

IXWORTH & IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th June 2026
At Ixworth Village Hall

Councillors Present: Ben Lord (Chairman), Terry Lilley, Stephen Mann, Tony Molloy, Kate Rees and John Rowe

Others in attendance: Claire Usher (Clerk) and County Councillor Harry Richardson and 2 members of the public

100626/01 **Resignation:** The Chairman informed the meeting that Sam Linton had resigned from the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Sam for his contributions to the Parish Council and if he ever had the time in the future the Parish Council would be happy to welcome him back.

100626/02 **Apologies for absence:** None.

100626/03 **Declarations of Interest:** None

Dispensation: Councillors noted no requests had been received and none were requested at the meeting.

100626/04 **Minutes of previous meeting:** All Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th May 2026 as a true reflection of the decisions made.

Public Forum:

A member of the public raised concern about the Micklemere in Pakenham as there is a build up of water from the river that runs from Ixworth especially around the silt bar. Suffolk Wildlife Trust were carrying out some important works along the river but his stretch needed to be investigated. There was some confusion over the ownership of this part of the river, whether it was Anglian Water or Suffolk County Council. The Chairman passed the matter to Roger Spillar, Green Ixworth, to look into the matter.

Roger Spillar raised concerns regarding the re-consultation of the Persimmon Homes application including the issues he had raised previously including the biodiversity of the site, surface water and the housing density.

100626/05 **County Councillor Report:** Cllr Richardson's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. He would be meeting with the Primary School Headteacher and Ben Lord next week, he had arranged to meet with the Highways engineer for Blackburn to include discussions regarding the proposed bridge over the A143.

100626/06 **District Councillor Report:** Cllr Griffiths had sent his apologies.

Planning:

100626/07 DC/26/0820/TPO – Trees in a Conservation Area – One apple to fell – 30 High Street – Comment sent to WSC – Councillors were unable to make a decision as they were unsure if the felling of the tree was due to the poor health of the tree.

DC/25/0666/HYB – Full planning application – provision of 187 dwellings with access, public open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure, outline planning application (means of access to school site from the A1088 only to be considered) – provision of 2.2 hectare site for primary school – Land off Crown Lane.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Bidwells on behalf of Persimmon Homes advising that the scheme had been amended to include an area of land which would be available to transfer to the Parsh Council for cemetery use. The drainage crates have been relocated to facilitate this. The intention would be to include a clause in the S106 agreement for the transfer of the land to the Parish Council for £1. A further application would then be required by the Parish Council for the change of use of the land to a cemetery.

The Chairman still had concerns about an access road from Scott Road for a new entrance to the cemetery and still had concerns regarding the bridge over the A143.

It was agreed to continue to refuse this application. Reasons for refusal are attached.

Councillors noted that no planning decisions had been taken since the last meeting.

Finance:

100626/08 **Bank Reconciliation** – Councillors received a bank reconciliation report prepared by the Clerk, the Community Account as of 31st May 2026 £5,117.50 in the Business Account, and as of 31st May 2026 £120,470.49, total £125,587.99.

100626/09 **Receipts:** The Clerk confirmed that no receipts had been received.

100626/10 **Payments:** All Councillors resolved to approve the following gross payments by internet banking confirming a full schedule, supported by invoices and receipts, had been received prior to the meeting:

	Payee	Details	£
100626/11	Claire Usher	Clerks Wage	1177.87
100626/12	R Pye	Caretaker Cemetery	164.90
100626/13	HMRC	PAYE	17.62
100626/14	Claire Usher	Expenses	130.37
100626/15	Jose Mendez Acosta	Cemetery Maintenance	783.74
100626/16	Cloudy IT	IT	114.32

100626/17 **Advertisement on Ixworth Roundabout (A143/A1088 Stow Road):** During the budget discussions that took place in November 2025, Councillors had agreed not to renew the agreement for the signage on this roundabout and this continued to be supported.

100626/18 **Play Area:** The Clerk reported that Playdale had carried out a survey of the play area and had submitted a quotation including all works that was felt needed attention. The Clerk advised that at the present time, the works to the wooden train should be accepted and that the other areas be considered in the future when the budget is set later in the year. All Councillors agreed to the repairs to the wooden play train.

Cllr Rowe reported that the Parish Council had now received 2 quotes for fencing the children's play area. Both quotes received were over £15,000 and he felt that the Parish Council should investigate what grants are available for this work to be carried out, or if there were any 106 contributions available and to enquire with the Public Loans Board. The Parish Clerk would investigate and was still awaiting a 3rd quote.

100626/19 **Outstanding Actions:** All Councillors had received a copy of the report prior to the meeting.

What Matters to You: Cllr Rees reported that a draft questionnaire had been prepared and will be circulated to all Councillors. Residents will be able to complete the questionnaire online and paper copies would be made available in the library. It was agreed that all those residents who completed the survey would be entered into a prize draw as an incentive to complete the questionnaire.

Bank Signatories: Following Sam Linton's resignation who was a signatory to the Parish Council's banking it was agreed that Cllr Molloy be added as a new signatory.

- 100626/20 **Health & Safety Update:** Cllr Lilley had no further updates.
- 100626/21 **Chairman's Report:** Cllr Lord reported that some of the excess litter around the village had been placed in the Council's larger waste bin at the village hall.
- 100626/22 **Councillor's Reports:** There were no reports.
- 100626/23 **Correspondence:** The Clerk had no correspondence to report.
- 100626/24 Any other Council business for information to be noted or for inclusion in a future agenda: None
- 100626/25 All Councillors noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th July 2026 in the village hall, Ixworth.
- 100626/26 The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm

Signed

Date