

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held in Ixworth Village Hall on Wednesday 7th August at 6:30pm

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) Lord (Chairman), Clare Black, Kate Rees and Tony Molloy

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk) and two members of the public

Abbreviations

Cllr/Cllrs – Councillor/Councillors, RFO -Responsible Finance Officer, SCC – Suffolk County Council, WSC – West Suffolk Council

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from the following Cllrs –

Cllr Shelton – transport – apology accepted.

Cllr Sutton – holiday – apology accepted.

Cllr Rowe – holiday – apology accepted.

Cllr Mann- no apology received.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The draft minutes had previously been distributed to all Councillors and taken as read. It was resolved that the Chair sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2024.

4. Public Forum

No comments were made.

5. Planning

The following applications were considered;

DC/24/0994/TCA – fell one Holly tree – Park Yard Ixworth

Support

DC/24/1041/TCA- fell one Willow tree – Nurses House, Thetford Road, Ixworth

Support

Action: Clerk

6. Finance

The following payments were agreed for payment;

BACS	Staffing	£1900.45
BACS	Cloudy IT	£134.58
BACS	Village Hall	£19.25
Direct Debit NEST		£54.88

The RFO was authorised to transfer £1,000 from the Business account to the Community account.

Action: RFO

7. Community Self-Help

A document received from SCC had been distributed to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. A discussion was held on whether to adopt the scheme and take responsibility for some highway issues in and around the Parish.

Projects that could be completed under the scheme are such things as weed clearance, sign cleaning, cleaning gullies, verge management and painting street furniture to name a few. Unfortunately, at present SCC does not have the resources to complete some of the above work.

It was agreed that the PC would sign up to the scheme, the Chair signed the agreement, and the Clerk was instructed to return to SCC.

Action: Clerk

Green Ixworth volunteered to run the scheme on behalf of the Parish Council and organise the projects required and the volunteers. The Clerk informed Green Ixworth that due to GDPR and insurance cover the PC would need to hold all relevant information on volunteers and a list of projects, who was working on them and when.

The information is required as SCC would come direct to the PC is any information on projects and works were required by them.

The Clerk was instructed to ascertain if any equipment owned by the PC, but used by the Wildlife Group at Robins Copse, could be made available to the Community Group. **Action: Clerk**
It was agreed to call the new scheme Ixworth Community Action.

8. Village Hall

Cllr Lord stated that as Cllr Mann was not in attendance then there is no update on the issues relating to the Village Hall discussed previously such as the overgrown vegetation.
Cllr Lord expressed again his concern that access onto the field was a keyed padlock and had grave misgivings that emergency vehicles would not be able to access the field in an event of an emergency.
It is reported that the Jiggins Trust AGM was being held on 20th August 2024 and it was agreed that Cllr Rees would attend to raise this issue. **Action: Cllr Rees**

9. Chairman’s Report

The Chair wished to clarify, after online media discussions, that the PC are not the Enforcement Authority in relation to the Kebab Van. An Enforcement Notice has been issued by WSC to remove the van and it was up to them to enforce the notice not the PC.
Cllr Lord requested that the PC obtain a quote for trimming the trees at the bottom of the High St in readiness for the installation of the Christmas lights.
The Clerk was instructed to get a quote for the September meeting. **Action: Clerk**
Cllr Lord stated he had arranged for another presentation to Cllrs on the Jaynic site for Wednesday 4th September at 6pm at Ixworth Fire station.

10. Councillor Reports

Cllr Rees informed members that she had reported the graffiti in Peacock Rise sign and had heard from WSC that they would hopefully visit soon to clean or replace the sign.
Cllr Black requested if D Cllr Griffiths or C Cllr Spicer could be approached again to install a direction sign near Crown Lane showing where the Primary School was situated.
Cllr Molloy informed members he would continue to look into the cost of information signs for Parish Council Surgeries.

11. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 7.30pm in Ixworth Village Hall.

12. Exclusion of the Press & Public

The press and public were excluded at 7.35pm

With no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

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Date