

## IWADE READING AND BOOK GROUP

### Norma Harris

At our October meeting we discussed *The Sleepover* by Samantha King. There were mixed opinions about this book but generally most enjoyed it up to a point! It was mentioned that if you had children/grandchildren who are teenagers it did make you think about whether you would be keen to let them go to a sleepover. It was mentioned that all seemed to come to an end right at the last minute and left some unanswered questions.

Our chosen book for our next meeting, at the Barn on November 14th, is *Blood in the Garden* by Chris O'Donoghue, an author from Rye who sets his books in and around the Romney Marsh

We also arranged our Christmas lunch, which will be at the Woolpack on Tuesday 12th December. We will meet at the barn at 12.00 and go over to the pub for

12.30. Please look at pub menu so that we can let them know your choice before that date. There will be a Secret Santa and a gift of up to £10 was agreed.

It was also agreed that for our January meeting we will meet at Jackie's house to browse her collection of books, pick one and discuss at our February meeting.

If you're interested in joining our Reading and Book Group why not come long to our next meeting (see above) and see how it works. You don't need to have read the book, just come and get a feel for things; you'd be most welcome.



## DOGGY XMAS MARKET SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 4-7PM

GROVEHURST PET SHOP \* BARRITOS XMAS STREET FOOD  
JOS HOME BAKES \* CAFÉ 2 U \* XMAS PUPCAKES  
LITTLE PAWS \* FROM PAPER SEEDS \* XMAS PLANTERS  
DOGGY CAFÉ XMAS SAVOURY & SWEET \* XMAS DOGGY PHOTO BOOTH  
CHARITY TOMBOLA AND GAMES \* MORE STALLS TO COME!

### Iwade Barn Car Park

All Saint's Close Iwade ME9 8FP  
Car park will be closed for the market  
Bring cash to treat yourselves  
Free admission, micropub in the Barn  
All welcome with or without a dog!



Hosted by Nic's Dog Retreat and The Dog Advisor Kent

### REMEMBRANCE

The Parish Council would like to invite either an Ex-Military or a current serving member of the Military to lay the Poppy Wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

Please e-mail the Clerk if you are able to volunteer: [clerk@iwade-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@iwade-pc.gov.uk)

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# THE IWADE OBSERVER

NOVEMBER 2023

## TINKERBELLS – "GETTING TO KNOW YOU"



Our first term at Tinkerbells has flown by, we have been focusing on getting to know everyone by talking about our families and homes through various activities with the children. We have been out and about the local area with the children as the weather has been good to us! We received our first postcard from Paddington Bear who has been visiting London, the children have been talking lots about the landmarks mentioned in the postcard and have already made a Big Ben using junk modelling, we look forward to seeing what else they will create.

Term 2 is upon us already and we are excited to explore lots of autumnal activities, lots of fun for the children (and excellent for fine motor development and hand-eye coordination) is sure to be involved! This is

always a busy term and we look forward to sharing our news about the term with you all in the next edition. We are excited to be holding our Christmas Fair again this year, it will be held at the village hall on Tuesday 21st November at 3.15pm. There will be lots of fun activities and stalls for all including Santa's Grotto, teddy tombola, bottle tombola, lucky dip, hula game, snail racing, bric-a-brac and so many more.

We have limited availability at our Iwade and Clocktower settings, if you are interested in a place for your child please feel free to pop in if you would like to be added to the waiting lists or require a place from September 2024. Alternatively, you can email us at [enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk)

## THE SHEPHERDS' CROOK - IWADE'S OWN POP-UP MICROPUB



Our next opening is on Saturday November 25th 2023 from 4pm until 9pm at The Barn as usual. See our Facebook page (search The Shepherd's Crook - Iwade) for more

information as to guest caterers and to find out more about what we do and what beers we have on this month.

Why not come along when we open and enjoy an afternoon at the Doggy Xmas Market (See their ad elsewhere) followed by a great real ale (other drinks available!) in the Barn and stop on for our guest caterer (to be announced) We look forward to seeing you there to sample our craft beers and ciders, and some fine food!

What's not to like!?!?!?





## IWADE INSPIRATION

**John Guest**

*REMEMBER, REMEMBER, THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER ...*

... and if you don't want to merely recall 'Gunpowder, Treason and Plot', you might also want to remember the 11th November 1918 as well when the Armistice was signed and the world took a collective deep breath and said "no more war". A short-lived hope as it turned out soon after, with scores more wars not least a second World War. Even now, at the time of writing, soldiers and terrorists are engaged in war and, as always, the innocent are paying the price in deprivation and death. There's a lot to remember in November!

I wonder if, in your remembering, you've ever considered how much stones have to play in the process of recollection? From earliest times we've used stones to help us recall particular events and certain experiences that should never be forgotten. Cenotaphs and grave stones, memorials and inscribed plaques; even precious stones set in jewellery to remind us of the love of friends and family. Large and small, rough and smooth, natural and carved; these items dug from the earth can be found everywhere. I have a box of stones in my library recalling special events in my life that I need to remember and currently in our fireplace there sits a rock from the Mendenhall Glacier in Alaska to remind Kim and me of a special holiday experience.

During this month's **Assembly on Sunday** (3.00 in Iwade School Hall on 12th November) we will be using rocks to help us remember. There are all kinds of ways we can do this from painting patterns on the surface to just putting them in a special place in our homes as a souvenir (Remembrance) to help us reflect and learn. One useful thing I try from time to time is simply to hold a stone in my hand and squeeze it. If I squeeze really hard and especially if the stone in question is rough and sharp, then it starts to hurt. The resultant pain can help me reflect on my own wrongdoing and the need for change. As I then look at my empty hand I briefly see the marks of the stone as my skin "remembers" that painful grip. I think of Someone else who has marks in His hands and who emerged from behind a great stone to remind us of new beginnings.

**Remembering Stones** shouldn't just encourage recollection. In the face of the memory of war, both past and present, they should also help us all to learn ... and to change ... and to start again.



**ANDREA'S ENGLISH TUTOR**  
TEACHER OF ENGLISH  
Email: [asartbuzz@gmail.com](mailto:asartbuzz@gmail.com)  
GCSE Preparatory classes: Yr 10 and 11  
Full DBS, Safeguarding, Child Protection/Wellbeing, etc.



## QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has had an extremely busy year this year and although the minutes are always available in the village newsletter and on line it has been felt that an update on key areas and projects (both good and bad!) would be of use for the residents of Iwade to refer to easily. It has been decided to try and provide a quarterly update on what has been happening and aim to try and keep residents more informed.

The Parish Council meets on a monthly basis (second Wednesday of each month) at the Village Hall at 7.30pm and residents are always welcome to attend.

Key information and updates:

High definition CCTV has been installed in a number of locations around the village which the police have direct access to - this initiative has taken a considerable time to research and be completed but has already been put to great use in preventing crime and anti-social behaviour. Please do still call 101 or 999 in an emergency as usual.

The Parish Council took part in the Queen's Green Canopy Tree initiative and a Cherry tree was planted in the Woodpecker Play Area - this has been added to the National Register.

The Pond clearing initiative has been started and the outfalls/headwalls for the pond in Woodpecker Park have been cleared. The next phase will be to start on the pond itself.

A Plaque for the beacon (located in Woodpecker Park) was finally attached to acknowledge the historic date of the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is planned for the beacon to be used again next year as part of the D day commemorations.

After discussions with KCC the Parish Council have been able to have a number of the lampposts fully repainted that are located on Ferry Road. Not all lampposts could be done with the funding available. A number of the lampposts are still in urgent need of painting and the Parish Council are looking at options.

The Council are busy planning for the turning on of the Christmas lights in Iwade which has become a major activity on the Iwade calendar. There is a large amount of paperwork to still be completed (as expected) but we are hoping the event will be another hugely enjoyable evening for all the residents of Iwade.

The residents and businesses in the Village centre had been having no response to having the severely damaged walls replaced and major litter problems. The Council have

been involved on a regular basis dealing with the owners and Management company and we are pleased to see the work has been completed and we are now working actively to reduce the amount of litter found around the very busy centre.

The Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) has enabled the Parish Council to have Double Yellow Lines added in a number of places around the village after negotiations and applications with KCC with reference to the Highway Improvement Plan. The HIP is a continually reviewed plan by the Parish Council.

New location signage (Wooden finger-post signage) has been installed at the bottom of School Lane and on the land by the flagpole.



After many complaints about mobile phone reception in the village the Parish Council undertook with the help of a number of providers a 'reception review'. All providers were contacted to see if they would engage in discussions with a view of improving reception. As a result,

we were pleased that H3G (better known as Three) spoke with us and we are hopeful to see a major investment in the village from them with respect to phone reception in the future. We will of course keep residents informed.

The Parish Council have begun to compile a list of 'target areas' that have been brought to the

Council's attention. The aim is to try and work on these areas where possible and do what we can and when we can to 'look after' the village as much as possible.

The Parish Council are in constant communication with Southern Water with reference to the water leaks in the village. It has been extremely frustrating and annoying for all the residents in the village. On site meetings have been made on a number of occasions and as of today the leak has still not been located. This situation is far from acceptable and we have requested support from our Borough Councillors and other Swale officials to bring this situation to a conclusion as soon as possible.

As you can see a great deal has been going on and we will aim to keep you updated. Remember you are always welcome to any of the meetings to have your say and help us make the village a better place for everyone to enjoy. Help us look after Iwade!

**Iwade Parish Council**  
**October 2023.**



## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING CONT...

### Projects – Updates on Current and New

**1. Iwade Clean Up Event 22 October** – Members discussed the upcoming event and asked the Clerk to invite local groups.

Action: Clerk

**2. D-Day 80th Anniversary Beacon Lighting** – Council members discussed the upcoming event and agreed they will light the Beacon on the scheduled night, 6 June 2024.

**3. Christmas Event 2023** – Members agreed to hold this year's Christmas event on Sunday 3 December, keeping all arrangements the same as last year.

Action: Clerk

### **4. Village Repairs:**

**a. Lamp column painting** – Members discussed that KCC have painted some lamp posts in Ferry Road and School Lane, but KCC have advised they do not have the budget to paint the rest this year. Members asked the Clerk to follow this up with KCC.

Action: Clerk

**b. Set budget for plants and discuss maintenance plan** – Members asked

the Clerk to find out the cost for plants to fill the empty planters in the village. Going forward the Parish Council will look for volunteers to maintain them.

Action: Clerk

**c. Any other updates** – Members noted other areas in the village that need attention are: complete staining of planters, Grovehurst Road gateway is still overgrown, the lamp posts have not been replaced outside the village hall and on the junction of Sheppey Way/Ferry Road, the pinch point on Ferry Road.

### Reports from Representatives

**1. Hall** – Cllr. Langham reported that the outside of the village hall has been tidied, the concrete has been repaired, the lines in the car park has been re-done, a new gas metre has been installed and bookings are going well. The village hall committee are looking for trustees.

**2. KALC** – Cllr. Langham attended the recent general purpose committee meeting, and reported they have invited Sean Smith from Swale

Borough Council to speak at a future meeting and are looking to invite the CEO of KALC to speak at the Annual General Meeting.

**3. Swale Western Area Committee** – Cllr. Tolhurst attended the recent Swale Western Area Committee meeting and reported that Swale Borough Council are writing a parking policy, this will include information about tariffs and timer. The following suggestions were made for inclusion to the policy:

- the inclusion of tackling pavement parking
- look at where enforcement officers visited, in particular rural areas

**4. Swale West Parishes** – No meeting held.

### Any Other Matters Arising

Council members discussed many positive things the Parish Council have done this year and proposed to write a quarterly update to be posted in the newsletter, on notice boards, on Facebook and the Parish Council website to reach as many residents as possible.

Action: Clerk

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST 2023

### Present

Cllr. A. Dollimore  
Cllr. S. Tolhurst  
Cllr. B. Whiting  
Cllr. R. Langham  
Cllr. S. Fuszard  
Cllr. R. Stalley-Moores  
Cllr. T. Guest  
Samantha Gray, Clerk

### Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the

meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. S. Waters, D. Waters and Lancashire.

### **Consultation: Proposed Public Path Change Orders re Public Footpath ZR88 adjacent to the Kings Ferry Bridge in the Parish of Iwade, Kent.**

Members discussed the proposed public path change and all agreed they have no objection to the proposal but

would like to make the following comments:

- The new route should be maintained as a dedicated footpath not a public highway.
- The applicant should partially fund the work.
- The health and safety aspect of the path needs looking into; members note fly tipping and overgrowth along Sheppey Way.



## PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends,

November means different things to different people. Children will be excited about the fireworks on November the 5th. The artwork and build up to this at school. They will be getting more excited in December, and the run up towards Christmas day.

For others it will be dark and cold. A time to snuggle into duvets and wrap up in warm clothing. Some may find the lack of light a challenge to their day. Trying to pack the working day into less and less daylight. Others may find the lack of light clinically depressing. The fireworks that are so beautiful for many, are a curse to the pet owner and their pets. For those working from home they will see the heating bills going up.

It is also a time when we remember those that have been lost in war. Many of us will not have had the experience of the loss of someone in war and yet

quite rightly we will remember them. As I am writing this the war in Ukraine is still rolling on costing hundreds of thousands of lives. The conflict in Gaza has just started and I pray it will quickly end. All of this adds to the darkness that can surround and sometimes seems overpowering.

But there is a hope that we can put our trust in. As we move towards Christmas, we remember a light that shines in the Darkness. A light that dispels the darkness. That light was brought to us in the birth or incarnation of a baby called Jesus. He also was born into hard and dark times of war and brutality.

He walked about among us and pitched his tent in the midst of the people he came to love and save. Whether people of faith or not, I hope we will find the light that we need to guide us through.

*Reverend Nick*

## UPDATE FROM CITIZENS ADVICE SWALE - OCTOBER 2023



**Swale** How to protect yourselves in the lead up to Black Friday and Cyber Monday, when looking for deals or

shopping in the lead up to the festive season.

For more information, follow us on Facebook and X, or visit <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/>

Protect yourself when shopping online for the best deals:

- Make sure you're buying from an official website
- Confirm the return policy
- Pay by card to get extra protection if things go wrong

Have you changed your mind about something you bought? You don't have an automatic right to get your money back if there's nothing wrong with it. What you can do depends on where you bought the item and how you paid for it. It's important to check a shop's policy on returns - it can help you understand your rights if you change your mind about a product you buy.

### 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 at Swale House, Sittingbourne on Mondays 10am-12pm, or 43 Stone Street, Faversham on Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-12pm.

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

Our services are subject to adviser availability. Please follow us on social media for up to date opening hours.

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 13TH SEPTEMBER 2023

## Present

Cllr. A. Dollimore  
Cllr. S. Tolhurst  
Cllr. S. Lancashire  
Cllr. P. Hyde  
Cllr. B. Whiting  
Cllr. R. Stalley-Moores  
Cllr. R. Langham  
Cllr. S. Fuszard  
Cllr. T. Guest  
County Cllr M. Baldock  
Samantha Gray, Clerk  
2 Residents

## Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. S. Waters and D. Waters, Borough Councillor Lloyd Chapman and PC Jez Chittim.

## Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Langham, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 July 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

## Visitors/Public Time

### 1. Visitors

a. A resident enquired about past planning application; 22/505777/FULL: Section 73 - Application for removal of condition 21 (Dwellings approved shall be provided for and occupied by persons of 55 years of age or over) pursuant to 19/505215/FULL for Erection of 14 bungalows and chalet bungalows, which will provide age-restricted general market accommodation for those over the age of 55, together with 21 communal car park spaces and amenity space. The Parish Clerk will forward information about how to comment on this application.

Action: Clerk

b. A resident advised they would like to discuss the litter issue in the village square which is scheduled later on the agenda, item 7.1.

### 2. County and Borough Councillors

County Cllr. M. Baldock advised the following:

a. The KCC budget is very tight and is concerned about how they will continue to run.

b. Arranging a Swale West Parishes meeting in November.

c. Brogdale who provide youth facilities would like to put together some events for the Christmas and New Year period, however Swale have no funds to support this, and enquired whether Parishes would like to fund this together. Cllr. Baldock will forward further information to the Parish Council.

d. Swale Borough Council are planning to reduce grass maintenance to one cut a year. They will produce a list of land owned in each Parish, and the Parish can apply to pay for an extra cut. This will come into effect in 2024.

e. Relating to agenda item 5.1 – A gated public right of way in Murston was agreed but cost the resident £12,000. The Clerk will keep Cllr. Baldock updated.

### 3. Community Warden / PCSO

No report received from the Community Warden.

A comprehensive report was received from Police Constable Jez Chittim and was circulated to all council members

### Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **To discuss the ASB & Crime issues relating to the PROW between Springvale and Sheerstone** – The Clerk circulated information to council members before the meeting, advising the Antisocial Behaviour Officer at Swale Borough Council explained that to close a public right of way with gates a Public Spaces Protection order is needed. PC Jez Chittim advises residents should report all incidents of antisocial behaviour and crime to Kent Police. PC Chittim has been patrolling the area and has spoken to residents. Council members agreed to keep this item on the agenda.

### 2. Concrete bollard for junction of Grovehurst Road/Ferry Road (Telly Tubby Hill)

– Council members discussed whether to install a concrete bollard to prevent the lamp post from being damaged again. All agreed not to proceed with this.

### Planning

Applications are viewable on: Swale:

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

1. **23/503495/FULL**: Erection of a single storey side extension and new front porch. 69 Stangate Drive Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8TQ. Council members discussed and advised no comments.

2. **23/503623/FULL**: Demolition of the conservatory, erection of a single storey rear extension and partial conversion of the store room into habitable living space. 24 Sheerstone Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8RN. Council members discussed and advised no comments.

### Correspondence

#### 1. Litter - Iwade Village Centre

a. **2 minute litter pick – Cllr. Stalley Moores email 10.07** – Council members discussed the scheme which costs up to £500. All members agreed this is too expensive and agreed to create their own scheme by purchasing litter pickers and hi-viz vests which could be loaned to residents on request. Swale Borough Council supply blue waste bags and will collect them free of charge.

Action: Clerk/Cllr. Stalley-Moores

b. **E-mail from First Port 10.08 re contacting local businesses** – Cllr. Fuszard volunteered to speak to the Nisa shop to discuss emptying the bins in the village centre.

Action: Cllr. Fuszard

#### 2. ROSPA Village Hall Garden Safety Inspection:

a. **Advised inspection of trees by**

trained tree surgeon – Noted by council members.

b. **Fencing and gate repairs or replace** – Members agreed the gate needs to be repaired and will source a quotation.

Action: Cllr. Dollimore

3. **Defibrillators – email 01.09** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, council members agreed to purchase a defibrillator and heated outdoor cabinet, at a cost of £1,195.00p plus installation, and would like to install this at the village hall because the area is central to the village.

Action: Clerk/RFO

4. **CCTV Update** – CCTV cameras have been installed in the village and monitored by the control room at Swale Borough Council, with a direct link to Kent Police. The control room have reported they are receiving good images and have invited council members to visit them at Swale House.

#### 5. Consultation Emerging Local Transport Plan – email 07.08.

**Deadline 18th September** - Noted by council members who agreed to make individual responses.

#### 6. Consultation Kent Community Warden Service Review - email 07.08.

**Deadline 3rd October** - Noted by council members who agreed to make individual responses.

#### 7. Consultation National Highways and Transport Survey - email 07.08.

**29th February 2024** - Noted by council members who agreed to make individual responses.

8. **Request for 2 x Salt Bins for Iwade Village Hall** – Council members asked the Clerk to find out the cost and enquire if a grant towards the cost is available.

Action: Clerk/RFO

#### 9. Update from Southern Water re water leak on Ferry Road

– The Parish Council received an update from Southern Water on 1 September, advising they will commence leakage detection and keep us updated on their progress. Despite asking for an update Southern Water have not been in contact. Council members are concerned about the health and safety risk of the area and asked the Clerk to chase Southern Water again and state their concerns.

Action: Clerk

10. **To discuss preserving the green space in Sanderling Way** – A resident contacted the Parish Council regarding preserving the green space in Sanderling Way. The Clerk contacted Swale Borough Council who advised the area is designation and was transferred to the borough as public open space. Therefore the area would be safe from property development.

### Finance

#### 1. Gala Lights – Quote to Extend Christmas Tree Lights

– Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, council members accepted the quote to extend the Christmas tree lights at a cost of £1,360.00p + VAT. The Parish council will apply for a grant from Borough Cllr. Baldock towards this cost.

Action: Clerk/RFO

2. **Domain name renewal** – Proposed by Cllr. Stalley-Moores and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, council members agreed to appoint ADM Computing as the registrar for our domain name for 2 years at a cost of £155.00p plus VAT. This was carried out urgently in July due to the renewal deadline.

3. **Foxit PDF editor for the Clerk** – Proposed by Cllr. Fuszard and seconded by Cllr. Langham, council members agreed to purchase Foxit PDF editor for the Clerk in July, at a cost of £168.62 + VAT. This was needed urgently for the new lap top.

4. **Festive Lights BSEN load testing quote - email 27.07** – Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, council members agreed to the quotation of £1,050.00p + VAT for lamp columns which require load testing for this years festive lights.

Action: Clerk

5. **Poppy Wreath** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Stalley-Moores, council members agreed to purchase a poppy wreath and blue ribbon, plus make a donation to the Royal British Legion, at a total cost of £50.00p.

Action: Clerk

6. **Quotation 2 x Hornbeam Trees** – Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Langham, council

members agreed to the quotation of £614.40p to replace the trees that have died by the Cairn.

Action: Clerk

7. **Quotation for Internal Audit 2023-24** – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Tolhurst, members agreed to appoint April Skies Accounting for the Internal Audit 2023-24, at the cost of £355.00p plus travel.

Action: Clerk/RFO

8. **Damaged Gateway – Grovehurst Road** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, members agreed to the quotation of £555.00p to repair the gateway. The repair was authorised to go ahead before the meeting due to health and safety concerns.

9. **Unity Bank – Remove signatory, 2 signatories to sign the form** – Councillors Langham and Whiting duly signed the Unity Bank Account Management form to remove a signatory from the account.

Action: Clerk/RFO

10. **Introduction to Planning for Local Councils Training – Cllr. Stalley-Moores** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Tolhurst, council members agreed to the training course for Cllr. Stalley-Moores at a cost of £19.20p including VAT.

11. **Electrical Supply Costs 2023** – Council members discussed the increasing electricity costs and considered rates offered by alternative energy suppliers, however Npower are the only supplier to offer an unmetered supply for Festive Lighting, therefore members agreed to continue with Npower for our street lighting. Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Hyde.

Action: RFO

12. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** - Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, members noted the budget figures and the accounts to 31 July and 31 August. The following payments were agreed, Cllrs. Langham and Whiting to log in and authorize payments.

Action: Cllrs. Langham/Whiting