

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 14th July, 2010

Present: Cllr. D. Manning (Chairman) Clerk, Lynda Fisher
Cllr. P. Wilks Temp. Community Warden
Cllr. A. Hurrell Cllr. M. Whiting
Cllr. A. Menzies 3 Parishioners
Cllr. J. Gregory
Cllr. J. White

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors. B. Stokes and Hyde and the PCSO.

2. **Parish Councillor Vacancies**

Five candidates put their names forward; three introduced themselves at the meeting; two could not attend due to prior commitments. Candidates were asked to leave the room whilst voting took place. During the first round of voting there was an outright majority for James Hunt; during the second for Stephen Plumb. Both signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and were invited to join the Parish Council meeting. Joan Exley accepted the Parish Council's invitation to become a non-voting member of the Planning Committee.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Manning and Gregory expressed an interest in the SEP at Kemsley Paper Mill; Cllr. White declared an interest in the 98 Dwellings, Land East of Woodpecker Drive and Helen Thompson Close.

4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Agreed by Members and signed by the Chairman as a true transcript.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Village Hall – The safety inspection report has been received from R.O.S.P.A.; the handyman has been instructed to carry out the necessary work and the Clerk has written to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee regarding the areas that come under their jurisdiction.

The Clerk has contacted the Land Registry and ascertained the procedure for making changes to the deeds for the village hall. There is the possibility of a £50 fee for this paper work – agreed.

Action: Clerk

K.C.C. Environment, Highways & Waste Directorate: Statement of Community Involvement: Draft consultation – noted by Members.

6. **Visitors/Public Time**

Parishioners – no comments.

County Councillors and Borough Councillor – Cllr. Whiting referred to the quote for the Village Hall car park and the £16,000 he has available in grant money which he can put towards this project, but the work must be carried out by Ringway. He will investigate the possibility of using other approved K.C.C. contractors and report back

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt) – report read out to Members – issues dealt with included fly-tipping, litter, noisy youths; the bus shelter.

PCSO – apologies received.

7. **Finance**

Fraud by previous Clerk, Proceeds of Crime Act Hearing – reference was made to the hearing and subsequent letter received from Kent Police which stated that as a result of her criminal conduct, Mrs George benefited by a total of £50,073.41 (the sum total of the funds stolen from both Iwade and Newington - £30,407 and £19,666.21 respectively). Sarah George was ordered to pay in compensation to Iwade and Newington Parish Councils the sum of £36,823 (to be split 60.7% and 39.3% respectively); which leaves a shortfall of £13,250.41p. It was proposed by Cllr. Wilks and seconded by Cllr. Manning that Louise Humphries (Solicitor) is appointed and instructed to approach the bank regarding this shortfall; she has agreed to charge a fee of £100 per hour for undertaking this work – appointment agreed.

Clerk has approached a professional Auditor, David Buckett, who has agreed to take on the task of auditing the Parish Council accounts. His hourly fee is £45, plus mileage. Agreed by Members to appoint David Buckett as the new Internal Auditor for Iwade Parish Council.

Photocopier Contract - the leasing company has issued an invoice for £2913.48p, being the full and final settlement amount to cease the photocopier contract. Payment agreed by Members.

School Holiday Club – letter received from Iwade School requesting assistance with the shortfall in funds needed to finance the club. Proposed by Cllr. Wilks and seconded by Cllr. Manning that the Clerk write to the School seeking more information; details to be brought back to the next meeting in order that the Parish Council can fully consider this request.

Action: Clerk

Society of Local Council Clerks – Members agreed to the renewal of the subscription for 2010/11 at a cost of £95.

Cigarette Waste Bin – Clerk awaiting a response from Anne Ryman of Swale Borough Council regarding the provision of a bin at the bus shelter located adjacent to the village park.

Action: Clerk

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Date	Cheque	Details	Amount
14.07.10	1312	G.E. Capital Equipment	£2913.48p
14.07.10	1313	Inland Revenue	£116.64p
14.07.10	1314	Wages	£414.52p
14.07.10	1315	Steve Wakeling	£294.17p
14.07.10	1316	Iwade Village Newsletter	£500.00p
14.07.10	1317	E.on	£57.49p
14.07.10	1318	Playsafety Limited	£238.53p
14.07.10	1319	Society of Local Council Clerks	£95.00p
14.07.10	1320	Stiddards of Maidstone Ltd.	£11.75p
14.07.10	1321	Amanda Hurrell	£9.22p
14.07.10	1322	Peter Wilks	£112.53p
Eleven cheques in total			

8. Correspondence

Kent Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Publication of the Scoping Report for the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment – noted by Members.

9. Planning

SW/10/TEMP/0023 – Biomass Power Plant Ridham Ltd., Biomass Combined Heat and Power Plant, Ridham Dock, Iwade – agreed Cllr. Wilks to prepare letter of objection referring to the accumulation of fallout from the three incinerators (St. Regis, Countrystyle and Evonik) located in close proximity.

SW/10/TEMP/0016 – Sustainable Energy Plant, Land to the East of Kemsley Paper Mill, Kemsley – Cllr. Wilks attended the site visit on the 7th July. The purpose of the visit was to familiarise KCC members with the application site and its environs.

SW/09/0756 – 98 Dwellings, Land East of Woodpecker Drive & Helen Thompson Close, Iwade – planning permission granted.

SW/10/0588 – Change of Use of open amenity land to private amenity space and the erection of a 6ft high fence, 16 Woodpecker Drive, Iwade – Refused

10. Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 11th August, 2010, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.