

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 14th December, 2011

Present: Cllr. S. Plumb – Chairman
Cllr. J. Gregory - Vice-Chair
Cllr. R. Phillips
Cllr. T. Avron-Cotton
Cllr. S. Harris
Cllr. R. Jones
Cllr. J. White
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
County Cllr. M. Whiting

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed Members and Parishioners to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Hunt and Hyde; Borough Cllr. Stokes and Nick Mayatt the Community Warden.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Phillips declared an interest in the Planning section: **SW/11/1291**.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

Proposed by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Harris, the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 9th November were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Gregory and seconded by Cllr. Cllr. Plumb, the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 9th November were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Phillips and seconded by Cllr. Plumb, the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 30th November were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Village Park/Pond – This item deferred until the January meeting.

Fixed Asset Schedule – the revised Fixed Asset Schedule was noted and approved by Members. Clerk to update details with insurance company. *Action: Clerk*

Roundabout Sponsorship – Under consideration by Swale Borough Council but the outcome does not look hopeful. Clerk to discuss this with County Cllr. Whiting to see if there are any other options to improve the roundabouts. *Action: Clerk*

Mobile Phone Reception – Residents’ comments on signal problems within the village noted. Cllr. Phillips to pursue the signal test and this item to be placed on the January Agenda.

*Action: **Cllr. Phillips***

Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Trees –Jon Bourne, Technical Director, Knauf, has written advising that the company has very generously offered to contribute the full amount of £1500 for trees to commemorate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. The Clerk has also spoken to Graeme Tuff, Swale Borough Council, who has agreed to native species trees being planted in the Village Park. This item will be placed on the January Agenda.

*Action: **Cllr. Hyde/Clerk***

School Sensory Garden - Iwade School is going ahead with the sensory garden and has been advised that upon presentation of paid invoices the Parish Council will reimburse up to the agreed donation of £2,000. County Cllr. Whiting has also forwarded a grant form to the school, as he has a small amount of funding left which will assist the project.

Visit by Sgt. Tim Hill, Swale Community Safety Unit – Clerk advised that she has been in contact with Sgt. Hill; unfortunately he is on a course at the present time and as this on the same day as the Parish Council meeting he will be unable to attend for foreseeable future.

5. Visitors/Public Time

Parishioners – None present.

County Councillor and Borough Councillors – County Cllr. Whiting advised that was present at the opening of the Northern Relief Road, which closed immediately after the ceremony due to work required on the footpaths. Hopefully it will be open again within the week.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – Apologies received from Warden, who could not attend the meeting.

6. Finance

Village Newsletter – Proposed by Cllr. Harris and seconded by Cllr. Jones, agreed to accept Swale Borough Council’s quotation to print the Iwade Observer in full colour front and back, black and white inner, at a cost of £224.39p for 1400 copies (this includes a 5% discount for tying into a ten month contract, which was also agreed). Clerk to forward the Swale Borough Council’s contact details to the Editorial Team and advise Swale that all invoices should be sent to the Parish Council.

*Action: **Clerk***

KALC Chairman’s Conference – Proposed by Cllr. Harris and seconded by Cllr. Gregory, that the Chairman attends this conference at a cost of £60, plus V.A.T. which is reclaimable.

Fidelity Guarantee Insurance – proposed by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Phillips to accept the additional premium of £294.76p which increases the Fidelity cover limit to £103,000. Clerk advised that this sum might be slightly lower as the quote was based on cover from 7th November.

Interim Audit – Clerk advised that David Bucket has now carried out the interim audit and she awaits his report.

Donations, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Iwade W.I. and Iwade Parent and Toddler Group:

Clerk advised that she has received the new request for donations form from these village groups, for funding in the financial year 2012/13.

As the forms also included requests for assistance for the current year, and as funds based on donations from previous years have been allocated to each group within the current budget, it was proposed by Cllr. Harris and seconded by Cllr. White that £1010 be donated to the Iwade Cubs, Beavers and Scouts; £250 to Iwade W.I. and £505 to Iwade Parent and Toddler Group. These donations are for financial assistance up to the 31st March, 2012.

Salt Bag/Bins - Cllr. Gregory and the Clerk are to meet with one of KCC's Highways Officers to look at the possibility of locating additional salt bins within the village. KCC are arranging delivery of the 100 salt bags (organised by County Cllr. Whiting) and the Parish Council will seek volunteers to distribute these bags around the village in the event of bad weather.

Villagers will be referred to the website www.direct.gov.uk/en/N11/Newsroom/DG_191868, which gives the Government's advice on clearing snow and ice safely.

Hard Drive – Agreed the Clerk can purchase an additional hard drive, up to a maximum cost of £60, for the storage of the Parish Council's records, as recommended by the Internal Auditor.

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Date	Cheque	Details	Amount
14.12.11	1480	Kent County Council (KCS)	£83.86p
14.12.11	1481	L. Fisher	£625.05p
14.12.11	1482	L. Fisher	£31.07p
14.12.11	1483	David Buckett	£122.40p
14.12.11	1484	J. Fisher	£179.99p
14.12.11	1485	Steve Wakeling	£237.49p
14.12.11	1486	Stiddard Maidstone	£15.00p
14.12.11	1487	KALC	£72.00p
14.12.11	1488	P.B. Group	£17.00p
14.12.11	1489	1 st Iwade Cubs and Beavers	£1010.00p
14.12.11	1490	Iwade Women's Institute	£250.00p
14.12.11	1491	Iwade Parent and Toddler Group	£505.00p
Twelve cheques in total			

7. Swale RAHM (Core Strategy)

Cllr. Gregory advised that there has been a Joint Transportation Meeting, which has looked at transport models and the different options of the Core Strategy for the future. The company that was taken on has been dismissed and this has caused delays. There will be a meeting on the 15th December, in Swale House, of the Local Development Framework.

8. Village Hall Updates

Clerk reported that it is hoped that the outline application will be submitted to Swale's Planning Committee in January.

9. **Complaints Regarding Dog's Mess**

Item deferred until January meeting – Cllr. Hunt to report

10. **Correspondence**

Kent Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Supplementary Options

Consultation, October 2011 – Clerk instructed to respond objecting to the impact that the proposed lorry movements will have on the A2. *Action: Clerk*

Consultation on the Kent County Council Household Waste Recycling Centre Service –

Clerk to circulate e-mail address to send views to on the proposals to all Parish Councillors and the village website for parishioners. *Action: Clerk*

11. **Planning**

- **SW/11/1244** – Construction of a below-ground pumping station with fenced enclosure and laying of hardstanding to provide vehicle access – Land adjacent Coleshall Farm, Sheppey Way, Iwade – Members raised no objection to this application, but requested that mature trees are planted to replace those removed due to the development.
- **SW/11/1291** - Anaerobic Digester and associated ground profiling and landscaping – Land to the north of the DS Smith Paper Mill, Kemsley, ME9 8SR – Members raised no objection to this application.
- **SW/11/1502** – Conversion of part of existing garage to habitable accommodation – 1 Greenshanks, Iwade, ME9 8PY – Members raised no objection to this application.
- **SW/11/1171** – Erection of timber picket fence less than 1m in height – 1 Avocet Walk, Iwade – Permission refused by Swale Borough Council.

13. **Next Meeting**

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 11th January, 2012, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.