

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10 May 2023

Present: Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair
Cllr. S. Lancashire
Cllr. S. Tolhurst
Cllr. R. Stalley-Moores
Cllr. P. Hyde
Samantha Gray, Clerk
Cllr. R. Langham

This is a Parish Meeting called as required by the local Government Act, 1972. The meeting is an opportunity for the residents of the village who are registered electors to raise and discuss any subject affecting the village. Discussion and voting on any subject is restricted to electors, residents who are not registered as electors are welcome as observers. Residents wishing to speak are requested to give their name and the name of their road or street.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Whiting, S. Waters, D. Waters. Cllr. Cheeseman has informed the Parish Council of his resignation.

2. REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR ON THE PREVIOUS YEAR

During the last year the Parish Council have been working on traffic issues in the village. We have met with Kent Highways to discuss areas in the village which need double yellow lines and there will be a formal consultation for residents on 12 May. The visibility for motorists and pedestrians on the School Lane junction with Chetney View/Holly Blue Drive was obstructed by the vegetation and there was a concern an accident could happen, therefore KCC have removed this vegetation and replaced with grass to remove the hazard.

The Parish Council hosted two Village Clean up events, one in May and another in October which were both very successful. We are planning to hold another on Sunday 2nd July.

We celebrated the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the installation and lighting of a Jubilee Beacon, in Woodpecker Park on Saturday 2nd June. We also celebrated the Kings Coronation with a Beacon Lighting on Saturday 6th May.

The popular Christmas Lights Event was held in December, where the local dance group performed, there was a lantern parade and Santa arrived to meet the children.

Members agreed to carry on with the Grounds Maintenance Contract, so that the village benefits with extra grass cutting and shrub maintenance.

We have arranged with Swale Borough Council to install CCTV in the village in four areas; Grovehurst Road by the bus stop, Telly Tubby hill to cover Sheppey Way/Ferry Road/Grovehurst Road, Ferry Road by the bus stop, and Herons Park playing field on School Lane. The cameras have been positioned to provide continuity on accesses in and out of the village, and we hope this will help tackle anti-social behaviour in the village.

As part of The Queen's Green Canopy project, we planted a memorial tree in memory of Her Majesty in Woodpecker Park.

Lastly, we have been looking into the issue of poor mobile phone signals in the village. So far, we have received a good response from O2 who have made their network deployment team aware of our request for more coverage in Iwade and they will look to assess the need for additional mobile infrastructure to serve customers across the area. The network Three have identified Iwade as having poor coverage and requires an additional site. They are currently looking for suitable land to install a streetworks style site.

3. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS

None.

4. ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING

None.

Meeting closed at 7.33 p.m.