

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2011

**Present:** Cllr. S. Plumb - Chairman  
Cllr. J. Gregory - Vice-Chair  
Cllr. J. Hunt  
Cllr. A. Hurrell  
Cllr. R. Phillips  
Cllr. R. Jones

Clerk, Lynda Fisher  
Community Warden  
Borough Cllr. B. Stokes  
Borough Cllr. A. Willicombe  
21 Parishioners

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed Members and Parishioners to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Hyde and White.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Phillips declared an interest in Kemsley Paper under Section 10 – Planning.

#### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Gregory and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> June were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

#### 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

**Core Strategy** – As a result of this strategy Iwade could be faced with an extra 2,000 houses. Iwade Parish Council will be hosting a meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> July and has invited Parish Councils from within Swale to attend – this will be a public meeting.

**Bus Shelter** – Still experiencing problems with this - Cllr. Whiting is looking into the issues.

*Action: County Cllr. M. Whiting*

**Prettiest Garden Competition** – Clerk confirmed that arrangements have been made for the judging to take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July, at 10.00 a.m. The Mayor, Cllr. B. Stokes, Cllrs. Hurrell and Jones and the Clerk will be looking at the nominated entries.

#### 5. Visitors/Public Time

**Parishioners** raised the following issues:

Dog fouling, School Lane – Clerk to request Community Warden to keep an eye on this area.

Management Company covering areas including Sanderling Way, Dunlin Walk and Mallard Crescent - Residents are dissatisfied with the lack of work being undertaken by the present company, and are annoyed that despite each property paying an annual fee there is not much to show for it. Borough Councillor Ben Stokes has already had a meeting with the company and invited residents to speak to him regarding their concerns. The Parish Council agreed to add its support to homeowners by way of funding the hall for a public meeting of all concerned.

Village Hall - Residents expressed their concern that outline planning permission is being sought for the existing Village Hall site. The Chairman of the Parish Council handed the debate over to two members of the Village Hall Committee, who explained the problems with the existing hall and the hope that if outline permission is granted, this will increase the value of the land and the money raised from the sale of the site can then be used to build a new hall in another suitable location. They acknowledged the hard work that had gone into raising funds and building the present hall, which was a magnificent achievement, but having looked at all the possible alternatives this was the only way to go forward and secure a community centre which will see villagers through the next fifty years.

If permission is granted and the land sold for development, the existing hall will remain in use until the new one is ready to open. The land on which the hall is built is held by the Parish Council in trust for the village and the new site will be owned on the same basis (this point has already been checked with the Charity Commission). The garden area is not held in trust for the Village, but is actually owned under a separate deed by the Parish Council. However, this area of land has also been taken into account and included in the valuation figure and outline planning application.

**County Councillor and Borough Councillors** – Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes informed that the land owner has agreed the amendments on the draft lease for the allotments.

Borough Cllr. Alan Willicombe put forward apologies from County Cllr. Mike Whiting who was unable to attend. He advised Members of the revised contract for grass cutting in the Borough. Councillors expressed their dismay that greens and verges would only be cut once a month. This item is on the present Agenda under the Finance section.

**Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** – The Warden was unable to attend the meeting, but his report was circulated and noted by Members.

## **6. Finance**

**WI request for funds to visit Denman College** – Borough Cllr. Alan Willicomb suggested approaching Swale Borough Council for a grant towards part of the sum required. Proposed by Cllr. Gregory and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; expenditure of £700 (to cover the cost of hiring a coach) agreed under S19 1976LG(MP)A: the Parish Council's power to support recreational activity.

**Grass Cutting** - The Clerk has been in contact with Swale Borough Council, who apologise for the reduction in grass cutting, due to budgets. It appears that other Parish Councils have taken on this service, but Iwade Members object to this. Clerk to investigate further.

*Action: Clerk*

**Finger Post Quote** – Clerk to check with County Cllr. Mike Whiting on current situation.

*Action: Clerk*

**Grant Application Form** – Cllr. Jones has kindly produced a draft form, which it was agreed will be discussed at a meeting of the Finance Committee on the 5<sup>th</sup> August.

*Action: Finance Committee*

**KALC Councillors Conference 2011** – none to attend

**Society of Local Council Clerks Membership 2011** – Members agreed to renew the subscription; the required annual fee being £95.

**Swale Local Engagement and Regeneration Grants** – Cllr. Gregory to look at possible projects.

*Action: Cllr. Gregory*

**Insurance Claim** – Clerk still pursuing full settlement of the claim.

*Action: Clerk*

**Cheques raised at this meeting:**

Date	Cheque	Details	Amount
13.07.11	1438	Iwade Parents & Toddler Group	£315.00p
13.07.11	1439	Amanda Hurrell	£31.19p
13.07.11	1440	PFL Limited	£88.80p
13.07.11	1441	H.M. Revenue & Customs	£108.40p
13.07.11	1442	Stiddard Maidstone Ltd.	£75.00p
13.07.11	1443	Wages	£433.65p
13.07.11	1444	L. Fisher	£147.43p
13.07.11	1445	J. Bunning	£30.00p
13.07.11	1446	Crusader Packing Services Ltd	£63.30p
13.07.11	1447	Steve Wakeling	£347.59p
13.07.11	1448	David Buckett	£256.30p
<b>Eleven cheques in total</b>			

**7. Parish Councillor Resignation (Cllr. A. Menzies)**

A letter of resignation has been received from Cllr. Menzies, to which the Chairman has responded thanking her for her support and hard work during her time as a Councillor, and wishing her well for the future. Clerk advised that she has posted the required notices advertising the vacancy on the Parish Council.

*Action: Clerk*

**8. Village Hall Updates**

The application has been suspended at the present time and the Hall Committee and Parish Council are waiting to receive details from Swale Borough Council.

**9. Correspondence**

**Vision for Kent Consultation** – Members to re-look at this and Clerk to place an item on the next Agenda.

*Action: Councillors and Clerk*

**Kent Minerals and Waste Consultation** – once again Iwade (Ridham) has been identified as a suitable location. Clerk requested to respond, again expressing Members’ concern at the continual location of this type of industry in the Ridham area (listing all existing facilities), pollution and highway issues. *Action: Clerk*

**Boundary Commission Meeting** – Clerk to write informing that Cllrs. Hunt and Plumb will attend the meeting. *Action: Clerk*

**Proposed Waiting Restrictions, School Lane** – Clerk has received a questionnaire, presumably from Swale Borough Council, relating to the requested restrictions and seeking parishioners’ choices. Clerk to contact Swale to ascertain whether this has been distributed and query the response date. *Action: Clerk*

**All Saints Church** – A letter of thanks for the donation to the Flower Festival has been received from the Church.

## 10. 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 – Members had no further comments to add to those already submitted to KCC.
- **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 with SITA to look at the proposal, which is to continue the operation of an existing facility, but with a reduction in the amount of material handled and stored. Most of the materials going onto the site will be recycled, with the main component, wood, being shipped to Europe. Most of the waste will come from the local transfer station at Sittingbourne.

Clerk requested to write expressing concern about increased traffic on the A249 and requesting fire breaks be places in strategic points in the possible event of spontaneous combustion of the stored flammable materials. Clerk to also add that 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 – Council unable to respond as it lodged this outline application.

- **SW/08/1127** – Land adjacent Coleshall Farm, Sheppey Way/School Lane, Iwade ME9 8QY – noted 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) - 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 – 2.30 to 8.00 p.m. at Kemsley Village Hall – noted.

**11. Next Meeting**

There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August, commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 09.55 p.m.**