

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11 January 2023

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair	Cllr. S. Waters
	Cllr. S. Tolhurst	Cllr. D. Waters
	Cllr. R. Langham	Cllr. S. Cheeseman
	Cllr. P. Hyde	Lynda Ives, Acting Clerk/RFO
	Cllr. R. Stalley-Moores	County/Borough Cllr. M. Baldock
	Cllr. B. Whiting	1 Residents

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Cllr. S. Lancashire and Borough Cllr. C. Woodford.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Stalley Moores, the minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 11 December 2022, were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Tolhurst, the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 11 December 2022, were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – A Resident raised the issue of the water leak and bad reinstatement work in Ferry Road, to the front of Plantation Court. This has been reported numerous times by the Parish Council and residents. Cllr. Baldock to take this up.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County/Borough Cllr. Baldock has been investigating the possibility of setting up a working Group at KCC to look at Highway Improvement Plans, hopefully to improve consultations with Parishes and Councils. Both KCC and Swale Borough Council budgets are under heavy pressure, both suffering cash shortfalls.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Neither attended; no written reports received.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) Review** – KCC, via a “Teams” meeting with the Clerk advised that (keep this on the agenda):

KCC will install corner protection double yellow lines for Sheerstone, Sandling, Kingfisher and Woodpecker, on safety grounds. It was proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. S. Waters, agreed to ask KCC to go ahead; the Parish Council to accept the extra cost of £700. **Action: Clerk**

School Lane, KCC has already cut vegetation back at the junction and laid turf, this will vastly improve sight lines.

The Officer is in correspondence with the bus company concerning Chetney View, querying why buses use this as a turning point. She will advise further when she has received their comments.

The Officer has visited Cormorant Road, notes that there are already some double yellow lines that she was unaware of and feels that putting in further lines will only cause issues due to the narrow roads and is not viable. Councillors agreed no further action.

Following receipt of the traffic survey, KCC stated that a 20 mph speed restriction is not viable.

Swallow Avenue is being investigated by KCC; she is waiting for the Soft Landscape Team to advise on a planter at the back, around the tree, to make it clear that it is not a turning circle. The Officer also hopes to make it clear so that people can see that it is a 'Y' shaped 'circle'.

Grovehurst Gateway priority; the Officer advised that this facility would change with the two new developments and as such any expense on the old gateway will be a waste of money. She recommends that the Parish Council discuss the design of the new gateway with the developers so that we get what we want in this area.

2. **Site Entrance Pond Farm** – The Parish Council first objected to Sheppey Way being used as an entrance back at the beginning of October. The Officer acknowledged our comments and said he would take them into account. The Clerk chased as nothing further was heard from Swale Borough Council. The Clerk again chased for a response on the 14 December and on the same date was promised a 'substantive response' by a Senior Planning Officer (this was not received). It was disappointing to note that without any consultation this was approved on the 15 December. A complaint has also been lodged with KCC regarding the surface water being pumped from the site onto Grovehurst Road. Keep on Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Tracker – Cllrs Tolhurst** – Revised Tracker circulated to everyone. Cllr. Tolhurst kindly agreed to retain the role of updating this working document. **Action: Cllr. Tolhurst**
4. **Mobile Phone Signals in the Village** – Cllr. Hyde has been investigating the mobile phone reception within the Village from providers O2, Vodafone, Three and EE; the worst appears to be O2, with most of the village coverage being 2G only. Members agreed the Clerk to write to the providers pointing out that there has been a large expansion of the village and to see if they are able to improve the service to Iwade, which has now become a town! This improvement might be via boosters or other options that they could possibly offer. **Action: Clerk**
5. **Flood Action Group** – Cllr. Whiting is still awaiting a response from David Jordan. In the meantime, he will get in touch with Katia Sanhueza-Pino, from the Flood Action Group, to see if she can assist. **Action: Cllr. Whiting**
6. **Pond Management** – Cllr. Tolhurst is still awaiting a reply from Swale Borough Council. Clerk agreed to email the Officer to push for a response, **Action: Cllr. Tolhurst/Clerk**
6. **Planning** – applications are viewable on: Swale: <http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications>; KCC: <https://cloud2.atriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do>

1. **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: Land Off Sheppey Way Iwade Kent: Agreed to respond as follows:

Iwade Parish Council strongly objects to this application and requires the age limit to remain as being accommodation for the over 55-year-olds.

Back in 2018/19 the Parish Council asked ACRK to undertake a Housing Needs Survey, as a result of this it became clear that there was a need for bungalows, both for the elderly able and disabled, particularly for those residents who wished to downsize but remain in a village where they had family links/resided in Iwade a long time.

Much of the new build in the village has been houses with 3,4,5 bedrooms, for larger families; there is a shortage of 1/2 bedroom properties and most importantly bungalows, which as stated above are particularly suitable for the elderly/disabled.

7. Correspondence

1. **KALC Community Awards Scheme 2023** – Bring back to next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

8. Finance

1. **2023/24 Budget and Precept** – Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Langham agreed the 2023/24 Precept of £51620, which equates to a Band D Council Tax of £35.36, which means a further year of no increase to householders. It was worrying to note that Swale Borough Council has reduced the lighting grant from £2620 to £550, which will have an impact on the Budget. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Sign-Post Telly Tubby Hill/School Lane** – Despite Cllr. Tolhurst again chasing FarmSigns for a revised invoice as this payment is still pending one has not been received. The new signpost for the bottom of School Lane has now been received. Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Langham, agreed to accept the quote of £105 for installation. **Action: Cllr. Tolhurst/Clerk**
3. **Plaque for Beacon** – Cllr. Hyde put forward a suggestion for the plaque and wording. He will contact the company to see if they can alter it to meet the Parish Council’s requirements. **Action: Cllr. Hyde**
4. **Gateway Repairs Sheppey Way** – Proposed by Cllr. D. Waters and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore, agreed to accept the quote of £785. **Action: Clerk**
5. **CCTV** – Bring back to next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Tolhurst**
6. **Grounds Maintenance Contract** – Clerk has approached KCC requesting details of the 2023/24 grant; they are unable to give this information until March 2023. She has approached Swale Borough Council to ascertain costs for the same year, if we take on the grounds maintenance for a further year; no response has been received as yet. **Action: Clerk**
7. **Faulty Street Light, nr 50 Sheerstone** – Quote has not been received, Clerk to chase for this information. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Request for Donation – Men’s Breakfast Club.** Bring back to next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
9. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** - Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Tolhurst, members noted the budget figures and the accounts to the 31 December 2022; the following payments were agreed. Cllrs. Langham and Whiting to log in and authorize payments. **Action: Cllrs. Langham/Whiting**

EXPENDITURE				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payable to	Reason	Amount
11.01.23	BACs	L. Fisher	Expenses – Phone, home as office,3 Ink Cartridges	£18.00p
11.01.23	BACs	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax November	£320.26p
11.01.23	BACs	Gala Lights	Installation/removal/storage/PAT Testing Festive Lights 2022	£9138.00p
11.01.23	BACs	Kent Service Maintenance Ltd	Work to replace Uprights on PROW Sign Ferry Road	£285.00p
11.01.23	BACs	The Acorn Workshop	Replacement Fingerpost for Bottom of School Lane	£600.00p
11.01.23	BACs	Marmax Recycled Products	Replacement slats for Woodpecker Park Picnic Bench	£225.84p
11.01.23	BACs	Iwade Village Hall	Hall Hire October, November, and December 2023	£54.60p
11.01.23	BACs	Viking	Ink Cartridge for Sam Grey’s Printer, in readiness for February	£72.62p

11.01.23	BACs	Mrs. D. Barker	Donation to Mother and Toddler Group	£826.50p
11.01.23	BACs	Steve Wakeling	Handyman Fee and Materials December	£217.00p
11.01.23	BACs	Marie Curie South Region	Donation – S137	£50.00p
01.01.23	BACs	Locum Salary	November coverage	£910.10p
01.01.23	SO	Staff Salaries	November	£293.40p
01.01.23	DD	NEST	Pension contributions	£27.63p
01.01.23	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	13 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes and Exchange	£63.70p
01.01.23	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee	£29.99p
27.01.23	DD	Npower	Electricity Supply	£67.88p
30.01.23	DD	Countrystyle	Supply of Waste Wheelie Bin, monthly	£36.94p
INCOME				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Received from	Reason	Amount

9. Projects – Updates on Current and New

1. **King’s Coronation 2023** – Cllr Dollimore to place an article on Facebook. Agreed to include lighting the Beacon. **Action: Cllr Dollimore**

10. Reports from Representatives

1. **Hall** – Repairs underway, some work to be carried out during half-term.
2. **KALC** – Nothing to report.
3. **Swale Western Area Committee** – Next meeting 16 February 2023.
4. **Swale West Parishes** – Nothing to report.

11. Any Other Matters Arising

None.

12. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 8 February 2023, 7.30 p.m., in Iwade Village Hall

The meeting closed at 09.20 p.m.