

IWADE'S ANGEL

Cllr. Barrie Whiting

On behalf of a grateful village, a Kent Association of Local Councils Community Award was presented to Angel Farley, by Parish Cllr Barrie Whiting and his wife Gill, in recognition of her



bravery in overcoming so many health difficulties in her young life. Her charity work and her great efforts at Christmas time when she

makes sure that every household in the village receives a card has also been recognised. I'm sure that everyone will join me in sending their best wishes for the future to Angel and her family.



HAPPY DAYS – “FLY HIGH LITTLE BUMBLEBEES”

Caroline Wiles



water and ate lots of scrummy ice cream.

As ever, summer is a bitter sweet time of year as our Bumblebees move on to “big” school. We know they are ready for their next adventures but we will miss them all - fly high little Bumblebees.



Over the last few weeks we have enjoyed welcoming many little ones as they joined us for 'settle sessions' and we can't wait to get to know them and their families in the coming months. We have so much fun to look forward to.

We are now taking bookings for Spring 2023 onwards. To avoid disappointment and to reserve your space now, please call our office (01795 424348) and we will be very happy to help you. Alternatively, use the contact form on our website <https://www.happydaysuk.co.uk/apply-for-a-place> and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.



FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL, SHEPHERD'S CROOK TO RETURN!

You are invited to come along to Iwade Barn's first Food and Drink Festival on October 8th from 3pm to 9pm. We have Barritos, Dormedy to Door, Try Taste Love, the Tray Bakery and Grumpy Dad's Grill confirmed, and of course, there will be the return of the hugely popular, and much missed, Shepherd's Crook Micropub.

There will be live music thanks to the Klicks, who will be playing a set between 7pm and 9pm.

Throughout the event there will be an open mic, so whether you are accomplished musician or just want to give a gig a go, let us know and we will make sure you get your time on stage.

And of course, there will be the return of The Shepherd's Crook Micropub!! See poster elsewhere and please keep an eye out for more details as we get nearer the date.

IWADE BARN
 TRY TASTE LOVE, Open Mic, The Shepherd's Crook Micropub, The Tray Bakery, and re-launch of The Shepherd's Crook micropub.
Food and Drink Festival
 8th OCTOBER 3 pm to 9 pm
 Come and try Iwade's finest foods
 GD GRILL, BARRITOS MEXICAN, and re-launch of The Shepherd's Crook micropub.

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IWADE ROCK ROCKS!

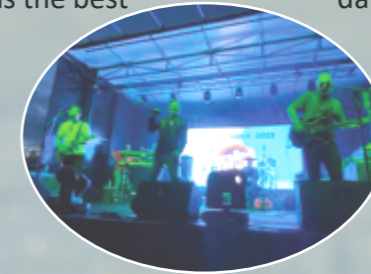
IWADE ROCK 2022

Keith Reynolds

"Iwade Rock 2022 was the best day of my life!!"

"It was our first Iwade Rock and it was amazing, we will defo be back!"

"We are so lucky to have this fantastic event on our doorstep"



Just some of the reactions and reviews received via social media from this year's Charity Music Festival held on Iwade Herons FC

School Lane football pitches on 23rd July. Were you there?

The sun was shining on the event's eighth outing and first in 4 years, the last being hosted in 2018. This year saw just under 2500 people attend the festival which was raising money for Mid Kent Mind, Ellies Angels and Iwade Herons FC.



The Headline set. The day ran really well with all acts

Six acts took to the stage from midday through till 10pm including: Sonic Slaves, David Shepherd, Echo 90, Lost Search Party, The Choo's,

starting as planned and rocking the stage with their sets of various genres ... ice creams and burritos were eaten and many beverages were consumed in a really friendly, low-cost family day out in the sun.



Team Tango worked tirelessly all day to ensure the festival went off without a hitch. There were a few long queues starting to form on School Lane near the gate for the first couple of hours, but everybody was soon scanned in and enjoying the show.

After festival running costs were paid we were left with a fantastic £12,643.22 for our beneficiaries. This is the most ever raised and we are extremely thankful to our event sponsors and supporters, those that attended, our vendors and everybody involved.

Details of all our sponsors can be found on our website www.iwaderockfest.co.uk

Photos of the day will be uploaded onto our FB page ... be sure to go and check if you're in them and tag yourself!!

www.facebook.com/iwaderock

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A VILLAGE WEBSITE - IWADEVILLAGE.CO.UK?

Established in 2005, IwadeVillage.co.uk strives to be your go to for everything Iwade, from What's On dates for the diary to the online Iwade Observer and Iwade Parish Council minutes, and supports local businesses with its accessibly priced Iwade Directory advertising. You can even check it out on a Wednesday night to see if it's brown bin week (icon top right or literally in the What's On) or Thursday night to see if it's blue or green week (same deal, icon top right or literally in the What's On). We also have an Interactive Map! Try clicking somewhere on the map and see where it takes you, you want last posting times, click on a postbox (for example!).

The new Iwade Directory link replaces the old Law & Order, Misc, Local Business, Places and Transport links with all your contacts in one place and also includes a What's On contacts category. Starting with Local Business who through advertising make the website sustainable, you can switch to any of the other categories to find a contact. A search on this page like the home page search will follow shortly.

At IwadeVillage.co.uk HQ, we are striving to make the website more accessible and easier to navigate so keep an eye out for ongoing improvements.

You can like us on Facebook at IwadeVillage.co.uk and you'll get updates to your News Feed when the website is updated so you can easily click through and stay up-to-date. We'll also share interesting local posts and work done by our business advertisers.

If you would like to advertise, you can message the IwadeVillage.co.uk Facebook page, message me Nicola McKenzie or email using the contact details below

If you're running an event or starting a club or have some news to share, perhaps you're fundraising and want us to share your donation page. Anything Iwade, why not try us and we'll see if we can help.

Thank you for your support to date Iwade, I still love doing the Iwade website, it was the start of McKenzie Web Solutions back in 2005 but remains my little baby and I would love to see it continue for many years to come and with your support and some tlc I believe it can!

We are a growing village and will no doubt continue to grow, but with the Iwade Observer, IwadeVillage.co.uk and a whole selection of Iwade Facebook groups and real life community groups we can maintain our sense of community which has always been strong and remains strong.

Onwards and upwards Iwade!

Nicola (McKenzie) X

Stay in touch at nicola@iwadevillage.co.uk, on Facebook at IwadeVillage.co.uk, or by phone on 01795 439892 or 07738 828308

PS. To find the Iwade Village website either type IwadeVillage.co.uk into your address bar and perhaps add to your Favourites or search for Iwade and you should find it just under the Wikipedia link – enjoy!

SPEEDWAY BATTLES THE WEATHER TO TRY TO KEEP RACING

Paul Heller

For the staff at Sittingbourne Speedway life at the track seems as busy as ever! With the arrival of league racing with the Kent Royals in the National League it has been long hours and hard work to ensure the track and facilities are all well prepared and everything working properly. The recent spell of extremely hot weather has played havoc with our working schedules as some days it has been just too hot to do anything also the hot weather has made the tracks so dry, they have been as hard as concrete and very difficult to work on to try to create a good safe racing surface. Our traditional way of preparing the track and keeping the dust down has been by watering before and during the meetings with our own supply of water but this has proved nigh on impossible as the tracks are baked so hard, that no amount of water seems to make them workable. The news that the weather should break, and we should get some rain will certainly help make our job easier.

Our efforts have however been rewarded as the racing from the league matches has been excellent with some close races and score lines, coupled with a packed arena. The spectators have enjoyed some very good meetings bathed in brilliant sunshine which has done wonders for our cold drinks and ice cream sales!

Aside from the league racing we have been able to run some practices for our regular riders which have been well supported particularly the Paul Hurry training day which was packed with riders eager to learn some valuable racing tips from Paul. We have also been able to fit in some practice time for the flat track guys.

All in all, the last few months have been at times a struggle for us and with a busy September and October coming up we are hoping the weather will settle down to some normal Autumn temperatures and we can get back to business as usual.

IWADE READING AND BOOK GROUP

Lynn Lowthion

1) The Reading Group met in July to discuss Brick Lane by Monica Ali. The story tells the changes that happen when a young girl, Nazneen, moves from a village in Bangladesh to London's East End when she has an arranged marriage to a man who is 20 years older than she is.

This book was first published in 2003 and had glowing complimentary reviews.

Unfortunately the group found the book difficult to read and "hard going" and most of the members gave up reading it and had not reached the end of the book and did not think they wanted to read further in the future.

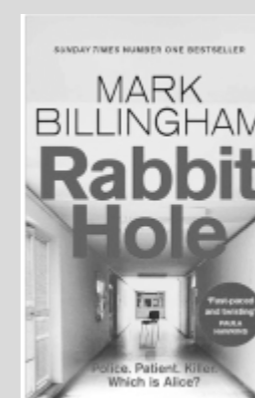
Christine Freshwater

2) For the August meeting we reviewed Kololo Hill by Neema Shah. Only a few of us had read this book but those who did enjoyed reading it and found it interesting, it was easier to read than Brick Lane, our last book.

The story begins in Uganda in 1972 during Idi Amin's regime. A decree has been issued that all Ugandan Asians must leave the country within 90 days, they can only take what they can carry and must leave their money and valuables behind.

The story follows a family and details what they go through in Uganda during that 90-day period, their struggle to leave the country safely and how they settle in the UK. It details the journey from the town of Kampala to London. During this time, they have many traumatic experiences and this impacts on the stability of the family. The ending was a little disappointing as it is left open.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 13th September at 10.30 am in the Barn when we will review Rabbit Hole by Mark Billingham, then the book chosen for October is Messy, Wonderful Us by Catherine Isaac.



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Volunteers wanted



Can you help your community and spare a few hours to reduce speeding vehicles in your area?

Iwade Speedwatch scheme are looking for volunteers to support them in reducing speed and improving the safety on their **local** roads with the support of the police.

Can **YOU** help visit www.communityspeedwatch.org to register to join our group.

If you wish to get involved in Speedwatch in Iwade please contact either:

Cllr Barrie Whiting at cllrbwhiting@iwade-pc.gov.uk or Cllr Ray Langham at cllrclangham@iwade-pc.gov.uk

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY STREAMS OF WATER"

Do you find sometimes that a particular moment keeps coming back to you? It was a rather sad-looking plant on a warm sunny day. On this day's retreat I was attending with some colleagues, someone noticed this plant, on a mantelpiece, was drooping and looking rather sad and forlorn. So, they went to fetch some water, poured it into the plant pot making sure it had a good long drink. When we gathered later in the same room, the plant had noticeably perked up, its flower and leaves refreshed. It just needed water, and only water would do.

Are we any different from that plant? On recent hot sunny days, there's nothing like water to quench our thirst. Only water will do. Yet what about those times in life when we feel dry inside, when we know we're running on empty? This may be for various reasons in our lives. No time for ourselves? Pressures of work and family? Worries about life, such as paying bills at the moment? Wondering what life is all about? What do you do, where do you go, where do you turn? Just pause for a moment. Where might your spirit be dry and crying out right now?

I went on a long walk with some others yesterday evening across the marshes by Lower Halstow. It was a lovely and restorative time in the evening air after a busy day. Looking around, the land was dry and parched, the ground hard underfoot. Yet the trees were still green, their roots penetrating deep below ground drawing on deeper waters

enabling them to withstand the heat pressure above, illustrating an image from Psalm 1 "blessed are those ... who delight in the teaching of the Lord ... they are like a tree planted by streams of living water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither".

Who or what are we living for? In his book "Second Mountain" the journalist David Brooks argues that if our lives are rooted in today's individualistic culture we will remain thirsty and unsatisfied. He observes, drawing on life examples, how satisfaction is found through commitment to others, to a cause or community. One of the earliest Christian thinkers, Augustine reflecting on his life, wrote "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." Speaking to an ostracised woman collecting her water Jesus said, "everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst ... a spring of water welling up to eternal life". Here's a simple invitation for rooted and refreshed living just like that plant: "Come all you who are thirsty, come to the water; unending love is waiting for us". So will we?

Every blessing!

Julian

Rev Julian Staniforth

Rector & Priest-in-Charge of The Six Benefice

TINKERBELLS EARLY YEARS

Donna Barker

Welcome back to another busy year!

We would like to begin by welcoming back all of our existing children and their families as we begin the new academic year. We hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and had lots of fun. September brings new children and families to the setting and we are all very excited to see the new children again and to get to know you all.

Our theme for the term is 'All about me' where we will explore and learn all about ourselves, each other and families too which ties in with the new term. We look forward to sharing with you what we get up to during Term 1 in the next edition

We said goodbye to lots of children in July, all going off to big school this month, we wish all of them good luck in their move to school and we are sure they will all have lots of fun.

Our Iwade setting and Clocktower setting have limited availability from September 2022, with some sessions now full until September 2023, therefore if you are interested in a place please call in or you can email us at enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk

Parent and Toddler Group

Parent and Toddler group will re-open on Tuesday 6th September at 9am. Tinkerbells has now run the group for a year and what a busy year we have had. We have loved meeting all of you and watching the babies growing and gradually leaving the baby area to explore and see what else is going on, watched children's confidence grow and now going off to school. We wish them all the best.

The group is on every Tuesday morning 9am-11am in the village hall, term time only, no booking required. The group is an opportunity to meet new people and to enjoy play activities in a safe, informal and friendly atmosphere. There is a separate safe area for babies, dedicated area for ride on toys, book area, craft tables and many other areas to engage the children.

- Craft week – 2nd Tuesday of each month

- Boogie tots – 3rd Tuesday of each month

- Sensory and messy play – 4th Tuesday of each month

Admission is £2.50 for the first child and £1.00 for siblings. Childminders welcome, children will be £2.50 each unless siblings.

We are really looking forward to returning and we look forward to seeing you and meeting lots more new families.

SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2022

Online Service on YouTube: This is available each Sunday morning and can be accessed via the following link: <https://bit.ly/3JykJ8W>

1st Sept Thursday

Time	Place	Service	Service leader/Speaker
7.00pm	The Field Wardwell Lane Lower Halstow	Outdoor Communion	Rev Amanda Lane

4th September

Time	Location	Service	Service leader/Speaker
10.30am	Newington	Benefice Communion	Revs Amanda Lane + Nick Carpenter + Guest Speakers

11th September

Time	Congregation	Service	Service leader/Speaker
10.00am	Newington	Communion	Rev Amanda Lane
10.00am	Lower Halstow	Family Worship	Rev Nick Carpenter
10.00am	Upchurch	Morning Worship	Jill Rothery
10.30am	Iwade	Communion	Rev Julian Staniforth
10.30am	Hartlip	Morning Worship	George Hulme
4.30pm	Stockbury	Communion	Rev Amanda Lane

18th September

Time	Congregation	Service	Service leader/Speaker
10.00am	Newington	Family Worship	Lis Willmet
10.00am	Lower Halstow	Family Communion	Rev Julian Staniforth
10.30am	Uplift in Upchurch Village Hall	Family Worship	Mark Burch + Gill Gay
10.30am	Iwade	Family Worship	Team
10.30am	Hartlip	Communion	Rev Nick Carpenter

25th September

Time	Congregation	Service	Service leader/Speaker
10.00am	Newington	Family Communion	Rev Julian Staniforth
10.00am	Lower Halstow	Family Worship	Team
10.00am	Upchurch	Communion	Rev Amanda Lane
10.30am	Iwade	Family Worship	Lis Willmet
10.30am	Hartlip	Morning Worship	Team
4.30pm	Stockbury	Evensong	Rev Julian Staniforth

IWADE WRITING GROUP.

Rynn Kemp

This group meets on the last Friday of each month in The Barn. We write on a different theme each month (usually around 500 – 600 words) and then present our writing to the rest of the group for them to critique. Recent themes have ranged from, "The Journey", "Paradise" and "Retell a Traditional Tale" to "The Agony and Ecstasy of Olympic Glory." Our most recent topic was "A walk in the Woods"

We write in various genres and include both fiction and non-fiction. The subject for our next meeting at the Barn on September 30th is (very appropriately) "Hot Summer". How you approach that would be entirely up to you! If you fancy joining us please email me at rynnkemp@hotmail.com or simply turn up at the Barn, last Friday of each month around 7pm. Love to see you there.



IWADE @ THE BARN

You will see (elsewhere in the Observer) that The Barn is organising a Food and Drink Festival on October 8th, and a relaunch of The Shepherd's Crook micropub which was a victim of Covid just as it was getting established.

The Barn is a fantastic, cosy, atmospheric venue and is widely used by community groups, abusinesses and villagers, for parties and gatherings of all sorts. BUT (and I bet you saw that 'BUT' coming !!) - it is run entirely by volunteer trustees for the benefit of the village.

Recently we completed and are very proud of our new Barn 2 which provides much needed storage to give Barn users greater flexibility in layouts of the main building. We also have just renovated our oak floor which once again looks fab, and revamped the internal layout to give more useable space. All done by the trustees!

This is though no "blow-your-own-trumpet" article; we are looking for hands - on people to become trustees to share the load in helping keep the Barn as Iwade's number one venue.!! Being a trustee is not an onerous task (we meet at most once a month), but a rewarding one. You will be able to get involved in the management of the Barn and the maintenance of its facilities and there is always the added bonus of being able to get involved in the running of The Shepherd's Crook (who doesn't harbour a secret desire to be part of the running of a micropub??)

If you fancy giving it a try, or would just like know more, get in touch with us at:- trustees@iwadebarn.org.uk and somebody will get back to you.

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON FRIDAY 24TH JUNE 2022

Present

Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair
Cllr S. Tolhurst
Cllr. S. Cheeseman
Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. R. Palmer
R. Stalley-Moores, new councillor
Samantha Gray, Clerk

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllrs. Waters, Whiting, Lancashire, Smith, and Hyde; Borough Cllr. Woodford and PCSO Kirsty Linge.

Visitors/Public Time

1. Visitors -

Rebecca Stalley-Moores attended the meeting to discuss becoming a member of Iwade Parish Council. The Chair welcomed Rebecca and she duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

2. County and Borough Councillors - None attended.

3. Community Warden

No report

3. PCSO –

A. CRIMES OF NOTE:

i. 11/05/22– Criminal Damage to the windows in Stangate Drive – Local youths have been identified and Community Protection warnings have been issued to them.

ii. 14/05/22 – Cullens Farm, School Lane – Reports of youths poaching fish from the lake, they were also abusive to the wardens at the location when challenged about their behaviour. CCTV sent to local officer to identify the group

iii. 15/05/22 – Stangate Drive – Reports of youths causing damage to property. Officer attended but the youths made off. Crime report for criminal damage was created but later filed due to lack of evidence.

iv. 18/05/22 – Red Admiral Crescent – Resident called in to report youths had just kicked his door. When patrols contacted him for further information about the group the male stated he had made a mistake and did not want

any further police assistance.

v. 22/05/22 – Redwing Avenue – Report for criminal Damage at an address. 3 male youths have thrown ketchup, mustard, and eggs at the address. All 3 males were identified and interviewed by Police. This investigation is ongoing.

vi. 22/05/22 – School Mews – Reports of a male youth entering the Nisa shop and turning off the freezer causing damage to stock. Male was identified and interviewed by Police; investigation is currently on going.

vii. 23/05/22 – School Lane – Male youth was reported knocking on people’s doors indecently exposing himself and being verbally abusive. The male was identified and has been arrested for the offence.

viii. 28/05/22 – Sandling Way – Male was assaulted in Woodpecker Park by another group of males who were known to him. Police attended and this is currently under investigation.

ix. 31/05/22 – Green Oak Crescent – Reports of neighbour taking photos of children playing in the street and pouring boiling water over their chalk drawings. A crime report was put on for harassment but later filed.

x. 03/06/22 – Reports of youths breaking into the rear garden of an address in Redwing and smashing the fence down. One of the youths has then threatened to assault a male who challenged this behaviour. Youths have been identified.

xi. 06/06/22 – School Mews Nisa – reports of male shoplifting from the store. The male was identified and interviewed by Police.

xii. 14/06/22 – School Mews – Damage to residents’ vehicle while it was parked in the car park at the back of the village square. It is believed that a group of local youths were responsible but there is no evidence to support this. Report has been filed.

xiii. 14/06/22 – School Mews – Damaged caused to wall in the village square believed to be done by local youths. Currently under investigation.

B. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND OTHER

INCIDENTS OF NOTE:

i. 11/05/22 – Red Admiral Crescent – Reports of youths in the road with traffic cones and street signs they have taken from the road works. No patrols were available to attend at the time.

ii. 14/05/22 – Ridham Dock - Vehicles racing up and down the road drifting round the roundabout. Traffic patrols attended and dealt with youths.

iii. 14/05/22 – Greenshanks – Large Black Van with a Romanian number plate seen acting suspiciously in the area. It appeared to be stopping outside various addresses looking at the houses and then moving on. Informant did not believe it to be a delivery van. No patrols attended.

iv. 15/05/22 – Ferry Road – Reports of youths causing ASB and potentially dealing drugs outside of Woodpecker Park. The report came in retrospectively, so no officers attended.

v. 15/05/22 – School Mews – Report of a group of youths mainly males aged 14-17 causing ASB in the village square. The report was a generic report about the ASB issues within the square.

vi. 15/05/22 – Woodpecker Park – Reports of a group of youths fighting possibly playfighting. CCTV images were sent to local officer who identified the group and spoke with the “victim” who stated they were just “messaging about”.

vii. 15/05/22 – Stangate Drive – Report from resident that groups keep attending her address banging on her doors and windows. This is an ongoing issue and is currently being looked at by the local PCSO and CSU.

viii. 16/05/22 – School Mews – Reports of a fight inside the NISA shop between 2 customers. Due to the fact this was a third-party report and no victims reported to Police this has not been investigated further.

ix. 16/05/22 – Stangate Drive – Group of youths reportedly outside the resident’s address. They were banging on the doors and windows and shouting abuse at the resident. Patrols

attended.

x. 19/05/22 – Cullens Farm, School Lane – Further call reporting poaching at the lake. Patrols attended and spoke with the youths involved.

xi. 20/05/22 – Holly Blue Drive – Report of males with torches arriving at and in a white transit van possibly loading something into the van and then driving off. Officers attended the area but were unable to locate vehicles or persons. No further reports.

xii. 30/05/22 – Reports of black moped being driven around Woodpecker Park. Youths have been identified and this has been followed up. The vehicle was not insured and notified off road.

xiii. 01/06/22 – School Lane – Reports of drug dealing in the car park at the rear of the Village square. Report was made retrospectively.

xiv. 02/06/22 – Peach Blossom Drive – Reports of youths getting into the electric cabin. They have thrown items around.

xv. 05/06/22 – Stangate Drive – Further reports of youths attending an address in Stangate Drive and causing ASB and possibly drug dealing. There is ongoing work being carried out by the local PCSO and CSU surrounding this issue.

xvi. 06/06/22 – Stangate Drive – Further reports of youths attending an address in Stangate Drive and causing ASB and possibly drug dealing. There is ongoing work being carried out by the local PCSO and CSU surrounding this issue.

xvii. 06/06/22 – Swallow Avenue – Reports of youth ringing on the doorbell and then running off. When residents have gone to check the camera, they have found masking tape stuck over the camera.

xviii. 10/06/22 – Ferry Road – Retrospective report of male being beaten up in residents front garden. CCTV sent to local officer who identified the male. When male was spoken to, he stated him and his friends were just play fighting.

xix. 11/06/22 - Stangate Drive – Further reports of youths attending an address in Stangate Drive and causing ASB and possibly drug dealing. There is ongoing work being carried out by the

local PCSO and CSU surrounding this issue

xx. 17/06/22 – The Street – Report of nuisance bikes most weekends causing issues heading out the village towards Sheppey. No specific registrations given. Will pay passing attention.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

20 MPH Zones and Highway Improvement Plans/Yellow Lines – Cllr. Dollimore – Council members discussed HIP plan. Clerk to submit application to KCC.

Action: Clerk

Planters, The Street – no update. Keep on Agenda.

Action: Clerk

Signpost Sheppey Way – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Langham, a quote of £726.72 was agreed to replace the signpost at Sheppey Way. Clerk was asked to check the cost of engraving is included and order signpost.

Action: Clerk

Bollards Ferry Road – email 07/03 - no update. Keep on Agenda.

Action: Clerk

CCTV in lamp posts – Cllr. Palmer kindly attended the meeting to discuss the potential for CCTV to be installed in the village to help tackle ongoing crime and anti-social behaviour issues. He advised crime and anti-social behaviour is a lawful reason to apply for CCTV to be installed and he will start the process for this. He will arrange for a contact from Swale Borough Council to contact the Clerk.

Planning

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

Correspondence

Request for Bollard – Swallow Avenue Council members discussed a request for a bollard to be installed outside a property in Swallow Avenue due to delivery vans crashing into the property several times when turning in the road. It has been noted that vehicles are parking on the turning circle nearby to the property. Clerk to contact KCC for advice.

Action: Clerk

New Councillor – noted above, minute 4.1.

Request for Zebra Crossing - Clerk to contact KCC for advice.

Action: Clerk

Tree in Village Hall Garden reported to be rotten, may be home to Noble Chafer Beetle – Clerk advised to arrange a site visit with PTES.

Action: Clerk

Grounds Maintenance Agreement

Proposed by Cllr Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Cheeseman, members agreed the Clerk can confirm to KCC Landscape Services that the Parish Council has assessed and accepted the RAMS as appropriate and satisfactory to the tasks being undertaken on the highway and can confirm that the Council has assessed and accepted all workers are trained and competent to work safely for all tasks being undertaken on the highway. Councillors are aware that these two areas are also monitored by Swale Borough Council.

Reports from Representatives

Hall – Cllr. Langham reported the annual general meeting was held Wednesday 1st June 2022, and the decorating and new ceiling will be carried out soon. A new cleaning company has been hired to start at the beginning of July. The garden and shed have been tidied up. Bookings for occasional hirers have been coming in steadily. CCTV will be installed to the perimeter of the building.

Swale Western Area Committee - Cllr. Tolhurst attended the meeting and advised that Amanda Turner and Rebecca O’Neil from KCC Youth Hub talked about youth provisions and discussed funding for youths to travel to the Sittingbourne Hub. Adrian Oliver, Swale Active Travel Coordinator gave a presentation on Active Travel England and the Swale Local Cycling & Walking Plan (LCWIP) which is a 10-year plan aimed to provide joined up safe cycling and walking routes to reduce car travel.

Any Other Matters Arising

Clerk advised to contact Cllr. Baldock regarding hedges on Sheppey Way.

Action: Clerk

Speed Watch update – 5 new sites have been approved on School Lane and Sheppey Way.