

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 12 July 2023

Present: Cllr. S. Tolhurst – Acting Chair Cllr. S. Fuszard
Cllr. S. Lancashire Samantha Gray, Clerk
Cllr. D. Waters Borough Cllr. Lloyd Chapman
Cllr. B. Whiting 2 Residents
Cllr. R. Stalley-Moores

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Stalley-Moores, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 June 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – Nothing to report.
2. **County and Borough Councillors** – Nothing to report.
3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – No reports received at the time of the meeting. Members noted that PC Jez Chittim is holding a drop in service for residents in the Mews Brewhouse at 10.30am on Friday 14 July.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Councillor Co-option:

- Noted that Cllr. Sam Fuszard was co-opted as a member of the Parish Council in the June meeting and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.
- Resident Tony Guest attended the meeting to discuss his application for the current Council member vacancy. All members agreed to co-opt Tony as a member of the Parish Council and he duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

2. Village Repairs - An update on the work in progress:

- Overgrown hedges on Grovehurst Road & Sheppey Way – reported to KCC who confirmed they will action.
- Repair & Stain fences on entrances and exits of the Village – Handyman Steve Wakeling will carry out and keep the council updated.
- Maintain Flower Beds – Handyman Steve Wakeling has assessed the work required and will add to his weekly schedule.
- Bus Shelter – Handyman Steve Wakeling will add to his weekly schedule and keep the council updated.

- Damaged information board in Woodpecker Park – this has previously been “made safe” by Swale BC, they could replace this, but they advised this is not on the top of their list of priorities as they could replace and then it could be vandalised again.
- Fence posts at Monins Green rotten at ground level – Swale officer will inspect and carry out work required.
- Two trees by the Cairn appear to have died – One tree was recently planted, Clerk to contact the nursery to discuss this and source a quote to replace the older tree. **Action: Clerk**

3. **Parish Council Community Cost of Living Grant Scheme** – The Clerk completed the funding application for the Church to help with the food bank and unfortunately was advised the funding has closed at the moment but this is under review. Clerk to apply for funding again when the scheme re-opens. **Action: Clerk**

4. **Parking Issues – Cormorant Road – Restricted access for emergency vehicles** – Members discussed the amount of cars parked on the road/pavements that would restrict access for emergency services vehicles. Double yellow lines have been discussed with KCC and they advised they do not think they would resolve this issue. Members suggested posting notices on Facebook regarding inconsiderate parking. **Action: Clerk**

5. **Issues with PROW between Springvale and Sheerstone** – The Clerk contacted the KCC PROW officer and was advised they do not deal with anti-social behaviour issues and should contact Swale Borough Council, which the Clerk has done and is currently awaiting a response from them. The Clerk has also contacted PC Jez Chittim to make him aware of the issues residents are having with anti-social behaviour in this area.

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

23/502863/TNOT56: Telecommunications Unit Sheppey Way Iwade Kent ME9 8RE. Prior Notification for Electronic Communications for proposed 15.0m Phase 8 Monopole, 3no. cabinets, and associated ancillary works. For its prior approval to: siting and appearance. Council members discussed and support this planning application.

KCC/SW/0104/2023: Extension to existing stores building and erection of new workshop Building. MVV Environment Ridham, Lord Nelson Road, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8FQ. Council members discussed and advised no comments on this application.

7. **Correspondence**

1. **Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 – and Draft Kent Minerals Sites Plan – Regulation 18 Public Consultation June 2023** – Council members discussed and advised no comments.
2. **Visuals for Parish Council meetings** – Cllr. Fuszard suggested the Parish Council use visuals such as a TV screen connected to a smart phone or tablet to display planning applications and any other documents needed during meetings. Council members also suggested video recording meetings and asked the Clerk to look into whether we could allow access to the meeting via Microsoft Teams. **Action: Clerk**

8. **Finance**

1. **Gala Lights – Quote to Extend Christmas Tree Lights** – Council members considered the quotation to extend the Christmas Tree Lights and the Clerk advised Gala Lights provide a 1 year warranty for new Lights. Cllr. Guest advised he could obtain another quote from a steel fabricator. Clerk to keep on the agenda. Members also suggested installing a concrete bollard to protect the lamppost on the corner

of telly tubby hill which has recently been knocked down and requires replacing. Clerk to add to the next agenda. **Action: Clerk/Cllr. Guest**

2. **Councillor Training – How Councils can more efficiently engage with young people** – Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, members agreed to the cost of £44.40 for Cllr. Fuszard to attend the training course. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Councillor Training – Managing Difficult People and Conversations** - Proposed by Cllr. D. Waters and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, members agreed to the cost of £44.40 for Cllr. Fuszard to attend the training course. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** - Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, members noted the budget figures and the accounts to 30 June. The following payments were agreed, Cllrs. Whiting and Lancashire to log in and authorize payments. **Action: Cllrs. Whiting/Lancashire**

EXPENDITURE				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payable to	Reason	Amount
12.07.23	BACs	L. Ives	Expenses – Telephone, home as office	£18.00p
12.07.23	BACs	S. Gray	Expenses – Telephone, home as office	£23.00p
12.07.23	BACs	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax June	£160.26p
12.07.23	BACs	Steve Wakeling	Handyman Fee and Materials - May	£302.25p
12.07.23	BACs	Iwade Village Hall	Hall Hire April to June	£78.30p
12.07.23	BACs	McCabe Ford Williams	Quarterly Payroll Preparation Fee	£90.86p
12.07.23	BACs	Steve Wakeling	Handyman Fee and Materials – June	£271.25p
01.07.23	SO	Staff Salaries	June	£1332.58p
01.07.23	DD	NEST	Pension contributions June	£56.75p
01.07.23	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee	£35.99p
27.07.23	DD	Npower	Electricity Supply	£86.03p
31.07.23	DD	Countrystyle	Supply of Waste Wheelie Bin	£36.94p
INCOME				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Received from	Reason	Amount

9. Projects – Updates on Current and New

1. **King’s Coronation 2023** – Members reported the event was a success, some residents attended along with council members to enjoy the Beacon Lighting.
2. **Iwade Clean Up** – Unfortunately only a small number of volunteers came forward for the event scheduled for Sunday 2 July, therefore this was cancelled. Council members agreed to hold the next clean up event on Sunday 22 October, this time with no BBQ, but tea, coffee and light refreshments will be served. Clerk to invite local groups and advertise the event on Facebook, notice boards and the Parish Council website. **Action: Clerk**
3. **D-Day 80th Anniversary Beacon Lighting** – The Parish Council plan to take part in the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, taking place on 6 June 2024. As well as a Beacon Lighting in the

evening, 6 June 2024 will also be national Fish and Chip day and members suggested inviting the Fish & Chip Van to the event, also organise a parade, and involve local schools.

10. Reports from Representatives

1. **Hall** – Representatives not present to report.
2. **KALC** – Representative not present to report.
3. **Swale Western Area Committee** – No meeting held.
4. **Swale West Parishes** – No meeting held.

11. Any Other Matters Arising

- Members discussed the concerns raised by residents over the plan to lawn over the new cemetery. Swale Borough Council are responsible for maintaining the cemetery and there are signs on the gates which states this will be a lawned cemetery. The Clerk contacted SBC and they advised all funeral directors were advised of this in writing and were also provided with a copy of the revised regulations. A resident has explained to Cllr. Whiting that 11 funeral directors they have contacted say they were not informed of this. Council members sympathise with the residents that are affected by this situation.
- Members reported there are traveller's parked underneath the Sheppey Crossing bridge. Clerk to find out if the area is within our Parish and contact Kent Highways. **Action: Clerk**
- Members discussed the Village Precinct – no action has been taken on wall repairs and members suggest contacting Gordon Henderson, the Press and the Landowner. Clerk will add to the next agenda. **Action: Clerk**
- The Clerk, Cllr. Stalley-Moores and Cllr. Lancashire met with Southern Water to discuss the water leak on Ferry Road. Southern Water hope to detect the leak within the next month and will clean up the area and repair the pedestrian crossing lights. The Clerk will place a detailed response on Facebook pages and the Parish Council website.
- Cllr. Tolhurst advised the CCTV camera which is scheduled to be installed to the recently damaged lamp post on Telly Tubby Hill will be installed to a lamppost nearby on Sheppey Way, and when the new lamp post is installed the camera can be moved over. The cameras will be installed on 10 August.

12. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 13 September 2023, 7.30 p.m., in Iwade Village Hall

The meeting closed at 08.51 p.m.