

Iwade Parish Council

Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 10th June 2008 at 7.30pm

Present:

Chairman Phil Fearn	Mrs Sarah George, Parish Clerk
Vice Chairman Brian Groves	PSCO Lyndsey Wood
Cllr John White	County Councillor Roger Truelove
Cllr Phil Hyde	
Cllr David Manning	
Cllr Amanda Hurrell	
Cllr Peter Wilks	

Apologies

Cllr Lisa Older
Cllr Derek White
Borough Cllr Ben Stokes
County Council Brenda Simpson
Gordon Henderson

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 30th April 2008 were signed by the Chairman Phil Fearn. These were proposed by Chairman Phil Fearn and seconded by Cllr Brian Groves, all members were in agreement.

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 15th May 2008 were signed by the Chairman Phil Fearn. These were proposed by Cllr Phil Fearn and seconded by Cllr Brian Groves, all members were in agreement.

Matters arising from the minutes

3.1 Additional Letter Boxes in the Village

Clerk to chase

3.2 Traffic Gate Entrance by Medical Centre

Meeting with Andrew Rouke, Senior Maintenance Engineer of Kent County Council on the 13th May 2008 at 1.30pm. Clerk advised that Mr Rouke would look in to the reason for the delay and report back. Nothing received to date. Clerk to chase.

Parish Clerk to action

3.2 Collection of Outstanding election paperwork

Clerk advised Council that all paperwork had now been received and will be forwarded to Swale Borough Councils monitoring officer.

Parish Clerk to action

3.4 Iwade Village Clean Up Day Update

Areas Covered:

- Village Park completely cleared of all rubbish
- Roundabout as you leave A249 for Iwade all cut back and strimmed
- Access points to the south and east of village cleaned and trees cut back so signs can be seen
- Playing Field in School Lane completely cleared of rubbish.
- Fencing repaired on Saxon Place development.
- Out of date signage taken down from lamp posts
- Rubbish cleared from Saxon Place development and area around entry to village – six bag loads !
- All fencing around corner of School Lane painted
- School Lane cleared of all litter.
- Bollards by Village Centre island painted as well as all wooden bollards along The Street and around the Village Centre
- Car Park behind Village Centre cleared of rubbish/litter.
- The Street cleared of litter and other rubbish.
- Village Centre cleared of rubbish and litter.
- The Green cleared of all litter.
- Area by Medical Centre and entry to village all cleared of rubbish and litter.
- Grovehurst Road all hedges cleared of rubbish including dumped bicycle, metal posts, bottles, pallets, piping, fast food packaging.
- Plants planted around village hall and weeding of flower bed at village hall all completed.

Strengths:

- Excellent turn out again this year although slightly down on last year. This was probably due to very wet and cold weather.
- Transportation of rubbish coordinated by Anne Ryman (organised by Sarah)
- Masses of strong black sacks provided by Swale Council as well as gloves and pickers - very helpful indeed and produced many comments of how organised we were this year.
- Coordinated approach again this year with specific jobs being allocated at the start of the day as well as before hand – thanks to Sarah and Amanda for all their coordinating with various organisations including Cubs/Beavers, Herons, Community Warden, Arty Fencing, Gordon Henderson.
- Expenditure far less than last year as no equipment hired - only cost was for creosote, brushes etc.

- Good to see large cross section of community involved all working in the heavy rain.
- Village Hall car park was opened for the meeting in the morning - much better and safer for the start of the day.
- Local media involved again taking pictures at the start of the day (a number of people had already started working on areas before 10am due to weather)

Points for consideration for 2009 Clean Up Day:

- It was suggested by numerous residents that we should have other days during which we concentrate on one project only for a couple of hours ie – access points to the village on one day and then on another day concentrate on sweeping pathways and cleaning signage in the village

In summary a very productive three hour session with notable improvements to a large number of areas within the village. Special mention must be made for Gordon Henderson, Arty Fencing, Flowerbed Nursery, Cubs/Beavers, Amanda and Sarah for all their hard work. A very good team all working together.

Visitors Time

Community Warden Dave Davey advised the Parish Council that he had been carrying out the role of Community Warden for about five weeks.

He advised that he had dealt with, been involved or carried out the following in the Parish Area of Iwade since his arrival.

1. Reported a number of highway problems to KCC Highways Department
2. Reported Fly Tipping in the areas of Old Ferry road, Sheppey Way and School Lane.
3. Made a number of reassurance house visits
4. Made contact with various groups in the village such as Ickle Pickles Nursery, Tinkerbells Nursery, Iwade Herons football Club, Beavers and Cubs and the Youth Club,
5. Met or made contact with a number off local personalities such as the Parish Clerk, Site Manager, Reception Staff and Head Mistress of the School
6. Made contact with the Police Sgt, PCSO responsible for the Iwade Area and the authorities at Swale House.
7. Introduced myself to a number of the business in Iwade
8. Carried out evening and weekend walk about in the area.

4 Planning

4.1 Speedway – Planning Application SW/07/0906 (Case 2712) Proposal to run a maximum of 14 public/league speedway events each year between 1st April and 31st October on the main track – Marshbank Speedway Stadium, the Old Gun Site, Old Ferry Road, Iwade

Local Resident advised the Parish Council about his concerns of the planning application for the extension of speedway meetings. The resident provided video evidence of noise levels he was experiencing at his property due to the speedway meetings. A site meeting had been arranged on Sunday 28th May 2008 at 11.30am and requested Parish Council support. Cllr David Manning advised the meeting that he would represent the Parish Council at this meeting and report back at the July monthly meeting.

Cllr Peter Wilks proposed that the Parish Council object to any excessive/ increase of use and advise the Swale Borough Councils planning committee of the Inspectors report by Arthur Lemon dated 14th September 2001. This was seconded by Cllr John White. All Councilors present were in agreement.

Cllr David Manning to action

4.2 Land North of the Church

Cllrs Wilks and Fearn had meeting with Swale Borough Council on 28th May 2008. Councilors expressed concerns about areas of the section 106 and the information received from Barratt Homes. Swale Borough Council advised that they had not been speaking with Barratt Homes.

Points raised – Surface of the path leading from the car park to cemetery. Mr Bell of Swale Borough Council agreed to bonded car park, but will come back regarding pathway to burial ground.

Cllr Peter Wilks to action

SW/08/0599AJS Case 15868 Ground Floor pitch roof lounge extension to rear of property at 42 Ferry Road, Iwade.

No objections

SW/08/0561AJS Case 00210 Installation of an additional Limestone Silo at Knauf Drywall, Ridham Dock Road.

Parish Council objected to this application on reasons that until Knauf tacking the gypsum dust entering the village no further development should be encouraged on this site until this issue is resolved.

5. Business of the Council

5.1 Noise Disturbance in The Street

Clerk reported that she had received complaints from local residents regarding the Woolpack Public House. The problem was customers of the pub were coming out smoking and not using the area at the back of the public house. Clerk advised Council that she had informally spoken to the new landlords and has not had any complaints since. Clerk also advised residents to go to the landlords and advise them of the problem.

5.2 Affordable Housing in Iwade

Clerk advised Council that a letter had been received from Hillreed homes advising the Council that they are currently preparing a development brief for the proposed new area allocated at Coleshall Farm.

Once their plans are further advanced they asked if the Council would attend a workshop. Date to be 26th June 2008 at 10pm at 10 Woodpecker Drive.

Hill requested the Parish Councils support concerning the Affordable Housing quotes (which is 30%) which they had been requested to provide. Out of the 30% set by Swale Borough Council, normally 60% of social rented and 40% on Shared equity. Hillreed Homes asked if the parish Council would consider 60% shared equity and 40% social rented.

Parish Council discussed that given the nature of the pre existing housing stock in the village and the relatively high percentage of social rented they would support Hillreed Homes in their requested to Swale Borough Council to consider in this case requiring 60% shared equity and 40% social rented.

This was proposed by Cllr Peter Wilks and seconded by Cllr Phil Hyde, the majority vote passed.

5.3 Swale West Expansion of Iwade (Policy AAP9)

Clerk advised that she had spoken to Tony Hillier of Hillreed Homes and he confirmed that they were in the early states of preparing a draft Development Brief document for the allocated development area which is south west of the village. If after consultation this document is approved by Swale Borough Council it will provide a guide for the preparation of further detailed planning application.

Hillreed Homes have been requested to prepare this brief by Swale Borough Council. The Brief will provide general information on the location of different land uses including open space, housing, employment and access points, density and design of the housing.

Hillreed Homes requested a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss their draft ideas. They suggested a workshop meeting with the Parish Council and other representatives of key local interest groups on Thursday 26th June 2008. Cllr David Manning, Cllr Brian Groves, Cllr Amanda Hurrell, Cllr Peter Wilks and Cllr

Phil Fearn expressed an interest in attending this meeting. The meeting will be held at 10 Woodpecker Drive at 10pm.

It is proposed that representatives from the District Council, Southern Water and the Environment Agency will also be attending. Workshop will be led by Hillreeds consultants David Hicken Associates.

5.4 Woodpecker Park Vandalism of Trees

Clerk advised Parish Council those three local youths aged 8 and 5 years of age from the Dunlin Walk area, purposely broke the young trees in the park area. Clerk had written to Barratt Homes to see if they would replace the trees and Barratts response was they had no intention in replacing the damaged trees or the removal of them.

Clerk advised that Police have been advised.

It was agreed that the Clerk would get in contact with Swale Borough Council, Graham Tuff to see if they would be willing to replace the trees, otherwise the Parish Council will consider replacing them.

Parish Clerk to action

5.5 Parish Insurance.

Parish Clerk advised that Allianz Cornhill had quoted £1,316.99 for the yearly Parish Insurance for 2008/09. Norwich Union agreed to insurance the Council for £1063.47 but Council would be tied in for 3 years.

Clerk reported that she will be in contact with Allianz Cornhil and advised them of the Norwich Union quote and ask Allianz Cornhill to drop their premium to match Norwich Unions quote but not to be tied in.

6. Correspondence/ Notices

6.1 PACT Meeting

The next PACT Meeting will be Wednesday 2nd July 2008, at the School Hall. Areas raised at last meeting and to be reported back by the appropriate authorities are Litter and dog mess, speeding and reckless driving.

6.2 Allotments

Clerk advised Council that she was getting a lot of calls from residents asking where the Iwade Allotments were going to be situated. Clerk had advised residents that as far as the Parish Council was aware there were not going to be any allotments within Iwade, unless any of the new developments were proposing to allocate land.

Cllr Amanda Hurrell confirmed she had written something in the local newspaper, campaigning for allotments within Iwade and that was where residents were getting

the information from.

6.3 Parking Problem at the entrance of Sheerstone

Cllr David Manning expressed concern about commuters parking in Sheerstone and blocking the road and therefore making access difficult. Also the village garage was now selling cars which were blocking the parking area in front of the premises causing staff to also park in the entrance of Sheerstone.

It was agreed that the clerk would contact the enforcement team and to see if parking restrictions can be implemented.

Parish Clerk to action

7. Finance

Sarah George	Clerk fee, phone/ fax, stationary for May	£696.21
Peter Wilks	Councillor Expenses	20.00
Graham Chambers	Handyman fees for May	£211.83
Phil Fearn	Chairman's Expenses	£20.00
Office Technical Solutions	Parish Photocopier and printing	£78.76
Allianz Cornhill	Parish Insurance for 2008/09	£1063.47

Under the Local Government Act 1972, (Sch 2) the signing of the cheques were proposed by Cllr Phil Hyde and seconded by Cllr David Manning. All Councillors present were in agreement.

Meeting Closed 9.50pm

**Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th July 2008
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**