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Editor's Note

There is so much to squeeze into this month's issue, we would just like to say thank you to everyone who contributed an article or a photo you are all brilliant! If you have a story (big or small), a photo or a resident's discount from an Iwade based business you would like to add to the next issue we would love to hear from you (contact details above). The Iwade Observer Team are taking a break for our holidays so we will see you all in September. Have a fantastic summer and don't forget to book your tickets for Iwade Rock!

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So Long Farewell

We say farewell to lots of Iwade families this summer who are quite literally flying the Iwade nest for fairer climes, from Brighton to Bangkok and Abu Dhabi! Nicola and Steve Hoyle and their children Jacob and Amelia will be heading to Brighton and we wish them all the best. Claire Bird and Christopher Barnes with their children Lauren and Jennifer and even the dog Monty will be heading to Bangkok in Thailand for two years. We wish them all well and hope they will head back to Iwade when they are done! Ann and Andy Menzies are heading off to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates as Ann has been offered a job teaching Computer Science in a school for three years. We hope to see you back in Iwade when you want a break from the lovely weather!

We are only a little bit jealous. Good luck to you all!

Iwade's Big Lunch

Firstly I would like to thank everybody who came to Iwade's Big Lunch on Sunday 2nd June. Thankfully the weather held out and despite the wind there was a great turn out. From the raffle, name the giraffe, cake sale and odd donations we managed to raise £97.60, which means £48.80 for Iwade allotments and £48.80 for Macmillan nurses. I'm sure it's safe to say everybody had fun and hopefully the children will be successful in growing the seeds they planted on the day.



Katrina Wiseman

Iwade Observer

July 2013

Thank you to Robert Ormsby for this month's title photo of the ducks on Woodpecker pond.

Iwade Totally Rocks!

It's almost here, Iwade's main event of the summer, Iwade Rock!! 10 local bands will rock the village on the 20th July from 12pm. So get your tickets at www.bookwhen.com/iwade-village-hall-events. Adults £3, children 5-8 years £1.50 (under 5's need a free ticket) all in aid of The Sittingbourne First Responders and The Iwade Village Hall. On the day tickets can be purchased for £4 adults and £2.50 children. Live music, food, drink and hopefully some sunshine- we can't wait!!

'IWADE'S ONE AND ONLY' 3RD ANNUAL

Iwade Rock 2013
Live and Loud in North East Kent

CHARITY MUSIC FESTIVAL
BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE

IWADE VILLAGE HALL FERRY ROAD IWADE SITTINGBOURNE KENT

FUN FILLED FAMILY DAY
PURPOSE BUILT SEATGE - 5K PA AND LIGHTING
10 LIVE BANDS FROM 12PM ONWARDS
BBQ, LICENSED BAR, KIDS RIDES, STALLS, BOUNCY CASTLE, RACING BUS
PLUS MUCH MUCH MORE...

SAT 20TH JULY 2013
12PM-10PM

British Schools Weight Lifting Champion for the Second Time

Josh Killick of Stangate Drive, recently won the British Schools Weight Lifting Championships for his age group, held in Oldbury near Birmingham. This is his second time as British Champion and made the long trek to Birmingham very worthwhile.

The competition requires three lifts of Snatch and three of Clean and Jerk and Josh managed all six clean lifts. The Schools Competition awards points for technique as well as the actual weight lifted, encouraging the youngsters to concentrate on perfecting their lifting skills as well as developing their strength.

Josh trains twice a week at the

Foundations Weight Lifting Club run by Paul Schaffner and has now added the British crown to the South East and London Championship he already held.

If any local youngster is interested in taking up the sport of Olympic weightlifting, then Paul would be happy to talk to



them, together with their parents. Paul can be contacted on 01795 428912.

Josh was recently awarded a certificate for outstanding achievement in the field of sport or outdoor activity. This came from the Swale District of Try Angle, which is an initiative established by Kent County Council to recognise the achievement of youngsters across a very wide range of activities.

In addition to his weight lifting, Josh also plays football regularly for Iwade Herons, alternating between outfield positions and goalkeeper.

Well done Josh!



Looks like everyone enjoyed throwing wet sponges at Iwade School's P.E staff. What good sports!



Left, an aerial view of our wonderful village from above Woodpecker Park.

Santa Does Iwade

On the 24th December 2012, Dobby the forgetful elf made a mistake. He forgot to put 202 presents

onto the sleigh which meant Santa and his elves had to personally deliver the missed presents to the children of Iwade.

Santa enjoyed coming to Iwade so much though that he wants to visit the village again, but needs some help to do so.

Could you give up some of your time on Christmas Eve to help, or are you planning an event and want Santa and his elves to make a visit?

Please visit www.santa2u.co.uk for more details.

We would just like to apologise for reminding you that on 1st July there are just 177 days till Christmas!



Dates for the Diary

•**Thursday 4 July 11:15-11:25 •Mobile Library•**
Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of I.D required to join. 07740 183758

•**Saturday 6 July 19:00 •Annual Summer Concert•**
All Saint's Church welcomes the return of the UK Paper Band for the Annual Summer Concert. Tickets available on the night or reserve yours on 01795 478103 £5 each (concessions £4). Under 5's free(refreshments included.).Please bring your own seats, but concert will be inside if it's damp.

•**Monday 8th July 19:30 •Patient Participation Group Meeting•**
A representative from Malling Health will be attending this meeting.

•**Wednesday 10 July 19:30 •Iwade Parish Council Meeting•**
Every second Wednesday of the month, residents encouraged to go to Parish Council meetings in Iwade Village Hall.

•**Sunday 14 July 10:00-13:00 •Iwade Village Market•**
Iwade Market under the management of stall-holder Steve Theobald has gone from strength to strength in recent months and is well attended with a fantastic range of stalls. Visit the Iwade Village Market web page to find out more... Every second Sunday of the month, breakfast available from 10am, hope to see you there!

•**Wednesday 17 July 19:30 •W.I. Blue Town Visit•**
Visit to Blue Town Museum on the Isle of Sheppey with Cream Tea

•**Thursday 18 July 11:15-11:25 •Mobile Library•**

•**Saturday 20 July 12:00-22:00 •Iwade Rock•**
Village Hall. With everything under one roof, live music, food, drink, kids entertainment and much more. Advance ticket sales are available right now to pre book. Details of all the events, bands, ticket enquiries and on the day events visit the FB page www.facebook.com/iwaderock

•**Saturday 27 July 15:00 •Strawberry Tea•**
Number 21 Sheerstone.

•**Thursday 1 August 11:15 •Mobile Library•**

•**Sunday 11 August 10:00 •Iwade Village Market•**

•**Wednesday 14 August 19:30 •Iwade Parish Council Meeting•**

•**Thursday 15 August 10:30-1:30 •Fun In The Park•**
Grove Park Children's Centre hosts a teddy bears picnic with Mike Spackman, The Community Chef, in Woodpecker park (next to the village hall) Bring a teddy and a picnic blanket and join us there! Food is provided for children to prepare their picnic, however if your child has any food allergies or for more info please contact Reina or Helen on 01795 477446

•**Wednesday 21 August 19:30 •W.I. Meeting•**
Kristina Bouldon from Romney Marsh Wools will be at the August meeting.

•**Thursday 29 August 11:15 • Mobile Library•**

•**Sunday 8 September 10:00 •Iwade Village Market•**

•**Wednesday 11 September 19:30 •Iwade Parish Council Meeting•**

•**Thursday 12 September 11:15 •Mobile Library•**

•**Saturday 14 September 10:00 •Annual Iwade Church Cycle•**
Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride (in this case ride!). Friendly group, no pressure to ride fast, 2 different routes, all good fun and you can raise money for All Saint's Church at the same time. Email Dave at kirstyanddave@the-wastalls.net or telephone Nicola on 01795 439892

•**Wednesday 18 September 19:30 •W.I. Harvest Supper•**

SPEEDWAY CLUB REMEMBER FOUNDER

Sittingbourne Speedway Club will, on the 7th July 2013 host a very special event - The Ivor Thomas Memorial Meeting.

Ivor, along with brother Barry originally built the track at Iwade way back in 1971 and for many years Ivor and Barry ran Iwade Speedway, gradually developing the track and surrounding area and giving countless would-be riders their first taste of speedway.

Ivor sadly passed away in February this year and this meeting has been arranged to give an opportunity for friends and family to get together and remember the man that started it all.

KEMARA

Active Over 50's Art Class

At Holy Trinity Church Hall

Green Porch Close Milton Regis

Starting

Thursday 30th May 2013 12.15pm – 1.15pm

Experienced Teacher £3 per Class

Please ring Pat Carnell 01795 550190

Strawberry Tea

On Saturday 27th July come and join us for a Strawberry Tea in the garden of no 21 Sheerstone. Starts at 3.00pm and there will be delicious scones with homemade jam and clotted cream, Kentish Strawberries and cream, cherries along with home made jams and cakes. All profits go towards the upkeep of our pretty little Church. Come along with your family for a very British afternoon.

20% discount on oven or BBQ cleaning for Iwade residents in July

Cookers start from £30 and BBQs start from £20. To book, please call Chris Shrubbsall on 07449679781 or visit www.cpovencleaners.co.uk



Slow Down For Horses

by Sam Nathan.

Each year there are 3,000 accidents involving horses on the roads. Horses are big powerful animals that are easily frightened. A collision with a horse poses considerable risk to the vehicle and passengers as well as the horse and rider.

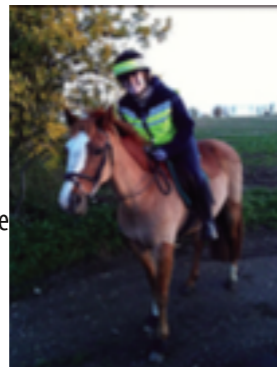
Riders prefer not to ride on the roads but often have no choice to reach bridleways and other off road facilities. Riders and drivers need to be responsible for each others safety.

Drivers :

- Please slow down and watch out for horses on rural roads, particularly when approaching bends.
- Pass wide and slow when it is safe to do so.
- Do not rev your engine or sound the horn.

Riders:

- Always wear hi-visibility clothing & a helmet.
- Do not ride at night or in poor visibility.
- Be courteous to other road users, acknowledge them and move quickly along to a suitable passing place.
- Remember to THANK the driver.



Thank you for your article Sam.

Clean Up Clean Up

Iwade Parish Council are keen to organise a Village Clean Up this year which is a great community event and finishes with Iwade looking spick and span!

The date hasn't been confirmed as we go to print so keep an eye on the new Iwade Parish Council noticeboard outside Londis, Iwade Does Facebook page if you are so inclined and also our own website www.IwadeVillage.co.uk so you're able to get involved when the time comes.

We will be there and we hope to see you all there too, keeping Iwade looking lovely!

Tinkerbells Early Years

The children were very fortunate recently to have had a visit from 'Zoolab' which, like past events proved to be a very enjoyable experience for all involved.

The children have also been making the most of the fine weather we have seen and have spent time up at our allotment tending to the fruit and vegetables that they have planted. The children always enjoy spending time at the allotment and would like to take this opportunity to thank Matt from MHS Paddock Maintenance (contact no: 07517 988 887) for the kind donation of the picnic table which the children are making good use of at the allotment.

In theme with this terms topic Healthy Living, we recently, in partnership with Grove Park Children's Centre, held a Healthy Lifestyle

Workshop. The workshop proved to be a really successful afternoon and we would like to thank everyone involved and all the families that attended.

It has been a very busy term for all children at Tinkerbells. We recently had our sports day which was a really enjoyable event and our school leavers have been preparing to go to school. The school leavers also have their leaver's assembly and leaver's day out to look forward to, which I'm sure will be both fun and emotional for all involved.

Finally, we would just like to say how proud we are that Tinkerbells has been published in an Early Years book. The article is focused on our allotment and how we support children's development and the book is called 'The Growing Child' by Clair Stevens.

Kids putting the FUN into Fundraising

By Ellie Marsh and Kate Trust

(Year 6, Dover)

Year 6 have been doing fundraising to raise money for our year end trip to Chessington. So far we've done lots of activities such as selling cakes and ice pops, held penalty shoot outs and a very difficult sponsored silence! Our fund raising is still continuing with Iwade's Got Talent and a Washing the Teachers Cars event. We have nearly raised the money we need to go and it is an excellent opportunity to have the chance to visit Chessington with our friends. Thanks to everyone that has bought things or donated. We can't wait!

Well done Dover and Arundel Classes, we hope you have a fantastic day! And thank you Ellie and Kate for your article

Have you seen Bella?

Kitten Bella went missing from her owners back garden on Wednesday 15th May. She wasn't wearing a collar and hadn't yet been micro chipped. All local vets within Sittingbourne and Sheppey have been notified, along with the RSPCA and Cats Protection. Bella is insured through Pet Plan and they are also aware she is missing. There is a cash reward on offer for anyone finding Bella and returning her home.

If you see Bella or know where she is, her owner can be contacted on:- 01795 439031 or 07544 258 497.



School Lane Playing Field

Iwade Parish Council has been getting clarification from Persimmon Homes as to what is going to be happening on the playing field at the top of School Lane.

The playing field is currently closed off as Persimmon will soon be starting work on the field which forms part of the drainage strategy for the whole development, so it will therefore not be possible to re-open the field. Once work starts on the drainage, Persimmon will be taking extra security measures to make sure the site is secure.

Persimmon Homes have a legal obligation to pass the field back to the community by the time the 100th house on the development is occupied. Currently, they feel that as a guide they are looking at around 30-36 months until they reach that point. The current play equipment will be removed but new equipment will be installed before it is passed back. Persimmon are also speaking to Iwade Herons FC to arrange the removal of the single goal post.

The Parish Council understand the frustrations of having the village playing field closed off and will continue to liaise with Persimmon, but they ask residents to please bear with the situation as once the field is handed back it will bring much better facilities to the village.

Back In The Saddle

On Saturday 14th September 2013 a friendly group of cyclists will meet at All Saint's Church Iwade at 10 for 10.30am to do a cycle tour of Kent churches.

The emphasis is on fun, not extreme riding and there will be 2 routes this year to allow for different fitness levels.

Lots of beginners have taken part in past years and had a lovely time cycling from church to church, often with the stop at the church longer than the cycle. If you're lucky, the stop includes tea and cake, or a glass of squash and a digestive biscuit otherwise! Lower Halstow won the best church refreshments award two years ago as they had two choices of home-made cake!

This year, Dave Wastall is back in the saddle for Iwade after a year off and is even happy to organise a weekend training ride or two for anyone that wants to stretch their legs! We'll be raising money for All Saint's Church Iwade and Friends of Kent Churches so you'll be riding for a very worthy cause on your doorstep!

If you fancy joining up, please email Dave at kirstyanddave@the-wastalls.net or to sponsor the team, you can donate online at justgiving.com/Team-Iwade-RideandStride or call Nicola on 439892. Thank you!

Give it a whirl!

If you are planning a wedding ceilidh or preparing for Burns Night or just want to try Scottish Country Dancing why not go along to Iwade Village Hall on a Friday evening from 7.30-10.30pm. For just £3 including refreshments you can enjoy Scottish Country Dancing with Sheerness Scottish Heather Club! The first part of the session is dedicated to beginners so don't be shy and give it a try for guaranteed fun and fitness! For further information telephone Ernestine on 07952 382 424 or just go along.

Back to Nature for Iwade Residents

Organisers are in talks with Swale Borough Council about hosting a Family Camp night, at the end of summer in Woodpecker Park to raise funds for the Iwade Nature and Conservation Group. The idea was born out of the last 'star gazing' night, when residents who partook expressed a wish to just stay and camp. Many families have mentioned how they would like to try 'back garden' camping with the family, but our new builds just don't lend itself to this. The idea has been greatly received so far, but given the size of Woodpecker Park and the space available to us, there will be a limit on numbers and spaces will have to be booked and paid for in advance.

For more information go to Iwade Does Facebook or check the village notice boards.

Getting ready to go! by Ann Menzies

I'm in the process of transforming my garden from a labour intensive hobby to minimal maintenance in the space of only a couple of months. It was already under redevelopment due to the advent of my 'destruction crew', aka my chickens, last Easter, but with a three year relocation now in the pipeline I need to get the project finished by mid-August. Pots and baskets of plants need constant attention if they are to keep in good health. Even though we might think it's always raining the canopy of a plant often stops rain reaching the soil in a pot and the roots are confined so they can't spread out to find water and nutrients for themselves. Slow release fertilizers and water retaining granules help enormously, but container grown plants can still need watering daily, especially if we have a dry, windy spell. I'm planting all my

plants directly into the garden, as I know that although willing, my son will find it hard enough to maintain the house, allotment and care for the animals, without worrying about me coming home to find my favourite plants dried to a crisp and/or starved to death. My lemon tree is going to be planted into the border soil of my greenhouse, with the gravel base put back in place to conserve moisture. I don't think it will suffer too much, as it will be able to spread its roots beyond the greenhouse to the soil outside. The camellia and rhododendron are also going to take their chance in the garden, with the planting holes lined with ericaceous compost as they like an acid ph. I have tested the soil in the border, and it is already a bit on the acid side, so hopefully they will fare ok. I'm hoping when my eldest son

comes down for an extended stay in July he will re-do my front garden. It is tiny, and being south facing, very dry much of the time, so the grasses and lavender that inhabit it are already used to tough conditions. However weeds do manage to creep in, and as I don't use the front door that often I'm ashamed to say it isn't always as good looking as it should be. However, I do have some weed suppressant fabric, and some slate obtained from Freecycle. The plan is to dig up the existing plants, lay the fabric down and plant back through before covering with the slate. When I come back for my daughter's wedding next year I want to be able to concentrate on her, not stress about the state of the garden!

Nb: Please see front page for news of Ann's exciting travels.

Patient Participation Group for Iwade Health Centre

The new provider and management company for IHC will be Malling Health from Monday 17th June. Malling Health are already successfully running 21 health centres so we are hopeful that they will bring their expertise and knowledge to IHC too.

Questions and concerns raised were; The late running of the surgeries – this has proved to be the hot topic as some patients love the ‘personal touch’ but others don’t. The reception staff can only let arriving patients know how many patients are in front of them, not a time unfortunately. It will be raised with Malling Health at the earliest opportunity.

Removal of the toys from the waiting area – these were removed as it was felt cross contamination may take place between the poorly children. They will be reinstated and posters will be displayed encouraging the use of hand washing. If any patients have clean, good condition toys they would be willing to donate, please take them to reception. Ideal toys are building blocks like Duplo. Any donated toys would need to be silent and have no small parts.



Disabled access to the reception desk and surgeries – All posters will be removed from the glass partition of the reception desk, enabling all disabled patients to see and speak to the reception staff easily. Entry doors into the surgeries are heavy, so a marker will be put against a patients record if they require additional assistance from IHC staff.

Telephone system – Great improvements have been made to the telephone system with much fewer complaints. 03000 426666 is the new number for IHC but the original one will continue alongside until further notice. The new number is classed as a local number, not premium rate.

Online booking system – A new online booking system will be introduced this year. Patients will be able to book up to 2 appointments only with either the doctor or the nurse. The system is currently being used in numerous other

health centres with great success.

Dot Matrix Board – All names will continue to be displayed on the board as this was felt to be the most convenient method of letting patients know it was their turn. No data protection laws are broken as no personal information is given out. If the staff called a name verbally, it would be the same information as on the board (just a name).

The next meeting will be held at IHC at 19:30 on Monday 8th July 2013. Soft drinks are available and kindly provided by Iwade Pharmacy. Malling Health will be in attendance.

The PPG is set up for patients to raise concerns or give ideas for IHC. It is run by volunteers who are keen to engage the local community with the new providers. Only by voicing your concerns directly to the PPG or by using the suggestion box inside IHC will your voice be heard. No health centre is perfect, but together, we can make IHC the best it can be, but it needs more of us to do that. The more people we have at the meetings, the more Malling Health will have to listen to any concerns or ideas we have.

Iwade Parish Council Notes from the minutes of meeting held on 8th May 2013

- The Chair welcomed Parishioners to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Jennings, Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes and the PCSO.
- The welcome was also extended to the newly elected County Councillors, Roger Truelove and Lee Burgess. Councillor Mike Whiting was also present and the Chair thanked him on behalf of the Parish Council for all he has done and appreciation of all his support for Iwade.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

- 20 m.p.h. Speed Limit in Iwade – The response received from County Cllr. Bryan Sweetland is good and he thinks the Parish Council should pursue this in the summer, which will coincide with the completion of the trials outside Maidstone schools.
- Secondary School Transport – Bullying Issues – Cllr. Gale has circulated the School Incident Policy, which he was given by the Police. He has also visited the bus company and they agreed to put up posters in prominent places on buses. He has also had a reply from the Child Protection Unit at the NSPCC, who will give guidance with the help line. All this information will be fed down to the schools.
- School Lane Playing Field – Clerk to write to Graeme Tuff and Jim Wilson, from Swale Borough Council inviting them to attend the June meeting to discuss the Playing Field. The Parish Council is aware that at the present time there is nowhere in Iwade for children to play football and although the playing field will eventually be re-opened there is no indication from Persimmon as to timescales. There is still concern that children are accessing the site, although it has been fenced off. Clerk instructed to write to try and ascertain timescales and requesting that a ‘Private Land’ sign be erected.
- Youth Council – Councillor Wastall reported that sadly despite contacting all those present at the last meeting, who expressed an interest in creating a Council; only one person had come forward. Clerk instructed to get in touch with Bianca Reynolds from CATs to see if they can take this forward and to also invite her to the next meeting to discuss the group’s work in Iwade.
- Neighbourhood Plans – Cllr. Mitchell has been trying to ascertain how much it will cost to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Iwade, but the issue is that we don’t know how much work we can do ‘in-house’ to reduce the costs. Additionally there is no clear indication as to how much funding the Parish Council could receive.

Visitors/Public Time

- Parishioners – A Parishioner raised the issue of open space and the lack of any plans. Members responded that the Playing Field will be open when the Pavilion and LEAP work has been completed; at the present time (as already advised to villagers) it is owned by Persimmon, when complete it will then

be handed over to Swale Borough Council, who will become the new owners. The Parish Council has never owned the land; has tried on several occasions to purchase it but the owner always wanted to use it for housing, but this never came to fruition. The field was leased to the Council on a ‘peppercorn rent’; the lease being drawn up by a Solicitor; thus the Parish Council could never claim this as a ‘village green’. The Parish Council has and is looking into this issue.

- County Cllr. Roger Truelove is now one of our new County Councillors; he has been our County Councillor before and will do what he can to support Iwade.
- County Cllr. Lee Burgess is our other new County Councillor; he has also been a Parish Councillor with Tunstall for four years and is at present the Chairman; he too will do whatever he can to help Iwade.
- Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – Nick’s report has been circulated to Members and contents noted. The traffic lights have been under investigation and it now looks as though the whole thing needs to be replaced, and will be one of the first within this new financial year. He has also had a complaint about cars parking on the yellow lines in School Lane; Swale Borough Council will monitor the situation. He has also had complaints about construction staff parking their cars near to existing homes in Woodpecker Drive. Nick has spoken to the Site Manager and he will get them on site (there is sufficient site parking). Nick mentioned that Wards are part of the ‘Considerate Construction Scheme’ and residents could go to them with any complaints.

Finance

- Year end Accounts and Asset Register – The Clerk advised that the accounts to the 31st March, 2013 had been adjusted due to VAT payments and the Asset Register updated.
- Village Website – Due to increased work commitments the webmaster of the Iwade Village website is finding it difficult to fit in updating the Parish Council section and might need to charge for this work in order for her to give the same priority as her paying clients. Following a discussion, Members agreed to reinstate the Kent Parishes Website, which a free site offered by Kent County Council to all Parish Councils and ask the Iwade Village website to have a link to this.
- Precept and V.A.T. Receipts – The Clerk advised that payments relating to half the annual precept; £17560 (this includes the lighting grant of £1310) and £2737.51, being the reimbursement of V.A.T., have been credited to the Parish Council’s current account.

Correspondence

- South East L.E.P. Mobile Phone Coverage Survey –

This was placed on Iwade Does Facebook, but there was a very small response from residents.

- Public Rights of Way Vegetation Clearance Contracts – Revised contract noted. Clerk requested to query whether ZR95 was cleared in 2012.
- Environmental Resource Centre – Members agreed to write supporting this initiative.
- Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)
- 10 Point Plan – Councillors were disappointed to note that only 50 responses had been received.
- The Barn – No further progress; Swale Borough Council’s Legal Department is looking at what can be done to release this to the community. For legal reasons, the Borough Council is more likely to hand it over to the Parish Council, and this would be more beneficial for grants.

Village Hall

Persimmon is looking at whether the new hall can go elsewhere within the development. The Parish Council has approached the Planning Department for their views and they don’t see any problems, but it is down to Swale’s Green Spaces Officer; we are still waiting to hear from Graeme Tuff. Clerk to chase Swale Borough Council and to see if Graeme Tuff and a Director from Persimmon can be invited to the next meeting of the Iwade Localism Live Group. The Parish Council has also spoken to Tony Hillier, who owns the freehold of the Surgery. He has had people complaining to him regarding parking at the Surgery; he is willing to give any help he can to assist.

Planning

- SW/12/1565: – Ballast Phoenix application kcc/sw/0310/2012 – Ridham Dock Industrial Complex, Iwade: Members considered the information put forward and requested the Clerk to reply as follows:
The Parish Council withdraws its objections on the proviso that stockpiles do not exceed 6m in height and that this is a temporary approval, for a set period of time, in order that it can be firmly ascertained that the claims made regarding dust are proven validated. After this time, and providing dust sampling has proven there is no issue, then the permission to be made permanent. Members feel that this is an important point because of all the dust problems associated with Ridham which spill out onto Iwade, Kemsley Fields and the surrounding area (including the RAMSAR SSSI Site).

Other Matters Arising

Clerk requested to contact the Green Spaces Officer and ask if the gates in the village park can open inwards; at the present time they open out and children can easily run into the road/streams.

- Clerk to check on frequency of cutting verges in the Village.

For the full minutes visit Iwade village.net

Help local MP secure EU Referendum

Gordon Henderson MP is urging local people of all parties and none to help him secure the first EU referendum in 40 years.

A new campaign website, www.LetBritainDecide.com, has been launched that makes it simple for people to join the campaign to back the Bill.

www.LetBritainDecide.com aims to build public pressure, to give people a voice, and to urge MPs from other parties to listen to their constituents.

Gordon Henderson said:

“Britain deserves a vote. It’s been nearly 40 years since the British people last had their say on Europe. People feel the EU is heading in a direction they never signed up to.

“That is why Conservatives want to give Britain a clear vote – in or out – before the end of 2017, after a full renegotiation.

“A draft Bill to make this happen will soon be debated by MPs – but, crucially, it needs the support of other political parties to pass.

“Britain needs everyone to build public pressure on this. That’s why I am urging anyone locally who wants to see an In/Out referendum, whatever their political persuasion, to visit LetBritainDecide.com today

and make their views known.”

James Wharton MP, who is introducing the bill in Parliament said:

“Fundamentally this is about democracy and trusting the people. We must give the British people a choice on this important issue, and have an open and frank debate before that decision. I hope that MPs from all sides will back the Bill and show that they back democracy, and the right of their constituents to decide on our future in the EU.”

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