

UPS AND DOWNS AND INTERESTING TIMES AT SPEEDWAY



Paul Heller

Since the last Observer edition in July quite a lot has been happening at the track which also gives an insight into how unpredictable our sport can be.

Firstly, the Kent Royals speedway team suffered mixed fortunes in their league racing campaign. In June they took on Belle Vue, possibly the strongest team in the league, but an inspired team performance saw the Royals beat them 54 points to 36. At the beginning of July misfortune struck for racing against Oxford in heat 5 a Kent rider crashed heavily into the safety fence and it was decided by the medical team he needed to go to hospital so they accompanied him to Medway Hospital. The meeting could not continue as we had no medical cover on site so it was abandoned after only 4 heats. It will be re-run later in the year.

The end of July saw defeat for the Royals against a powerful Leicester Lions team. The Royals team were depleted due to injuries and another crash, which was shown on Meridian News, sidelined another Kent rider.

In early August a patched-up Kent side got back to winning

ways with a fine 10-point victory over Workington. Mixed fortunes indeed, but thankfully all the injured riders are up and about and already talking about when they can ride again.

In addition to the league matches the flat track racing people have been back to use the track for their training school purposes. Interestingly they also hired the track for a Royal Enfield hospitality and promotional day when representatives from Royal Enfield and their guests had the full use of the track and facilities. They brought in a film crew for the day and it was interesting for us to watch them at work with some very sophisticated cameras especially the use of drone cameras to film riders going around the track with the drones weaving in and out of the bikes.

On top of this we have been able to run our midweek practice sessions for our regulars so all in all a very busy but interesting time at the track for all concerned.

N.B. Our pictures show:

- 1) Tapes up as four riders roar away from the start
- 2) Some close first bend action with all four riders battling hard.

IWADE VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Sunday 22 October 2023 - 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon



The Village Clean up starts at 9.30 am, and ends at 12.00 noon, helpers to report to the Village Hall to collect black sacks and sign in.

Refreshments will be available during the morning.

Please come along and help tidy our Village

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE...

Iwade has a small writing group that meets once a month to read and critique each other's written piece for that month and set a subject for the coming month.

In our next issue they will present a sample of the sort of writing they present and discuss, for your enjoyment.

In the meantime, if you think this is something you'd like to have a go at, why not contact the group via the.iwade.observer@gmail.com and give it a try!

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THE IWADE OBSERVER

FLY HIGH LITTLE BUMBLEBEES



Caroline Wiles

We've said it before and we'll say it again - August is a bitter sweet time of the year. The year has flown! We are so proud of our Bumblebee children who left their parents (and our team) teary-eyed during their magnificent goodbye performance during their Bumblebee Bash. Despite some showery weather, parents were able to join us for garden activities to celebrate their



child's time at Happy Days Nursery. Fly high little Bumblebees; we can't wait to hear about your adventures in primary school!

Despite a short heatwave early on, sunshine and showers has very much been the theme of this summer but we haven't let that stop us getting out into the garden. The rhythmic 'playing' of instruments has been the soundtrack for recent garden play as the children get their groove on practising their skills on the music wall. When our little Ladybirds haven't been rattling those pots and pans they've been fascinated by the life cycle of butterflies as they've carefully scrutinised caterpillars, then chrysalis', transform in to beautiful and remarkably friendly butterflies. Observing nature through the eyes of a child is simply amazing.

As summer rapidly fades we are looking forward to September when lots of families join our nursery community. Although the transition in to nursery can be a little unsettling for some, we do our best to make it as easy as possible for everyone and can't wait to welcome you all. If you are interested in a space for your child from September onwards please give us a call for a show round or complete the contact form on our website, <https://www.happydaysuk.co.uk>



SHEPHERDS' CROOK



IWADE'S OWN POP-UP MICROPUB

Our next opening is on Saturday Sept 30th 2023 at The Barn as usual. See our Facebook page (search The Shepherd's Crook - Iwade) for more information in due course, as to opening times, etc.

We look forward to seeing you there to sample our craft beers and ciders.

TINKERBELLS EARLY YEARS

Donna Barker

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 holidays 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, we are sure they will all have lots of fun and successfully continue on their learning journey.

We had our Ofsted inspection on July 12th and we are delighted to tell you we maintained our Outstanding which we are extremely proud of. A huge thank you to the whole team who all work so hard offering our families and children outstanding care and education. We are so proud that all our hard work and our passion for Early Years has been recognised.

Our Iwade setting and Clocktower setting have limited availability from September 2023, with some sessions now full until September 2024, waiting list is building for 2024/2025 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 5th

September at 9am. The group has now been running for a couple of years and what a couple of busy years 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, we have 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, build new friendships and enjoy play activities in a safe, informal and friendly atmosphere. There is a dedicated area for babies, area for ride on toys, book area, craft tables and many other areas to engage the children.

Singing - 1st Tuesday of each month

Craft week - 2nd Tuesday of each month

Dancing - 3rd Tuesday of each month

Sensory and messy play - 4th Tuesday of each month (change of clothing is recommended)

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

Unlimited tea, coffee and biscuits, all we ask is for you to wash and dry up your cup when finished

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



IWADE INSPIRATION: PARTNERSHIPS AND RELATIONSHIPS

John Guest

I'm not a great lover of ships, be they tankers, tugboats or ferries. Nevertheless, in June, Kim and I were privileged to join the cruise ship Queen Elizabeth for an unforgettable trip to Alaska. The scenery was amazing and the places we visited were beautiful but I confess I still felt a twinge of anxiety as I gazed out across the open sea.

However, Cunard aside, there are two ships I absolutely love and indeed have committed my life to. These are PARTNERSHIPS and RELATIONSHIPS. I passionately believe these are two of the great "SHIPS" that our lives can journey on. They speak of the connections that we make with one another and the ties that can bind us together, transcending religion, culture, politics, gender, outlook and age. Given time they can even breach the barriers of prejudice and phobia that threaten to drive us apart during these turbulent times.

Take a look at this wonderful local paper. It showcases and celebrates the different groups in our village. The community hubs of school, pub, church and precinct. The local groups that meet regularly, be they nursery schools, reading groups, parish council, rambblers, coffee meetings or the various groups that assemble at Mews Brews. We live in an amazing community where so many are hard at work to encourage Partnerships and Relationships wherever they go. And you know what? The bigger the barrier we breach, the better the bridge we build!

Take our local school for example. Like so many primary academies, the staff and children and connected families work hard to make connections across the community and to model it in the curriculum. I have had the privilege of conducting regular assemblies (Collective Worship) for the three integral communities - Sky, Ocean and Forest – for

the past two years. In July we had an awesome Prom Night with acrobats, fire eaters and even a balloon modeller (guess who?) celebrating Year Six "Class of 2023" graduating this summer.

So ... in the spirit of community celebration and to celebrate and showcase Partnerships and Relationships, let me invite you to an important event this month. I am delighted that the Bourne Alliance Multi Academy Trust is partnering with All Saints Church to host a unique gathering at Iwade School. I am grateful to Katrine Stewart and Revd. Julian Staniforth for helping this to happen and I hope very much to see you there. It is called Assembly on Sunday and it is basically what our children do at assembly in school each morning, only made accessible on Sunday afternoon for EVERYONE.

SUNDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER 2023 at 3.00 pm in IWADE SCHOOL

Everyone is welcome: children, parents, grandparents, families, friends. Nobody is excluded. There will be songs and stories, refreshments, games and fun. We just ask that children are accompanied by a responsible adult. Further details can be obtained from me via [07710 353461](tel:07710353461). Please join us at 3.00 on 10th September and let's help promote Partnerships and Relationships at the heart of our village.



IWADE ALLOTMENTS

Did you know we have allotments in Iwade?

Would you like to grow your own fresh produce?

If you do ... we would like to hear from you. We are opening our books from September.

Please give me a call/text and I will add you to our waiting list.

Christine
07971 003424



MEMS

Demelza Open Day

Celebrate Demelza's 25th anniversary by coming to see some of our brand new facilities including Hill Farm on 16 September 2023, 10am-4pm at Demelza Kent, Rook Lane, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8DZ.

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THE DOGGY CAFE

Saturday 30th September 11am to 2pm
Iwade Barn, All Saint's Close Iwade ME9 8FP
The car park will be closed for the café & do bring cash to treat your dog!

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KENT POLICE ANNUAL POLICING SURVEY 2023

Kent Police has launched the annual consultation the performance Kent Police and levels in local areas. It's an

anonymous survey, it will take about 5 minutes to complete and it is important, because the Commissioner uses the data to challenge the Chief Constable and hold him to account. It also informs him about crime in local areas etc.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/KentPolicingSurvey2023/>



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES CONT.

- well.
- The Youth provision group, Brogdale, was initially funded by Western Area Committee, they organised events at The Herons field last year, but are now running out of money. Cllr. Baldock suggested Parish Councils could contribute towards the group. Cllr. Tolhurst will keep members updated.
 - They are helping people with their energy bills by sending out packs with things like draught excluders and bulb timers. The packs need to be applied for and Cllr. Tolhurst suggested adding a link to the Iwade Parish Council website.

Action: Clerk

4. Swale West Parishes – No meeting held.

ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk advised she is in contact with Southern Water regarding the ongoing water leaks in the village and is waiting to be advised a date for a meeting with them.

- Cllr. Tolhurst advised that work on the pond to unblock the outfalls/headwalls will start after a bird nest clears. The next job is to deal with the reedmace, and he has been advised this needs to be tidied up, not removed, as it acts as a filter for the stream.

- Also reported that in the Nature Park the sign to warn there is water is not visible. The Clerk will add this to the next agenda.

Action: Clerk



MONDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We've had a busy summer culminating in our Barn Picnic at the end of July which was enjoyed by all. Quizzes, competitions and prizes, good food and fine company – what's not to like!

We continue to meet on alternate Mondays from about 10.30 to midday for tea/coffee, chats, games and occasional speakers. We are hoping to visit the Criterion Theatre in the Autumn to see their fascinating local history museum, guided by one of the members, and maybe a behind the scenes tour too.

Our group is friendly and informal, if you'd like to give it a try we'd love to see you, just pop-in on the day at Iwade Barn. Upcoming dates are September 4th and 18th, then into October on the 2nd and 16th and fortnightly thereafter.

We look forward to seeing you at a future meeting.

IWADE READING AND BOOK GROUP

Christine Freshwater

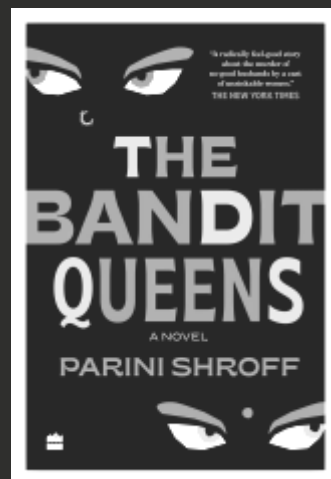
At our August meeting we reviewed *Death in Shetland Waters* by Marsali Taylor.

This is one book in a series of murder mystery books, and with hindsight it would have been better to have read the earlier books first!

The tale is about Cass, a female 3rd Officer aboard the Norwegian Sail Training Ship *Sorlandet*. They are sailing from Norway to Belfast in Northern Ireland as part of the Tall Ships Race. The story includes a stowaway who cannot be found, a trainee goes missing, Cass's boyfriend a Scottish DI is called in to investigate and finds they have a ruthless killer on board.

Some of the group enjoyed reading it others found it difficult to read, hard to get into partly due to the number of characters, sailing terminology and some of the Shetland language used.

We meet next on Tuesday 12th September at 10.30 in The Barn, when we will review *The Bandit Queens* by Parini Shroff. If you'd like to join us we'd love to see you there; have a read and just turn up on the day or you can follow us on FB at Iwade Reading and Book Group. We look forward to seeing you to discuss our latest book and enjoy a chat and refreshments.



UPDATES FROM CITIZENS ADVICE SWALE JULY/AUGUST 2023

1. What can you do if your package holiday goes wrong?

Most of us have a lovely time when we go away. But if something goes wrong with your package holiday, tell the company or travel agent you booked with straight away. If you don't say anything until you get home, you might get less or no compensation at all.

If the holiday you went on turned out to be lower in value than the one you booked you can make a claim for 'loss of value'. For example, you paid for a deluxe room but got a standard one, if it wasn't sorted out at the time you can claim back the difference in value.

You can also claim 'out-of-pocket expenses' for any extra money you spend while away, for example the hotel was a bus ride away from the beach rather than across the road as advertised. If this happens make sure you keep your receipts.

If big parts of the trip you booked didn't happen or services weren't provided, you can make a claim for 'loss of enjoyment'. Any claim you make must be reasonable. You can't get compensation if you simply didn't enjoy the holiday or if the problem was out of the holiday company's control - like bad weather.

If you don't get the service you've been promised, you may be entitled to compensation for breach of contract. You might also be able to claim from your travel insurance.

2. New school year – Feeling the Squeeze?

A new school year can put pressure on lots of people's budgets, and if you're feeling the squeeze at the moment you're not alone in your worries. But there is help available.

School lunches: The help you can get to cover school lunches will vary depending on how old your children are and if you claim benefits. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 automatically get free school meals. You can apply for free school meals for older children if you claim certain types of benefits, including Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support. There is also local support available during the school holidays, for example the Faversham Umbrella are currently offering free lunch boxes for school children.

Travel costs: If your child can't walk to school because of special educational needs or disabilities they should get free school transport. You may be able to get help with transport costs from Kent County Council if your children can't walk because it's dangerous or too far.

School uniform: Local charitable schemes may be able to help, for example the Community Wardrobes from Sheppey Matters and Sittingbourne Methodist Church. There may also be donations and second-hand sales available through the school itself or Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

How can we help you?

General Advice: Call Adviceline on 0808 278 7979, send an online request at <https://citizensadviceuk.org/email-general-advice/> 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://citizensadviceuk.org/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.

PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends,

So, we are now in September! For me this month represents Autumn ... and the new school year ... and also (just so you know) my wedding anniversary.

For me September's changeable weather has become associated with those particular life events. So, in early September whenever there is a day of mistiness and a smell of damp in the air I remember, aged 11, walking in to my new school for the first day of term. Despite the dreary weather and my feeling of trepidation, I know that the day itself went well. I remember that I was in a class with two of my friends, that the form teacher was welcoming and that I had managed not to get lost. The memory is a good one. And then on really wet days in mid-September I recall that the day before our wedding it rained torrentially. We wondered if we would all be soaked to the skin - and we had an umbrella at the ready expecting the worst. But the wedding day itself turned out to be warm and sunny – and wonderful.

September then is a time of year that is linked in my mind with change and new starts, and with that internal tension of nervousness and excitement and "what ifs". But it is also a time that is associated with hopefulness.

Hopefulness offers us a sense of being positive as we look ahead despite what may be going on in our lives. As Christians we worship a God of hope – and as we trust in Jesus we can know, in faith, that all will be well – no matter what.

At the beginning of August, I went to New Wine for a day. New Wine is a Christian organisation that has an annual conference which, this year, was held at Detling. On the day the sunny weather I expect in August was completely absent. I spared a thought for all the people camping on a showground that was being battered by wind and rain. But the camaraderie was great. The worship was amazing. And the message delivered reminded me again that we always have hope – that God knows us and loves us and is with us. He offers us amazing opportunities. And the best is yet to come.

So, for all of you who are experiencing change, who are starting something new, who have children about to go to a new school, who are getting married.... "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13 NIV)

With love and blessings, Lis Wilmett

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IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE 2023

Present

Cllr. S. Waters – Acting Chair
Cllr. S. Tolhurst
Cllr. D. Waters
Cllr. B. Whiting
Cllr. R. Stalley-Moores
Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. S. Lancashire
Samantha Gray, Clerk
Lynda Ives, RFO
1 resident

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Hyde and Dollimore.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Stalley-Moores, the minutes of the Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 10 May 2023, were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record

Visitors/Public Time

1. Visitors - A resident of the Parish attended the meeting to express interest in the current vacancies for Parish Council members. Members held a vote and all were in favour to appoint Sam Fuszard as a Parish council member, the Acceptance of Office form to be signed at the end of the meeting.

Action: Clerk

2. County and Borough Councillors - None attended.

3. Community Warden / PCSO - No reports received. Noted that Kent Police advised The Neighbourhood Policing Model has started its transition this week, which means every ward will have a named officer.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Village Repairs:

- Grovehurst Road – uneven ground and broken fence – this damage was caused by the Pond Farm developer therefore they should carry out the

repair as promised. Grass also needs to be reinstated. Clerk to follow up and request a repair date. Keep on the agenda.

- Overgrown hedges on Grovehurst Road and Sheppey Way by the Farm Shop – should be maintained by KCC. Clerk to chase.

- Repair and stain fences on Entrances and Exits of the village – The Clerk to ask handy man to carry out.

- Some flower beds in planters around the village have not been maintained by volunteers, Clerk to ask the handyman to maintain.

- Following items reported by council members that need addressing; Bus shelter on Ferry Road, Village Precinct, Lamp post painting, damaged information board Woodpecker Park, standard of grass cutting, fence posts at Monins Green are rotten at ground level, alleyway between Kingfisher and Ferry Road overgrown, two trees by the Cairn appear to have died.

Action: Clerk

2. Parish Council Community Cost of Living Grant Scheme – Members agreed to apply for funding for the Church to help with the food bank.

Action: Clerk

Planning

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

23/502028/FULL: 8 Helen Thompson Close Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8DW. Raising roof height of garage including a front dormer to create additional habitable space. Erection of a single storey rear extension. Members discussed and advised no comments.

23/502058/FULL: Erection of a part single storey, part two storey side and rear extension.32 Ferry Road Iwade Kent ME9 8RR. Members discussed and advised no comments.

23/502585/FULL: Erection of a first-floor side extension over existing bedroom. 7 Meadow Brown View Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8XB. Members discussed and advised no comments.

Correspondence

1. Parking Issues – Cormorant Road –

A resident reported to the Parish Council that parking in Cormorant Road is restricting access to their property for bin collections and delivery vans, resulting in missed bin collections. Members discussed and advised that installing double yellow lines would only cause the parking problem to move to another area. The Clerk will follow this issue up with Borough Councillor Roger Clarke and in the meantime the Parish Council suggest leaving the bin in an area where it can be accessed for collection. Members also discussed the restricted access for emergency services and asked the Clerk to add to this issue to the next agenda for further discussion.

Action: Clerk

2. Invitation to Nominate for Local Heritage List – The following suggestions were made and the Clerk will advise Swale Borough Council:

- The Church
- Old Bakery (The Street)
- The Cairn
- The Gunnery Site
- The Henge (Peach Blossom Field)

Action: Clerk

3. Parking issues – Meadow Close – A resident reported to the council that parking in Meadow Close during School drop off and pick up times is having an impact on themselves and neighbours of the Close. Council members discussed and advised the Clerk to add this issue to a future Highway Improvement plan to discuss this issue with KCC at the next opportunity.

Action: Clerk

4. Issues with PROW between Springvale and Sheerstone – Residents

have been experiencing issues with anti-social behaviour relating to the alleyway between Springvale and Sheerstone, ZR92. It was suggested that this alleyway should have locked gates installed at either end with added security measures, with access granted to the Environment Agency. There is an alternative alley further along Springvale which links to Sheerstone. Council members asked the Clerk to contact the KCC PROW officer and invite them to site. Also liaise with the local PCSO regarding anti-social behaviour.

Action: Clerk

Finance

1. Gala Lights – Quote to Extend

Christmas Tree Lights – Council members asked the Clerk to enquire about Warranty cover and to defer this item to the next agenda.

Action: Clerk

2. Internal Audit Report 2022-23 – The RFO advised members the annual internal audit went well, and the auditor noted the following action plans: backup documents to OneDrive, add notes on reserves to the financial report, note scale points of staff pay on payments, council member to sign the bank statement and financial report to show reconciliation.

Action: Clerk/RFO

3. Grounds Maintenance – grant from KCC – The RFO advised a meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15 June with Swale, KCC, the RFO and the Clerk. KCC have already advised that some areas have been removed from the maps, therefore the grant has reduced from £3,579.22 to £3,441.01. The cost to the Parish will be £8,061.00.

4. Microsoft 365 License and Mailbox – Clerk – The Clerk advised that the cost of an additional Microsoft 365 license and mailbox is £163.20.

Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. D. Waters.

5. Approval of Annual Return, 2022/23:

a) Section 1. Annual Governance Statement – Duly signed by the acting Chairman and the Clerk, the annual governance statement was accepted,

proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire.

b) Section 2. Accounting Statements 2022/23 – Previously signed by the RFO, and duly signed by the acting Chairman at the meeting, members accepted the accounting statements, proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire.

c) Explanation of Variances – the RFO circulated the information to council members.

d) Cash Balance 2022/23 – the RFO circulated the information to council members.

6. Insurance 2023/24 – The RFO

Advised council members the insurance has been paid, the cost for this year is £2,183.76.

7. Grounds Maintenance 2023/24, confirmation of risk assessment, monitoring etc. - 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 also aware that these two areas are also monitored by Swale Borough Council. I trust Kent County Council will now release the funding due to the Parish Council.

Action: RFO

8. Parish Footway Lighting – An Electrical and Structural survey of the Council's 28 lighting columns was carried out by ETL Limited. ETL advised there were no structural defects, but some minor electrical work is required to bring in line with current regulations. A quote for £2202.58 has been received, but as 2 columns still need examining the RFO advised that the cost may increase to £2400 when these are included.

9. Revised Grant Form – The RFO presented a revised grant form to members and all agreed with the changes.

10. Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting - Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr.

Whiting, members noted the budget figures and the accounts to 31 May. The following payments were agreed, Cllrs. Whiting and Lancashire to log in and authorize payments.

Action: Cllrs. Whiting/Lancashire

Projects – Updates on Current and New

1. King's Coronation 2023 – Members discussed the upcoming Beacon Lighting which will be held Saturday 19 June at 9pm. Cllr. Lancashire noted thanks to parishioner Andy Shilling, who used his drone to check the Beacon basket was clear of chicks that were nesting a few weeks ago.

2. Iwade Clean Up – Members discussed the arrangements for delivering and collecting equipment for the upcoming clean up event. Clerk to continue to advertise on social media. A First aid volunteer is required, Clerk to confirm who this will be. Cllr. S. Waters volunteered to be the Co-ordinator contact for the event.

Reports from Representatives

1. Hall – Cllr. Langham advised the following:

- The hall has good bookings
- A few minor problems with hirers not clearing up and leaving rubbish
- New quote received for the floor but unfortunately is too expensive. It has been decided to leave the floor as it is because there will be a new village hall in approximately 3 years.
- The filters in the bathrooms will be replaced.

2. KALC – Cllr. Langham advised that unfortunately he was unable to attend the Annual General Meeting but has volunteered for the general purpose committee.

3. Swale Western Area Committee – Cllr. Tolhurst advised he following:

- The meeting was held Thursday 8 June and has a new set of councillors.
- They have been working on a walking and cycling project, and there are now maps and leaflets available of walking routes. Cllr. Tolhurst suggested that once we receive the link we should add this to the Iwade Parish Council website. Leaflets will be printed as