

APPLE CRUMBLE FOR TEA AT HAPPY DAYS

Caroline Wiles

October's surprisingly warm weather allowed us to make the most of the sunshine with plenty of time in the garden, soaking up the last rays of the year. The unseasonably sunny weather seemed a little at odds with pumpkin play but that didn't stop us. We washed, coloured, carved and investigated pumpkins to our hearts' content. Despite the rain catching up with us at the start of November, our spirits are high as the evenings grow darker. We created art work to celebrate Firework Night as well as making perfect, if a little enthusiastically spiced, Apple Crumble for tea.

Now we're eagerly anticipating the excitement and joy that comes with Christmas preparations. Rumour has it the lights will soon be up and we firmly believe you can never have too many twinkly lights.

2024 brings a special year for Happy Days Nursery as we celebrate twenty years. So much has changed in Early Years since we first opened, but there has been one constant - our determination to provide the very best care for children and their families. There may just be a celebration or two; we never duck an excuse to party. 2024 also brings changes to the Early Years Education Funding provided by the Government with the introduction of new funding for Two Year Olds from April and then for younger children in September. It is going to be a busy year. We have some sessions available for Spring and Summer 2024 so please contact us early to avoid disappointment or, for more information, please do not hesitate to telephone the office (01795 424348), or visit our website www.happydaysuk.co.uk.



IWADE SCHOOL
Christmas Lights Switch On Event

Sunday 3rd December
Telly Tubby Hill
(Junction Ferry Road/Sheppey Way)

16:50 Dance Group

17:10 **Santa's Arrival**

17:30 Light Switch On

Santa will be around for a short time after so that children can meet him

PLEASE NOTE:
Road will be closed from Happy Days Nursery down to Sheerstone between: **16:30-18:30**

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM OUR LOCAL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES.

The Observer asked our local MP, Gordon Henderson, and our SBC councillors, Roger Clark and Lloyd Chapman if they would like to take the opportunity to send a Christmas message to our readers and give a brief overview of how they have been working for the local community over the past 12 months.

We can see from Mr Henderson's response that a lot of work has gone on in the background regarding especially health issues and the local roads situation. Sadly, we have received no response from either Cllr Roger Clark or Cllr Lloyd Chapman!

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IWADE INSPIRATION

John Guest

This year in school assembly in the week, I'll be talking about the little yellow line; an ordinary little traffic device that became an extraordinary shining star. We all have the opportunity, young or old, to be extraordinary. Marianne Williamson wrote: Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? ... We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

This Christmas and into 2024 beyond, why don't YOU take the opportunity to be extraordinary, to shine in such a way as to make a difference in the lives of others. You really CAN do it! Remember the tortoise and the hare. How easily the guy in the shell suit could have given up, scared out of participation by the speed of his rival. But he didn't give up and against all the odds – he won! The tortoise won; and so can you. Take that step, make that resolution, set that goal. Plan to win and you will!

This year in Assembly on Sunday we'll be thinking about how ordinary people become special and that regular everyday individuals can shine. Why not join us on Sunday 10th December in Iwade School at 3.00p.m.? Try the super Christmas Quiz, sample some early mince pies, choose your favourite carol. And learn to shine!

Extraordinary things happen in ordinary places. Extraordinary things happen to ordinary people. A world leader relocates an entire nation. A teenager sees an angel. A carpenter has an unlikely dream. A virgin delivers a child. A baby is born in a cave. Farmers witness a miracle. Travellers present strange gifts. God visits planet Earth. Nothing is ever the same again.

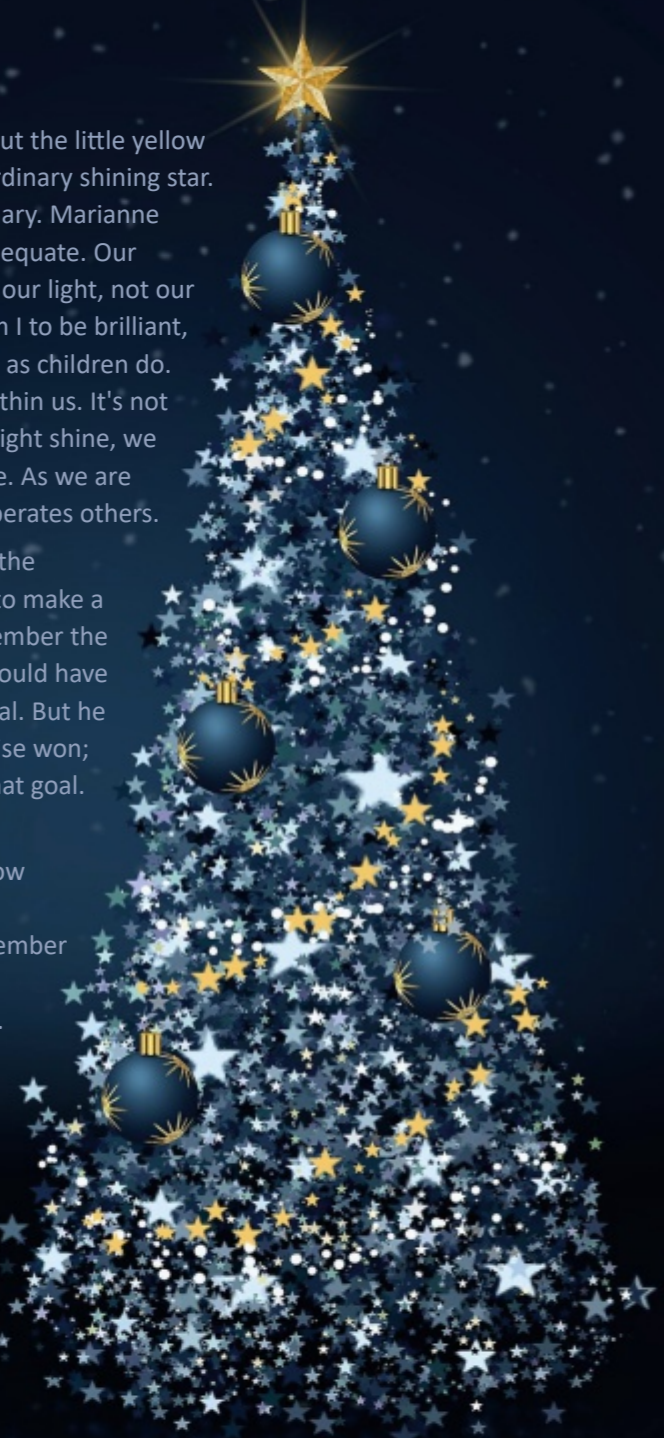
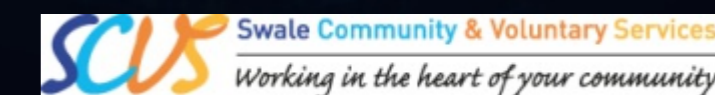
Ordinary reader. Regular person. Be extraordinary. Be different. This Christmas it's you!

Dear Iwade Observer,

My mother is a regular user of the SCVS and has been out on some fantastic events, such as visiting a local petting zoo, making pottery and attending the Social Group. She is collected each time and brought back home. Most of the time there is no cost, apart from the yearly joining fee of £25.00, which I think is very reasonable. I have spoken to many older people in Iwade and most are unaware of this organisation, which is a shame.

If anyone is interested in attending activities or wanting befriending if they are unable to leave their houses please contact this organisation. I have put their name below. Their contact details are:- 01795 473828 address:- Central House, Central Ave, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 4NU or look them up on the internet swalecvcs.org.uk

Jane Grant



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS WITH ALL SAINTS

Wednesday, 6th at 10.00am
WREATH MAKING in ALL SAINTS

Sunday, 10th at 3.00pm
ASSEMBLY on SUNDAY in IWADE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 13th at 07.00pm
CAROLS in THE PRECINCT

Christmas Eve at 4.00pm
CAROL SERVICE in ALL SAINTS

Christmas Eve at 11.30pm
MIDNIGHT COMMUNION IN ALL SAINTS

ALL WELCOME!

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING AT ALL SAINTS

Wednesday, 6th December 2023
10.00am to 12.00



Please bring any decorations and greenery to personalise your wreath. Secateurs and gloves also useful.

DID YOU KNOW? - SOME SURPRISING BUSINESSES!



Did you know that in Iwade there are some businesses trying to make a difference?

Kent Natural Burials in Iwade voted Best Natural Burial

Ground of the Year, offering an environmentally friendly burial at a time of need, and opportunity to plan by purchasing a local environmentally friendly site to be laid to rest. This company was set up locally by a Sittingbourne resident and when she passed away herself being buried in Deerton Natural Burial ground in Teynham, her daughter took this on to honour her desire to make a difference in her local community offering an alternative to pollution cremations and keeping the costs sensible to the economic needs of the community.

Did you know that in Iwade Vibe community operates the commission Swale Youth provision, listening to the voice of young people and their needs, organising summer activities like Wild Outdoors, running local clubs like Newington youth club, Rushenden and the skatepark. We work with around 2000 young people in Swale and constantly fight to find money to maintain and develop activities to support your young people. We are the organisation delivering the transition support from primary to secondary school, we train the mentors in schools to support those with

emotional health and friendship needs, we provide alternative provision for young people who are NEET (not in education, employment and training), supporting them to find their purpose, build their self-esteem and re-engage with education.

Did you know that in Iwade Brogdale CIC operated our little social care businesses offering day opportunities for disabled young adults to find friendship, do positive activities and build on their life skills. That we offer a gardening service to support the community working with, for instance, Southern Housing to do garden makeovers, or to take learning disabled adults into the community with a trained gardener to be part of the gardening team called Pruning Time. That we help disabled young adults to gain work experience to make goods to sell at seasonal times of year to help them experience work.

Did you know that in Iwade Craftworks College Charity runs a post 16 specialist provider college to nearly 100 young people who have SEND and or mental health issues. That we offer through our 6 sites across Swale and Ashford qualifications in Horticulture, Food and Cookery, Creative Crafts and Farm Animal Care.

A FIRST AND A LAST AT SPEEDWAY

Paul Heller

An unusual end to a very busy season for Sittingbourne Speedway Club; after the excitement of a full league racing season with the Kent Royals the track wound down its on-track activities with some domestic meetings. The only disappointment being a three-team tournament scheduled for Sunday 29th October which had to be cancelled due to the torrential rain making the track too wet to race on.

The remaining fixtures went ahead and were a case of first and last events. On Sunday 22nd October the Club ran its first ever full race meeting for the flat track riders. The flat trackers have previously only used the track for training and practising purposes and after a lot of persuasion and planning some 35 riders enjoyed a proper race meeting. As it was the first flat track meeting we have held it was a very low key affair but the whole day ran very smoothly. Everyone who took part enjoyed themselves and had a full afternoon's racing so much so there is a definite movement to run some more race meetings next year.

On Saturday 11th November our final planned fixture was a special training day. It was run by an enterprising couple who load up an articulated lorry with all the speedway

gear you can think of, travel around the country hiring tracks and operating as a mobile speedway training school to give aspiring trainees a chance to sample speedway without the expense of buying their own equipment. Unfortunately, due to economic pressures and a lack of riders and tracks this was the very last training day the couple would do before retiring. A packed day with 16 would-be riders and plenty of sunshine made it a good day to finish on. The couple who run the training school have been friends and supporters of the track for many years and have a long association with the Club so it was perhaps rather fitting that they ended their last training day here at Iwade.

Now as the speedway season ends there is no chance of the staff at the Club putting their feet up as the winter will see some major work carried out with a new safety fence to be installed, a new air fence to be put up and the track completely re-laid with a new surface in readiness for the 2024 season.

Lastly, the Club would like to wish all their supporters, officials, helpers, volunteers and friends together with all our friends from the Kent Royals a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone in 2024

IWADE READING AND BOOK GROUP

Jackie Kemp

At our November meeting we talked about a book called 'Blood in the Garden', by a relatively local author, Chris O'Donoghue. It is set in the 1950s in East Sussex, and criss-crosses into West Kent throughout the story. The local police Superintendent hands over to Inspector Sonny Russell to investigate two missing people. There are many 'strands' to the tale, and a number of 'dead ends' that delayed the eventual disclosure of the somewhat complex ending.

The story is one of a series, almost all located in East Sussex, and written by a local man. This is the fifth of his books; each one is set in the 1950s and early 1960s. Until this latest book the stories have focused on the sea often around Rye and Camber and the local fishing business, and this latest book is the first one that reaches into Kent. The books are not brutal, are descriptive of life in the 50s and paint a picture in your mind of mid-20th century life, uniforms, means of travel and trust in the support of the locality.

Each of the books begin the title "Blood on the ..." so if you read one book be prepared for others also set in a post World War 2 scenario.

The Iwade Book group is going to meet for a Christmas festive lunch in December (where I am sure we will talk about books among many other things) but will return to sharing our reports of books we have read and shared, enjoyed or been disappointed with, in the New Year. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in The Barn at about 11am. Not all the chatter is about the book; you are welcome to join us and chat away with coffee and a cake usually!

It has been suggested that the book for the start of 2024 will be "The Good Servant" by Fern Britton. It is £2.99 on Kindle, which is at a cost that is not as expensive as newly published books!!





IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES CONTINUED...

3. Swale Western Area Committee –
The next meeting will be held on 30 November.

4. Swale West Parishes – The next meeting will be held 21 November at Iwade Village Hall.

Any Other Matters Arising

- Cllr. Dollimore will speak with KSM Limited about a removable bollard due to be fitted in Sheerstone to enable access to the lamppost that needs repairing.
- Council members have been invited to the CCTV control centre later this month.
- The Clerk discussed signs to be displayed about fly-tipping in Sheppey Way.
- The Clerk advised the annual audit has been passed and notices were posted on the Parish Council website and noticeboards on 25 September. This will be added to the next agenda.
- Council members reported a white coach parked in Sheerstone has been clamped by the DVLA and asked PC Jez Chittim to look into this.



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM GORDON HENDERSON A BUSY YEAR!

Gordon Henderson, MP for Sittingbourne & Sheppey

The last year has been busy as usual. There is always a lot going on in our area, which makes Sittingbourne and Sheppey such an interesting place in which to live!

For instance, there have been continuing challenges to drivers on the A249 because of the construction work taking place at the Stockbury Roundabout. I have spent a lot of time liaising with National Highways, and their sub-contractors GRAHAM, to ensure that disruption was kept to a minimum. Although drivers who got stuck in traffic jams will probably not believe this, but the situation could have been worse if steps had not been taken to mitigate the worst disruption!

Now local drivers are also having to cope with construction work on the Grovehurst Roundabout, so now I am having to badger Kent Highways, and their sub-contractor Jackson Civil Engineering, to try and improve the traffic management in the area. As I write (at the beginning of November) the current arrangements are simply unacceptable and I have demanded a rethink. Hopefully, by the time you read this improvements will have been made to reduce the damaging affect the disruption is having on so many communities, not least the residents of Iwade.

The problem experienced by local residents has been exacerbated by the long-running work being done by Southern Water to find the source of a water leak. My office has been doing whatever we can to force Southern Water to either repair the leak, or abandon their search for the source!

The problem with our local roads is just one of the many issues that my staff and I have been dealing with during the past year. For instance, we have been pressing the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board to take steps to increase the number of GPs in our area, particularly Iwade. I have also been working with Kent County Council and the Department for Education, to resolve the historic problem of inadequate secondary education on the Isle of Sheppey, a problem that has a knock-on affect in Iwade and the rest of Sittingbourne because of the large number of children who are bussed from the Island every day to schools in the town.

I can assure the residents of Iwade that my team and I will be continuing to work hard to resolve these problems and more. We will be helped in our efforts by the new Conservative Parliamentary Candidate, Aisha Cuthbert, who will be working closely with me before I stand down at the next General Election.

Meanwhile, may I take this opportunity to wish the residents of Iwade a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!



PASTORAL LETTER

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: GOD OPENS A WAY WHEN THERE SEEMS NO WAY

Have you ever faced a situation that just seemed impossible? Where there was no obvious way forward? Is this in fact your current reality?

This has been our experience in recent weeks when helping Lesley, a missionary who was living in Uganda. She had broken her femur in January and had been living in pain for eight months as she could not afford an operation there. There were several hurdles to overcome in bringing her back to the UK. But this week we hit another barrier. She was ready to be discharged at the end of her hospital rehabilitation but had nowhere to go, with no obvious options at all.

We prayed and then sent out an email to those on our contact list on Thursday seeking urgent help, not knowing what might be possible. Yet later that same day we received an amazing generous offer from someone to use their house, while they are out of the country, for as long as she needs. Someone else also generously offered sharing their house, simply because they could not see Lesley being homeless.

In the circumstances, we can only say that the Lord made a

way when no way seemed possible. We couldn't help saying "Praise the Lord!" In Matthew 19.26 we read, "there are some things people cannot do, but God can do anything". This is the promise we trusted in and held onto despite all. In this instance the way forward emerged quickly. But in writing these words I am painfully aware that this doesn't always happen in the way or timescale we would wish. Sometimes all we can do is press on, looking to the Lord and trusting.


Soon we will be marking Advent in preparation for the Christmas season. 2000 years ago, people were looking for freedom from oppressive rulers. Some still have that same hope today. In sending Jesus as Emmanuel (God with us) the Lord opened the way to new life free from sin (our innate tendency to go our own way rather than God's) through the power of sacrificial love shown on the cross at Easter. This tells us that God has been and is always making a way where there seems no other possible way to bring life, peace, and hope.

What seems impossible in your life right now? Will you invite Jesus to be your way today?

Blessings

Julian

Rev Julian Staniforth, Rector of The Six benefice



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UPDATE FROM CITIZENS ADVICE SWALE - NOVEMBER 2023

We're delighted to announce that our Sheppey drop-in session is now up and running, in addition to

Sittingbourne and Faversham.

Call in without an appointment at one of the following times:

- Mondays, 10am-12pm - Swale House, Sittingbourne
- Tuesdays, 10am-12pm - Sheppey Gateway, Sheerness
- Wednesdays and Fridays, 10am-12pm - 43 Stone Street, Faversham

Our services are subject to adviser availability. Please follow us on social media (Facebook and Twitter) for up to date opening hours.

In addition to our face-to-face services you can still contact us on the phone and online (see below).

The last drop-in session before Christmas will be on Friday 22 December, with our offices reopening on Tuesday 2 January. The national Adviceline service will be running a

reduced service over the Christmas period (excluding weekends and bank holidays).

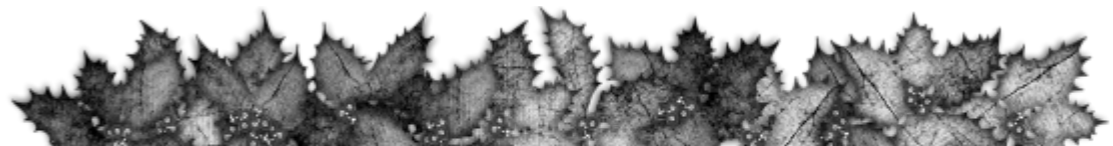
We wish all our clients a very merry Christmas.

How can we help you?

General Advice: Call Adviceline on 0808 278 7979, send an online request at <https://citizensadviceswale.uk/email-general-advice/> (Monday-Wednesday) or come to a drop-in session.

Debt: Request a call back at <https://citizensadviceswale.uk/debt/>

We offer free, confidential and impartial advice to people living or working in and around Faversham, Sheppey and Sittingbourne. In addition to general advice we offer specialist advice services including debt and benefits. We're an independent charity and we rely on donations and grants to make a difference to people in our community.



IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2023

Present

Cllr. A. Dollimore - Chair
Cllr. S. Waters – Vice Chair
Cllr. S. Tolhurst
Cllr. S. Lancashire
Cllr. B. Whiting
Cllr. D. Waters
Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. S. Fuszard
County Cllr M. Baldock
PC Jez Chittim
Samantha Gray, Clerk
4 Residents

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Hyde and Stalley-Moores, and Borough Councillor Lloyd Chapman. No apologies received from Cllr. Guest.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Langham, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29 August 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Tolhurst, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 September 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

Visitors/Public Time

1. Visitors

a. A resident asked for an update about the Southern Water leakage investigation on Ferry Road. The chairman advised the Clerk has posted an update on Facebook and on the Parish Council website:

<https://www.iwade-pc.gov.uk/community/iwade-parish-council-18357/southern-water-updates/>

b. A resident also reported that contractors working at night causing a lot of noise, and the Chairman advised utility repairs run 24/7.

c. A resident asked about the high amount of traffic being diverted

through Iwade due to the A249 slip road closures. The Chairman advised the Parish Council have expressed their concerns and the decisions have been made by Kent Highways.

d. A resident asked about the car meets at Ridham Dock. They reported hearing noise in the evenings, and beer cans are left in the area. PC Chittim advised they are planning an operation involving using a drone over the area. The police also have a section 34 dispersal order to deal with incidents. They are looking into a more permanent measure. Council members suggested looking into moving a CCTV camera to a column at Ridham Dock.

Action: Clerk

2. County and Borough Councillors

County Cllr. M. Baldock advised the following:

a. Cllr. Baldock advised he has grant money available and agreed to grant £200 towards the cost of the defibrillator which will be placed at Iwade Village Hall.

Action: Clerk/RFO

b. It has been discussed in the past to look at a conservation area for Iwade, but the officer does not think there is a large enough area to do one. They have suggested doing an article 4 for the Pub and the Church to give the area some protection. There will be an update about this at the next Western Area Committee Meeting.

c. The next Swale Area Committee meeting is 21 November at Iwade Village Hall.

d. I have received reports of tire burning in the area, this has been reported to the relevant authority.

e. There are currently three major road work projects close together – Junction 5, Grovehurst Road & Key Street is coming up. All diversions are in the same direction. At the Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting a Swale officer advised they are looking into this, and made a proposal that

KCC, Highways England, utility companies and council members form a working group to co-ordinate this.

3. Community Warden / PCSO

No report received from the Community Warden.

Police Constable Jez Chittim reported he has received some calls regarding a Public Right of Way between Springvale and Sheerstone, and has applied for a temporary CCTV camera to be placed in the area.

There will hopefully be a site meeting with the Environment Agency at Raspberry Hill Farm.

There have been a few traffic issues at the temporary traffic lights on Ferry Road.

A task force was out in the village on 16 September to deal with dirt bikes driving in an antisocial manner around the village.

PC Chittim also supplied a documented report to council members. See Appendix 1.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Plaques for remembrance – Clerk to research anti-tamper proof plaques and keep on the agenda.

Action: Clerk

2. Maintenance at Pinch Point – Ferry Road – Cllr. Fuszard is working on creating a map of the planters in the village and will include the pinch point, and also suggested incorporating the plaques to add the name of the volunteer maintaining each planter. Going forward we will keep the contact details for each volunteer.

3. ASB & Crime relating to the PROW between Springvale and Sheerstone – As advised by PC Jez Chittim, an application has been made to install temporary CCTV in the area. Keep on the Agenda

Action: Clerk

4. Update: contacting local businesses regarding litter in the Village Centre – Cllr. Fuszard contacted Nisa and Trio Management to ask for

their help keeping the Village Centre clean by emptying the bins outside the shop. Council members have noted the bins have been emptied more often and the management company have emptied the bins every two weeks.

Members noted litter has built up in the car park, there is one bin owned by Swale Borough Council which is not big enough. Keep on the agenda.

Action: Clerk

5. Update: water leak on Ferry Road – Council members met with Southern Water on Monday 2 October, and have a direct contact with the team who will keep the council updated. See item 4.1 above for a link to the latest update from Southern Water.

Planning

Applications are viewable on: Swale: <http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications>; KCC: <https://cloud2.atriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do>

No current planning applications.

Correspondence

Highway Improvement Plan 2023-24 –

The Clerk circulated a copy of a Highway Improvement Plan to Council members with two requests from residents. Members advised a request for double yellow lines to stay on the form. A request to ease parking in roads closest to Iwade School has been made, and council members advised the Clerk to send a letter to residents in those areas regarding a permit scheme. It has also been reported that Iwade School staff have been parking in Meadow Close, members advised the Clerk to write to the school.

Action: Clerk

Finance

1. Canon Printer for RFO – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Waters, members agreed to purchase a printer for the RFO at the cost of £49.99 incl VAT.

2. Interim Internal Audit – Council members advised they would like an interim audit, proposed by Cllr. S.

Waters and seconded by Cllr. D. Waters.

Action: Clerk/RFO

3. Utility Aid – Proposed by Cllr. S. Waters and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, members agreed to appoint and authorise Utility Aid Ltd as our nominated Energy Consultant.

Action: Clerk/RFO

4. Salt bins for Village Hall Car Park Need size 50 – 450kg – Members agreed to purchase two 450kg salt bins at a cost of £258.14 incl VAT each. Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. S. Waters.

Action: Clerk/RFO

5. Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting – Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Langham, members noted the budget figures and the accounts to 30 September. The following payments were agreed, Cllrs. Whiting and Langham to log in and authorize payments.

Action: Cllrs. Whiting/Langham

Projects – Updates on Current and New

1. Iwade Clean Up Event 22 October – PC Jez Chittim will look into holding a drop in surgery in the village hall.

Action: Clerk

2. Christmas Event 2023 – 3 December – Cllr. Dollimore discussed the lamppost that needs to be replaced at Telly Tubby Hill with Cllr. Baldock and advised we use the post to power the Christmas tree. The Clerk will forward information to Cllr. Baldock.

Action: Clerk

Cllr. Dollimore advised he will arrange the following: Dancers with EDC, First aid volunteers, 4x4 response, lantern parade and Santa.

Action: Cllr. Dollimore

3. D-Day 80th Anniversary Beacon Lighting – 6 June 2024 – Cllr. Baldock advised knows a bagpiper and will find out if he is available for the event. Cllr. Dollimore will contact a Bugler. Clerk

to look into contacting the Fish and Chip shop about the event as 6 June 2024 is also national Fish and Chip day.

Action: Clerk/Cllr. Dollimore

4. Village Repairs:

a. Lamp column painting – The Clerk previously advised council members she spoke with Phil Papas at KCC who informed her there is no budget left for this year, but is aware of our request for lamp columns to be painted. They will be inspecting lamp columns again in November/December, and may be able to paint some next year after April.

b. To agree cost for planting up the Planters – Still awaiting cost from handyman. Cllr. Dollimore also requested a quote to be obtained from KSM Limited.

Action: Clerk

c. Any other updates – Cllr. Waters asked the Clerk to include item ‘Tracker’ on the agenda going forward.

Action: Clerk

Reports from Representatives

1. Hall – Cllr. Langham reported that the Village Hall has a new trustee – Cllr. Lancashire. The new door fitment is being arranged with the contractor, bookings are coming in well and they are now allowing parties for 16 to 18 year olds with the condition they must have a security doorman.

2. KALC – Cllr. Langham attended the Swale Area Committee meeting on 26 September and reported the following:

- Larissa Reed could not attend but supplied a question and answer document – see Appendix 2.

- On 14 November there is a Planning Education meeting at Swale House.

- The KALC meeting will also take place on 14 November at Iwade Village Hall.

- When objecting to planning applications it is important a Parish Council member attends the meeting at Swale House to represent the council.