

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13th July 2011

Present: Cllr. S. Plumb (Chairman) Clerk (Lynda Fisher)
Cllr. J. Hunt
Cllr. J. Gregory
Cllr. R. Phillips

1. **Welcome and Apologies** - All Members present
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr. Phillips refrained from commenting on the public consultation relating to Kemsley Mill.
3. **Planning**
 - **KCC/SW/0194/2011** - Use of Building 15A for internal shredding and screening of wood; use of existing weighbridge, weighbridge office, site office and washroom/toilets to the south of Building 15A and use of external storage area to the north for storage of shredded wood – Building 15A Ridham Dock, Iwade, ME9 8SR. – in light of the additional documentation received, Members felt they could add no further comments to their original response.
 - **KCC/SW/0209/2011** – Use of Building 15B to install and operate a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) and a Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) Facility and to use the existing weighbridge, weighbridge office, site office and washroom/toilets to the south of Building 15A. – Unit 15B, Ridham Dock Industrial Estate, Ridham Dock Road, Ridham, Iwade, ME9 8SR – Cllr. Hunt and the Clerk attended a site meeting at Building 15B with representatives from SITA. A similar facility has already been operating in this building. The wood, once processed will be shipped to Europe by sea; materials coming into the site will be transported by road from SITA’s Eurolink facility. The proposed operation will handle half the amount of materials that the old facility was processing.

Members agreed to respond expressing concern about increased traffic on the A249 – in light of recent applications at this site and the surrounding area, has Kent County Council looked at all the quoted lorry/traffic movements (adding together all the extra movement from each application) to ascertain the exact impact on the highway infrastructure? The A249 is already suffering problems due to increased traffic; there are alternatives as regards transport – the river and there is an old railway line which could be regenerated – this would have an impact on decreasing emissions from vehicles and alleviate the impact on the surrounding highway network.

Fire precautions – as various combustible materials will be stored as this facility will fire breaks be placed in strategic points in the possible event of spontaneous combustion and what other precautions will be taken?

Members were encouraged by the steps this company is taking and how it is seeking to address environmental/health issues.

- **SW/11/0804** – Single storey side extension – 66 Sanderling Way, Iwade, ME9 8TE – no objection.
- **SW/11/0516** – Outline application for 6 terraced houses and 4 semi-detached houses with access from Ferry Road to parking area and 4 garages – Village Hall, Ferry Road, Iwade, ME9 8RG – unable to comment as this application has been submitted by the Parish Council.
- **SW/08/1127** – Land adjacent Coleshall Farm, Sheppey Way/School La., Iwade ME9 8QY – **Outline Permission granted**
- **Public consultation on the Environment Agency’s draft decision to issue an environmental permit for an energy from waste plant at Kemsley to form part of the DS Smith Paper Mill site (formerly St. Regis Paper Mill) - 7th and 14th July, 2011 – 2.30 to 8.00 p.m. at Kemsley** – Cllrs. Plumb, Gregory and Jones attended the meeting, which was held to see if there were any objections to the permit being granted. The EA were asked if the cumulative affect of other facilities were taken into account and they responded yes. Could trees be planted to absorb some of the toxins going into the air; the EA responded that the benefit of this would be minimal. The EA can only manage emissions within the boundary of the site, not outside.

Meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.