

Iwade Parish Council

Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 12th August 2008 at 7.30pm

Present:

Chairman Phil Fearn	Mrs Sarah George, Parish Clerk
Vice Chairman Brian Groves	Dave Davey Community Warden
Cllr John White	1 Resident
Cllr Derek White	Borough Cllr Ben Stokes
Cllr Amanda Hurrell	
Cllr Peter Wilks	

Apologies

Cllr Phil Hyde
Cllr David Manning County Councillor Brenda Simpson
County Councillor Roger Truelove
Gordon Henderson

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Alterations from the last minutes of 8th July 2008 were as follows:

- 3.8 Cllr Brian Groves also attended the PACT meeting held on 2nd July 2008 at 7pm
- 5.4 Land North of Church regarding section 106 agreement

Cllr Brian Groves also expressed concerns about Swale Borough Council signing Parish Council section 106 agreements, as felt there might be a conflict of interest and may not be to the benefit of Iwade.

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 8th July 2008 were signed by the Chairman Phil Fearn. These were proposed by Chairman Phil Fearn and seconded by Cllr Brian Groves, all members were in agreement.

Matters arising from the minutes

3.1 Additional Letter Boxes in the Village

Original contact has now left and Clerk has been speaking to Quinton Long who is looking into the matter. Nothing further to report, Clerk still chasing.

3.2 Traffic Gate Entrance by Medical Centre

County Councillor Roger Truelove and Borough Councillor Ben Stokes are also chasing KCC Highways. Still no further progress. Clerk to look into seeing if

Subsidiarity Grant money can be used to purchase new gate and for the Parish Council to install it.

Parish Clerk to action

3.3 Saxon view Update

Site work has recommenced.

3.4 Land North of the Church regarding section 106 requests

Future meeting regarding the Parish cemetery to be arranged, Cllr Wilks awaiting dates from Swale Borough Council

Cllr Wilks to action

Development West of The Street is still waiting for the report from Natural England. No license has been issued yet.

3.5 Parking Problem at the entrance of Sheerstone

Clerk contacted Enforcement team at Swale Borough Council who have visited garage site. Swale Borough Council are not interested in the vehicles parking in Sheerstone as there are no parking restriction in force. Clerk has enquired about obtaining restrictions and letter has been sent, no correspondence received to date but Street Wardens have been in the area observing the car parking issue by Woodpecker Drive and entrance of Sheerstone.

Visitors Time

Community Warden Update

Community Warden has been given the additional responsibility of the Kemsley Area. This will account for not being in the Iwade area every working day. The Community Warden has been involved or carried out the following in Iwade since the last meeting in July:

1. Reported the following problems to KCC Highways Department.
Directional Sign post hidden by bushes and trees between Iwade and Bobbing. Pot holes on Old Ferry Road and street clearing on new estates.
2. Reported Fly Tipping in the areas of Old Ferry Road, Sheppey Way
3. Made a number of reassurance house visits to homes and business.
4. Regular visits to nurseries, Regular Checks on the Football Fields and Play areas
5. Carried out a number of vehicle checks. Parking, untaxed, illegal sales and abandoned vehicles
6. Made contact with groups of youngsters

7. Dealt with two animal issues
8. Carried out a number of holiday house watches
9. Carried out evening and weekend patrols
10. Attended two houses Alarms calls

Police Community Support Officer Update

It was decided by Kent Police that PSCO Woods will no longer be the PCSO for IWADE or LOWER HALSTOW. It was felt that from the work she had done over this last year she would now be relocated to the Murston area

Iwade will be getting a temporary replacement until October and she is PCSO Jade HOYLE

4 Planning

4.1 SW/08/0783 AJS Case 00210 Installation of 3 stucco silos at Knauf Drywall , Ridham Dock, Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.

Iwade Parish Council object to any further development at Knauf site until Knauf address the problem of gypsum dust, from the site, falling on Iwade and the surrounding area.

4.2 Public Footpath from Springvale to School Lane – ZR92

Due to an administration error at Kent County Council, the Footpath Officer has granted a six month closure of the footpath without referring the to Planning condition.

5. Business of the Council

5.1 New Community Warden Update

Interviews dates for the new Community Warden will take place on 23/24/25th August 2008. Course starts 29th September 2008 and new Community Warden should start in Iwade second week in November 2008

5.2 Resignation of Parish Councilor

The Chairman also took this opportunity to advise the Parish Councillors that Cllr Lisa Older had resigned from her position, due to personal and health reasons. This meant that there was one vacancy on the Parish Council which would be advertised, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972

Parish Clerk to action

5.3 Phase 8 – Woodpecker Drive

Iwade Parish Council in principal are objecting to any part of the Old Orchard being built upon and will proceed to try and get this area allocated as a conservation site.

Parish Council to put forward to Swale Borough Council a proposal of new work access into new estate whilst building so to bypass Woodpecker Drive and Helen Thompson Close.

5.4 Project Allocation for Subsidiarity Grant

Iwade PC has £8,510 in hand in total. Parish Council considered purchasing new Parish Lighting or new entrance gate into the village. Clerk to get confirmation that lighting grant is being stopped and these suggestions come under the subsidiarity grant scheme.

Parish Clerk to action

Clerk to write to Andrew Bowels to see if Swale Borough Council would take over the Parish lighting so that residents of Iwade do not have to pay twice for their street lighting

Parish Clerk to action

6. Correspondence/ Notices

6.1 Village Litter Picker

Parish Council received correspondence from a Mr Bruce Belcher, who used to work for Swale Borough Council in Street Cleaning. Mr Belcher offered his services to work 3 hours a week at £6.50 per hour picking up rubbish all over the village,

After a general discussion, the Parish Council decided that this offer would not be taken up as the village handyman could concentrate on problem areas within his contracted hours. All other cleansing will be reported to Swale Borough Council.

7. Finance

Sarah George	Clerk fee, phone/ fax, stationary for July	£638.85
Kent County Council	First half yearly invoice for ground maintenance	£924.85
Graham Chambers	Handyman fees for July	£280.00
Phil Fearn	Chairman's Expenses for July	£29.60
Office Technical	Parish Photocopier	£107.11

Solutions and printing

Under the Local Government Act 1972, (Sch 2) the signing of the cheques were proposed by Cllr Derek White and seconded by Cllr Peter Wilks. All Councillors present were in agreement.

Meeting Closed 9.45pm

Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th September 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall