

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 9th February, 2011

Present: Cllr. S. Plumb
Cllr. J. Hunt
Cllr. J. White
Cllr. A. Hurrell

Clerk, Lynda Fisher
Cllr. M. Whiting
Cllr. B. Stokes
PCSO
Community Warden
4 Parishioners

1. **Apologies** - received from Cllr. Gregory and Cllr. Hyde.

2. **Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Committee Members**

Cllr. Stephen Plumb was nominated by Cllr. White; seconded by Cllr. Hurrell and duly elected to the position of Chairman.

Cllr. Gregory was nominated by Cllr. Hurrell; seconded by Cllr. Hunt and duly elected to the position of Vice-Chairman.

8. With Members' agreement, this item was brought forward. Two candidates came forward for the vacancy left by Cllr. Wilks; Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes and Joan Exley. Candidates were asked to leave the room whilst a ballot was taken; the result being an over-all majority for Mrs. Exley who was co-opted onto the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Stokes for his interest in the vacancy and for his support and then invited Cllr. Exley to join in the meeting.

It was agreed not to reform membership of the Committees at the present time but to wait until after the Elections in May 2011.

3. **Declarations of Interest** – The Chairman declared an interest Item 7 Finance; Lamplighters.

4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** - Agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Clerk reported 'thank you' letters had been received from the Church, Age Concern and Victim Support for donations made by the Parish Council to these organisations.

Following discussions with Mike Knowles, Highways, Clerk advised he will recommend to the Transport Committee that yellow lines be placed on the corner of The Street/School Lane, Village Centre side, to prevent parking. Members asked the Clerk to go back and request that these be placed on both sides of School Lane, with the restrictions being in force from 8.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. *Action: Clerk*

6. Visitors/Public Time

Parishioners – A representative from the Scouts addressed the meeting seeking financial assistance with the hall hire costs. The group now has 63 members (and a waiting list) and they actively fund raise to provide activities for the children but still need help. She thanked the Parish Council for its support in past years.

A representative from the W.I. approached the Council for assistance with hall hire costs, which will enable the group to continue and thanked Members for past support.

County Councillor and Borough Councillors – Cllr. Whiting will reinforce the Parish Council's views on yellow lines at the Transportation Meeting. He stressed that Members should take time to look at Swale's Core Strategy, in particular housing and employment; the deadline for responses is 11th March.

Cllr. Stokes referred to odour problems in the village and asked the Parish Council to contact Andy Sibley from Countrystyle regarding incidents. He has had a meeting with Swale B.C Chief Executive, Andy Jeffers and Graeme Tuff concerning the old orchard and hopes something will be done within a month.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – Warden's report was circulated and noted by Members. He has spoken to Lloyds Pharmacy regarding delivery vehicles and parking issues.

Nothing to report from the PCSO, who had to leave the early meeting due to a call-out.

7. Finance

Bus Shelter – Clerk still pursuing the Highway Licence, to enable a contractor to carry out the work. She reported that for safety reasons it was wise not to board all three sides of the shelter, but to leave 'windows' in the ends. *Action: Clerk*

ROSPA – agreed Clerk to investigate merging inspections of School Lane Playing Field and Village Hall Garden to possibly reduce costs. *Action: Clerk*

Awards – Clerk outlined costs ascertained so far. Agreed to hold a separate meeting; suggested date 23rd February. *Action: Clerk*

Financial Training – David Buckett – Agreed to arrange training after the May Elections. *Action: Clerk*

Beavers and Cubs – proposed by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Exley to pay the hall hire costs of £630 on behalf of this group - expenditure agreed under S19 1976LG(MP)A: the Parish Council's power to support recreational activity.

Women's Institute - proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Hurrell to pay the hall hire costs of £177 on behalf of this group - expenditure agreed under S19 1976LG(MP)A: the Parish Council's power to support recreational activity.

Lamplighters – Having declared an interest the Chairman withdrew from the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr. Exley and seconded by Cllr. Hunt to pay the hall hire costs of £157.50p on behalf of this group - expenditure agreed under S19 1976LG(MP)A: the Parish Council’s power to support recreational activity.

Youth Club – a representative of the Youth Club approached the Council during the public session with a request for a further £1487.84p, to cover the cost of replacing equipment; cooking and craft facilities and funding for external demonstrators. Cllr. Mike Whiting was looking to see if he could help the group from funding he holds and Members suggested approaching the Big Lottery Fund, who have money for community groups.

Members agreed a donation of £1197 in May 2010; this being a ‘one-off’ payment to the group to assist with the setting up of the facility. Although they want to support this facility for the youth of Iwade, they felt they could not justify paying a total of £2584 to an individual group in a single year. Members will consider supporting the Youth Club in the future by paying the hall hire costs, but the group will need to apply to the Parish Council for each donation and this will be dependent upon funds available -proposed by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Exley.

KALC Planning Conference – Agreed Cllr. Menzies, Cllr. Plumb and Clerk to attend this Conference, which is particularly important in light of recent legislation changes, at a cost of £60 per delegate, *Action: Cllrs. Menzies, Plumb & Clerk*

Swale Mediation Service - Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure – agreed a donation of £50 to the Swale Mediation Service.

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Date	Cheque	Details	Amount
09.02.11	1387	C. Mortlock	£29.99p
09.02.11	1388	Mrs. H. Chambers	£29.99p
09.02.11	1389	Mr. M. Hardy	£29.99p
09.02.11	1390	Inland Revenue	£84.00p
09.02.11	1391	Wages	£335.92p
09.02.11	1392	Stiddard Maidstone Ltd.	£12.00p
09.02.11	1393	Countrystyle Group	£90.74p
09.02.11	1394	L. Fisher	£4.65p
09.02.11	1395	Steve Wakeling	£244.14p
Nine cheques in total			

9. **Planning Training (Swale B.C.)** – Cllrs. Hunt and Menzies – not reported on.

10. **Risk Assessments** - documents circulated to Members; item to be brought back to next meeting. Cllr. Hurrell to look at risk assessment forms and discuss design with Clerk

Action: Cllr. Hurrell and Clerk

11. **Village Hall Update** - The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee advised that the matter was progressing and a meeting has been arranged with the developers on the 15th February to discuss issues.

12. **Correspondence**

Great Poppy Party Weekend - noted

Core Strategy ‘Pick your Own’ Open Day – Clerk to request details be placed on village website to encourage villagers to put forward their views. Members agreed preference for option 1, the only focus that does not propose to further expand Iwade.

Action: Clerk

‘Listening to the Communities’ Conference - noted

The Localism Bill – the summary received from Protect Kent was circulated to all Members.

13. **Planning**

SW/11/0014ME – Erection of Electricity Substation (Retrospective) – Land to the East of the Street, Iwade – no objection

KCC/SW/0379/2010 - Countrystyle Recycling – Application to vary conditions – Clerk has received a response from KCC which indicates increased lorry movements from 66 in 66 out each day to 105 in 105 out. Clerk instructed to write expressing concern at the increase and querying a lack of response to the concern over increased tonnages raised in the Parish Council’s letter of objection.

Action: Clerk

14. **Next Meeting**

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 9th March 2011, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.