

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 9 November 2022

Present:

Cllr. S. Waters - Vice – Chair	Cllr. D. Waters
Cllr. S. Tolhurst	Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. P. Hyde	County Cllr. M. Baldock
Cllr. S. Lancashire	Lynda Ives, Acting Clerk/RFO
Cllr. R. Stalley-Moores	4 Residents
Cllr. B. Whiting	

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Vice-Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Cllrs. Dollimore and Cheeseman and the PCSO.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, the minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 12 October 2022, were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chair as a true record.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – Residents attended to see if there had been any update regarding the parking issue in Sheerstone – the Vice-Chair advised nothing to date, but the Council is still pushing for a response from Swale/KCC Councils.

A resident complained about the number of lorries in the village going to and from the Pond Farm site; he was advised Swale Borough Council is dealing with this. The same resident again raised the issue of youth provision in the village. It was agreed to place this on the December agenda. **Action: Clerk**

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Baldock advised that at the last Swale West Parishes meeting it was of concern that quite a few Parish Councils are now considered to be inoperative, due to difficulty in filling Parish Councillor vacancies. Highway Improvement Plans were discussed, and Parish Councils are gradually coming on board with this.
3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Neither attended; written report received from PCSO:

Crimes of note:

25/10/2022 – School Mews – Youths have caused criminal damage to the wall in the village square. A crime report has been created after it was reported to police by way of the Parish Clerk.

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

30/09/2022 – Grovehurst Road – Male approached 16-year-old female asking for directions, which she gave. He then asked her where could charge his phone. When the female's mother arrived to pick her up the male quickly walked in the other direction. Local officer was made aware.

01/10/2022 – Dunlin Walk – Reports of a nuisance bike driving around the area. Officer attended but was unable to locate the vehicle.

03/10/2022 – School Lane – reports of a suspicious male outside the school during the evening when Dance Class is on. Officer aware and will attend the location at Key times.

- 08/10/2022 – Ridham Docks – reports of nuisance vehicles being driven.
- 09/10/2022 – Sheerstone – Reports of a male on a yellow bike revving the engine and driving up and down the ally.
- 17/10/2022 – Swallow Avenue – Male attempted to force entry into resident’s house when she went to her door to collect a package left by the post lady. Entry was not gained, and the male ran off. Resident was not hurt but was left shaken. Offender is unknown. There were no other similar reports.
- 17/10/2022 – Rasberry Hill Lane – reports of 2 males with 2 whippet like dogs poaching in the fields.
- 18/10/2022 – Sheerstone – Reports of nuisance bikes being driven.
- 21/10/2022 – Kingfisher Close - Reports of an abandon motorbike. Officer attended and made enquires. Vehicle was not abandoned and road legal. Owner was located.
- 21/10/2022 – Old Ferry Road – reports of 2 nuisance youths racing up and down the road. No officers available to attend.
- 22/10/2022 – Culnells Farm – reports of males stealing rainbow trout from the pond. Officers attended but were unable to locate the males.
- 22/10/2022 – Ridham Docks – reports of vehicles racing. Patrols attended and spoke with drivers. A section 34 was authorised by the duty inspector.
- 29/10/2022 – Chalkhill Close -Reports of youths climbing on the scaffolding and swinging off of it. Patrols attended and youths made of upon seeing them.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) Review** – Payment raised for yellow lines. KCC again looking at the issue in Swallow Avenue. Clerk awaiting addresses from Councillors in order to prepare a consultation letter for circulation. **Action: All Councillors/Clerk**
2. **Site Entrance Pond Farm** – Swale’s Planning Officer is dealing with the issue of lorries driving through the village using Sheppey Way as an entrance to the Pond Farm site.
3. **Parking Issues, Sheerstone** – see Item 4.1 above.
4. **Tracker – Cllrs Tolhurst and S. Waters** – Tracker circulated to everyone. Cllr. S. Waters has been unable to ascertain if this can be uploaded to the Microsoft 365 site, for use as a working document by everyone. Clerk to raise this with our ICT firm. **Action: Clerk**
5. **Lamp Column Painting** – No response from KCC, Clerk to chase. **Action: Clerk**

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

1. **22/504543/FULL**: PROPOSAL: Extension of existing gypsy/travellers’ site and siting of 4no. additional mobile homes. LOCATION: Land at School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8QE – agreed to respond as follows: There have been a number of granted applications over several years relating to School Lane and Iwade has more than contributed to Swale’s need for sites, based on this and other areas within the Parish. Relating to this site, back in June 2014 the Parish Council advised the following: The adjoining site, Basser Hill Farm, started out the same as this application (see SW/04/1324, SW/05/0164, SW/07/0217, SW/08/0877, SW/08/0976 and SW/11/1552) and has ended up now with a bungalow and farm shop on the site, on an area which was once open agricultural farm land; Councillors are concerned that the same will happen here and believe these families are connected. Concerns that again more agricultural land will be lost
2. **KCC/SW/0186/2022**: PROPOSAL: Construction of an extension to the existing Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) building. LOCATION: Countrystyle Recycling Ltd, Ridham Dock Road, Iwade, Kent, ME9 8SR – agreed no comments.
3. **22/504358/FULL**: PROPOSAL: Erection of single storey rear and side extensions, including loft conversion with raised roof ridge, 4no. dormers, and alterations to fenestration. Erection of a

replacement shed in rear garden and creation of additional parking to front. ADDRESS: 30 School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8SE – agreed no comments.

4. **Public consultation notification** - Pond Farm, Iwade - OFW-039579 CMS:0122092 - https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/22_10_21_Consultation_Notice_Pond_Farm.pdf - agreed no comments.

7. Correspondence

1. **Mobile Phone Signals in the Village** – Clerk to contact O2 to see what the issue is. *Action: Clerk*
2. **Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 (the Plan) Review; Regulation 18 Public Consultation** – Bring back to December Meeting. *Action: All Councillors/Clerk*
3. **Flood Action Group** – Cllr. Whiting attended a meeting chaired by David Goff. The National Flood Forum and The Kent Flood Action Group are working on a plan named Building Resilience in Communities (BRIC) which will promote effective communication and collaborative working between Flood Action Groups. It is hoped that by working together more notice will be taken by statutory bodies. They want all Parish Councils to join. Cllr. Whiting volunteered to act at the Parish Council's representative on the group. *Action: Cllr. Whiting*

8. Finance

1. **Sign-Post Telly Tubby Hill/School Lane** – Bring back to next meeting. *Action: Cllr. Tolhurst/Clerk*
2. **Grounds Maintenance Contract – to include additional areas in revised maps** – Agreed to remove from Agenda as Swale Borough Council are short-staffed and have had to appoint a contractor to look at ground maintenance. *Action: Clerk*
3. **The Queen's Green Canopy – Memorial Tree Planting for her Majesty** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire; agreed the quote of £267 for the supply of a Prunus Betula pendula Hornbeam Tree (root ball 16/18), stake, ties, compost and delivery. *Action: Clerk*
4. **Pond Management** – Cllr. Tolhurst advised David Carey, Chairman of the Kent Tree and Pond Partnership, will visit the site on the 18 December, to look at the pond. Bring back to next meeting. *Action: Cllrs. Tolhurst/Cheeseman*
5. **Plaque for Beacon** – Cllr. Lancashire advised the firm that supplied the basket for the beacon can supply a sign, at a possible cost of £290 plus VAT. Agreed he will go back and look at options for wording on the sign. *Action: Cllr. Lancashire*
6. **KALC Dynamic Councillor Module – Cllr. Tolhurst** – Clerk advised this has now been cancelled.
7. **Damaged Footpaths Sign** – Clerk to seek quotes for replacing the uprights. *Action: Clerk*
8. **Vandalised Marmax Picnic Tabletop** – Proposed by Cllr. D. Waters and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire; agreed to accept the quote of £225.84p (includes VAT and delivery). *Action: Clerk*
9. **Gateway Repairs Sheppey Way** – only one quote received Clerk to seek more. *Action: Clerk*
10. **CCTV** – Members attended a meeting with Sean Smith, Manager at Swale CCTV control centre who explained the system and benefits to communities. As a result of this it was agreed Cllr. Tolhurst to ask Mr. Smith to visit Iwade to look at various areas and then give a quote for installation of cameras and the centre providing 24-hour monitoring. *Action: Cllr. Tolhurst*
11. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** - Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Langham, members noted the budget figures and the accounts to the 31 October; 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
24.10.22	BACs	Royal British Legion	10 x Tommy Lamp Column Signs inc. Postage	£51.59p
09.11.22	BACs	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone, home as office,	£18.00p
09.11.22	BACs	H.M. Revenue and Customs	Tax October	Nil
09.11.22	BACs	Steve Wakeling	Handyman Fee and materials October, Hire of Stump Grinder and work to tree in Village Hall Garden	£519.00p
09.11.22	BACs	Iwade Village Hall	Hall Hire July to September 2022	£65.25p
09.11.22	BACs	McCabe Ford Williams	Payroll Processing and submission of re-declaration re Pension	£134.69p
09.11.22	BACs	KALC	The Dynamic Councillor Event	£72.00p
09.11.22	BACs	A Dollimore	Refreshments for Village Clean Up	£112.29p
09.11.22	BACs	KALC	KALC AGM Meeting Lunch	£5.00p
09.11.22	BACs	K.S.M.	Installation of Bollards, Ferry Road	£535.00p
09.11.22	BACs	K.C.C.	Loading Report and attachment Fee – Festive Lights	£1544.00p
09.11.22	BACs	K.C.C.	Double Yellow Lines	£1550.00p
01.10.22	SO	Staff Salaries	October	£293.40p
01.10.22	DD	NEST	Pension contributions	£19.75p
01.10.22	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	13 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes and Exchange	£63.70p
01.10.22	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee	£29.99p
27.10.22	DD	Npower	Electricity Supply, Sept	£98.63p
30.10.22	DD	Countrystyle	Supply of Waste Wheelie Bin, monthly	£36.94p
INCOME				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Received from	Reason	Amount
27.10.22	BACs	E-on	Reimbursing Credit Balance on old account	£224.20p
10.10.22	BACs	Bobbing Parish Council	Reimbursement for Copier and Phone	£79.50p

9. Projects – Updates on Current and New

1. **Christmas Lights Event 2022** – Taking place 4 December 2022. Bowing to residents’ wishes, fencing will not be placed around the tree this year.
 - a) The Council has also been informed that it will not have to pay for fencing that was temporarily erected on Telly Tubby Hill during the Summer.
2. **Next Village Clean up** – Despite the rain 30 residents turned out on Sunday 23 October and collected a considerable amount of litter. A big “Thank you and Well done” to all who attended.
3. **King’s Coronation 2023** – Councillors to put out feelers to see what (if any) type of event villagers would like to celebrate the Coronation.

10. Village Hall – remove from Agenda.

11. Reports from Representatives

1. **Hall** – New lights in toilets and the floor has been done. Use of the hall is good.
2. **KALC** – Representative could not attend the last general meeting; he will attend the AGM.
3. **Swale Western Area Committee** – Next meeting 1 December; Cllr. S. Tolhurst to attend.

Action: Cllr. Tolhurst

4. **Swale West Parishes** – Nothing to report.

12. Any Other Matters Arising

None.

13. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 14 December 2022, 7.30 p.m., in Iwade Village Hall
Followed by a meeting of the Finance Committee

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.