Lane,
Ixworth

No comment

9. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The Clerk reported all policies had now been sent to the Council's Data Protection Officer and the policies would be added to the website. The Clerk also reported that she had now started work on obtaining a .gov.uk domain for the Council. A discussion was held on the name of the domain and it was agreed by all present the name needed to be short and concise, so it was agreed on ixworthPC.gov.uk. The Clerk was instructed to continue with this project. The Clerk also requested permission to obtain quotes on offsite data storage, it was agreed by all present to investigate this and bring a quote to a future meeting to discuss further.

10. Community Recognition Awards

A discussion was held as to whether the Parish Council wished to award Community Recognition Awards annually at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed by all present to implement this scheme.

It was agreed that three awards would be awarded each year as follows;

- Individual
- Non-Profit Organisation/Voluntary Group
- Business

Nominations would be sought from the residents of the Parish through the magazine and possibly the Ixworth Facebook page. Once nominations have been received a panel made up of all Councillors would discuss and decide who will receive each award.

It was also decided that as the Annual Parish Meeting had already been held this year that a separate night would be held in October to start the scheme. Cllr Lord agreed to write an article in the magazine explaining the scheme and asking for nominations. The Clerk agreed to produce an application form that could be given to the proposers to complete.

11. Accounts

The following payments were agreed;

Chq No 1220, 1221, 1222	Wages	£1225.63
Chq No 1223	H M Rev & Customs	£494.26
Chq No 1224	TOP Garden Services	£615.00
Chq No 1225	Saxon Monumental	£1267.20
Chq No 1226	Ixworth VH	£168.75
Chq No 1227	G Palastanga	£53.30
Chq No 1228	A Adlington	£104.60
Direct Debit Nest Pensions		£21.36

The RFO was authorised to transfer £4000 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

12 Ixworth Cemetery

The Clerk reported that she had met with the grass cutting contractor to discuss issues that had arisen lately, for instance, the unsightly grass cuttings left around the burial plots and the overgrown edges. The grass cutting contractor stated he would address these issues. The Clerk had also given permission, as it was a health and safety issue, for the contractor to infill the sunken graves as soon as possible.

Cllr Anderson stated that a quote had not yet been received from the contractor who was going to install the small posts that will stop vehicles being parked on the grass area near the burial plots. Cllr Anderson and the Clerk would try to obtain the quote for the next meeting.

The Cemetery working party agreed to meet on 19th July to discuss outstanding issues.

13. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received;

- **Mr Stephen Mann** – VH Land Registry
- **Suffolk Police** – Newsletter
- **Suffolk Police** – New Roles
- **West Suffolk** – Electoral Review
- **Resident** – Heath Farm Bridleway
- **Resident** – Mulley's Roundabout
- **Matthew Hancock** – Silver Sunday
- **Resident** – Annual Parish Meeting
- **John Griffiths** – Armed Forces Day
- **Steve Wilson** – Monthly Report

It was agreed by all present that Cllr Shelton would discuss with the Over 60's Club if they could help with an event for the Silver Sunday suggested by Matthew Hancock MP.

14. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the recent Annual Parish Meeting had been quite well attended and had gone very well. The Chairman had also met with the new Head Teacher of the Free School and was in the process of arranging a meeting with the new Head Teacher of the Primary School.

The Chairman reported he had once again written to Persimmon requesting a meeting to discuss the issues around the proposed development. Persimmon had agreed to a meeting, which the Chairman would arrange. It was agreed that Cllrs Loughton and Lilley would also attend.

The Chairman also reported that he had met with Nick Cross prior to the presentation that Nick Cross gave to Councillors earlier in the evening.

15. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported the following;

- **Play Area** – still awaiting a quote for refilling the bark under the large climbing frame
- **Stow Road Telephone Kiosk** – the letters to the two organisations wishing to adopt the kiosk were being sent for discussion at a future meeting
- **Outstanding Issues** – tree stumps at Cemetery and Ixworth Thorpe, Footpath sign in Stow Road, Parish Councillor surgeries

16. Councillors Reports

Cllr Anderson reported he was speaking with Paul Brown, the electrician, about installing Christmas lights on the large tree at the bottom of the High Street and hoped to have a quote for the July meeting. Cllr Laughton read Steve Wilson's monthly report.

17. Date of the Next Meeting

It was confirmed the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th July at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

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Date