

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11 December 2019

**Present:** Cllr. S. Cheeseman - Chair  
Cllr. A. Dollimore – Vice-Chair  
Cllr. P. Hyde  
Cllr. S. Lancashire  
Cllr. R. Langham  
Cllr. P. De Fede

Lynda Fisher, Clerk  
County Cllr. M. Whiting  
Adam McKinley, Community Warden  
3 Parishioners

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Boniface, Whiting and Trower and the PCSO.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - None**

#### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 13 November 2019 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

#### **4. Visitors/Public Time**

1. **Visitors** – A resident, representing the Iwade Patient Participation Group (IPPG), raised the issue of car parking at the surgery, the Clerk on their behalf had approached the Village Hall seeking their help with using 5/6 spaces, but this was difficult with the daytime usage of the hall. The Chair and Vice-Chair agreed to meet with the gentleman on Friday to look at possible alternatives.

**Action: Cllrs Cheeseman/Dollimore**

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting reported he had received positive comments about DMC and Iwade Health Centre. Has received complaints about parking in various parts of the village. Money has come through from Government to carry out work to the Grovehurst Interchange. He is trying to encourage the planting of wildflowers in various places, tied in with KCC sorting out its Climate Change policy May next year.
3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – the Community Warden reported - Parking outside school, he and Parking Wardens have made a presence outside. Has sent an email to the facilities manager regarding the footpath in front of the car park entrance, as requested by the school, is awaiting a response. Will also speak to the highways Steward about this. Youths gathering in bus shelter, burned something in there looks like plastic dog bag? When speaking to residents about this there is so much not being reported to police because when I ask the police they don't know. Meeting with Youth House in Milton Regis and seeing whether they would do outreach work in Iwade and what programs they offer. Running surgeries first Friday of each month at 2.00 p.m. at Mews Brewhouse, will join PCSO when he holds his surgeries. Until new year working in Leysdown on Wednesdays.

The PCSO sent written report – Report of youths throwing a plant inside a shop – patrol attended and criminal damage report taken. Youth seen hanging around a vehicle in Redwing Avenue – PCSO attended, took details and CSU are currently dealing with named youth. Various reports of nuisance vehicles in Ridham Dock area – liaising with various departments to form an action plan to deal with these incidents. Two windows smashed on vehicle parked in Woodpecker Drive – PCSO attended and spoke to owner of vehicle. Damage looked to be made by a catapult; Criminal damage report

submitted. Reports of youths throwing mud at vehicles – patrol attended but no youths found. Vehicle stolen from address in Sheerstone – crime report taken. Report of two young males shooting in woodland with air rifle – patrol attended by no-one found. Vehicle and house damaged on Sanderling Way – criminal damage report taken.

Finally, leaflets were put on vehicles parked on the pavement in The Street two weeks ago, reminding drivers to be considerate when parking. Since then, a few vehicles have been observed to be parking less on the pavement, meaning there is more space to get past.

## 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Drains, School Lane – County Cllr. M. Whiting** – Awaiting response from KCC. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Parish Councillor Vacancies** – Members welcomed Paul Di Fede to the Parish Council, he duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took up his post.
3. **School Entrance** – See 4.3 above, Community Warden awaiting response from School.
4. **20 mph Zone** – County Councillor Whiting agreed to fund two speed surveys. If the mean speed averages 28 mph then we can go ahead with lines and signs – don't need more buildouts, which are costly. However, it appears that although Bobbing Parish Council was not approached for funding for the same Scheme in The Meads, Iwade will need to find money, this could be costly, particularly as the Scheme will need a TRO. Clerk to advise Cllr. Whiting that we would like the speed surveys and to approach Upchurch Parish Council (who are going down the same route) to see how they are progressing. **Action: Clerk**

## 6. Planning

1. **19/505642/FULL**: 63 Stangate Drive Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8TQ: Erection of a single storey side extension and a loft conversion with 3no. roof lights – no objections.
2. **18/506677/HYBRID**: Halfway Egg Farm Featherbed Lane Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8RA: Hybrid application - Planning permission is sought for change of use of existing dwelling house to replacement farm shop with office above, and conversion of toilet block to farm produce store (167 sqm) and Outline planning permission is sought for demolition of existing agricultural buildings and farm shop, erection of up to 19 dwellings, erection of implement store, associated access road, parking, pedestrian footpath and landscaping (access and layout being sought only)- Agreed no further comments to raise on this application.
3. **19/505921/FULL**: Erection of a single storey side extension: 3 Shelduck Close Iwade ME9 8WH – no objections.

## 7. Correspondence

1. **KALC Community Awards Scheme 2020** – Clerk to collate comments relating to a candidate for the award. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30** – Bring back to next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

## 8. Finance

1. **Bank Mandate** – Same response received from NatWest, agreed to stay with the Bank but monitor the situation. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Websites** – Agreed to set aside funding in the Budget; Clerk to request quotations from website designer and to ask Schools if pupils design websites as part of their studies. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Donation – National Flood Forum** - Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, agreed the S.137 donation of £50. **Action: Clerk**

4. **Donation – S.E. 4 x 4** - Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, agreed the S.137 donation of £100 **Action: Clerk**
5. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 30 November 2019:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
11.12.19	2156	Clerk's Expenses	Tele, Office Use – November	£18.66p
11.12.19	2157	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due for November	£302.77p
11.12.19	2158	Steve Wakeling	Handyman duties and Materials November	£322.00p
11.12.19	2159	The Beauty of Bath	Christmas Chocolates for Lighting up Event	£158.30p
11.12.19	2160	A. Dollimore	Mileage from Iwade to Colchester and Return and Dart Charge (Collect Snow M/c. as firm could not deliver)	£116.00p
<b>Five cheques in total</b>				

Other outgoings:

Staff Wages: December	£1219.54p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting –December	£72.37p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle: Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – November	£51.41p	Paid by Direct Debit
Invicta IT Solutions: 12 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes: December	£54.72p	Paid by Standing Order

Plus Paid in

Swale B.C: Festive Display Grant	£1000.00p	Paid by BACs
KCC: Grant re Shrub Maintenance	£1620.82p	Paid by BACs

**9. Projects/Project Updates**

1. Festive Lights – A very successful event supported by Gala Lights, Iwade Can Sing, the Village Hall Committee (Lantern Parade) and Elite Dance Company. The Snow Machine was a big hit. Sadly, although the star worked before the ceremony, it did not light on the night. It cannot be repaired before Christmas, but Members agreed to look at this in the New Year. **Action: Clerk**
2. New Projects 2020/21 – Agreed to look at possibly extending lights down Sheppey Way; Planting Wildflowers to tie in with 'Kent's Plan Bee' – Kent County Council's Pollinator Action Plan and to look at installing a Village Sign on the Gateway entrance, Sheppey Way (Sandling Road end).

**10. Reports from Representatives**

1. Hall – The Lantern Parade was a huge success. All tickets sold within 20 minutes for Santa's Grotto. Bookings good.
2. KALC – nothing to report

**11. Any Other Matters Arising - none.**

**12. Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 8 January 2020, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.**