

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING

Held on Wednesday 9 May, 2018

Present:

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| Cllr. M. Gale – Chair | Cllr. R. Mills |
| Cllr. S. Cheeseman – Vice-Chair | Cllr. J. Dicker |
| Cllr. P. Hyde | Lynda Fisher, Clerk |
| Cllr. P. Horner | Nick Mayatt, Community Warden |
| Cllr. R. Langham | 6 Parishioners |
| Cllr. A. Dollimore | |

This is a Parish Meeting called as required by the local Government Act, 1972. The meeting is an opportunity for the residents of the village who are registered electors to raise and discuss any subject affecting the village. Discussion and voting on any subject is restricted to electors, residents who are not registered as electors are welcome as observers. Residents wishing to speak are requested to give their name and the name of their road or street.

Prior to opening the meeting, the Chair presented Mandy Reeves, owner of The Mews Brewhouse, with a Community Award. The coffee shop is a well-used community hub. Although a business, Mandy has established a number of hobby and local interest groups and made it an integral part of the village.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Parish Cllrs. Mitchell, Plumb and Clark; County Cllr. Whiting and Borough Cllr. Stokes.

2. REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR ON THE PREVIOUS YEAR

Woodpecker Park - The Master Plan that has been ongoing before the Chair joined the Parish Council is virtually finished. The Parish Council has been working with Swale Borough Council; the children's play area has been extended, a bridge installed over the stream, footpaths, seating, wooden animals, nature trail with brass rubbings installed and the culmination will be a Cairn to commemorate those who fell in WW1.

ANPR Camera – the Parish Council has purchased an ANPR Camera and paid for its installation and management for the next five years by Kent Police, we understand a couple of arrests have already been made because of the camera and evidence provided.

School Lane Pavilion and Field – The Iwade Herons have at last got the Pavilion and use of the Playing Field. Am pleased to comment they are doing well in most of the leagues.

The Barn – is now finished and in use. Brilliant volunteers have come forward to help with the work; the Parish Council has donated £8945 out of its funds and £16369 has come from an earmarked Broadband Grant from KCC.

PPG – Cllr. Horner and Graham Pungenti have been leading the Patient Participation Group (PPG) and since becoming involved positive things are coming forward.

Christmas Lights Turn On – as usual a successful event and still extremely popular; the addition of the new 'Flagpole' Christmas tree has brought forward positive comments.

Going Forward – a major project for the next two years is the hope to install Christmas lights on street lamp columns from the Church all the way up to the Christmas tree. The Parish Council has increased its community engagement with the new website and the Facebook Page – Cllr. Mills is assisting with the latter.

Parking and fly tipping is always a problem; had an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour in some areas, residents should always report any of these to 101

The Chair then thanked Parish Councillors and the Community Warden for all the work they had undertaken during the past year.

3. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS

None.

4. ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING

None.

Meeting closed at 7.36 p.m.