

Iwade Parish Council

Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 10th March 2009 at 7.30pm

Present:

Chairman Phil Fearn
Vice Chairman Brian Groves
Cllr Derek White
Cllr Peter Wilks
Cllr David Manning
Cllr Janet Gregory
Cllr Amanda Hurrell
Cllr John White

Apologies

Cllr Phil Hyde
Borough Cllr Ben Stokes
County Councillor Roger Truelove

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 10th February 2009 were proposed by Cllr Dave Manning and seconded by Cllr Brian Groves, as a true and accurate report. All members present were in agreement.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

3.1 Additional Letter Boxes in the Village

A new post box would be installed soon at the top of School Lane at the junction of the new estate. Cllr Groves had suggested the letterbox outside the village Post Office be increased in size to accommodate the large volume of post. The Post Office has confirmed that this post box will remain the same as further funding is currently not available. There is nothing that Mr Patel, who runs the Post Office, can do about this. Security of the mail is a priority so they will continue to use a post bag inside the Post Office to collect any additional mail. Chairman Phil Fearn suggested we wait until the new box has been installed in School Lane before we discuss this subject any further. Cllr Dave Manning suggested the PC write to the Post Office. Cllr Derek white suggested reviewing this subject at the next meeting to be held in April. In the meantime liaise with Mr Patel to monitor the situation once the additional post box is installed. Cllr Janet Gregory commented that the Post Office had cut its collections in Iwade. All agreed to monitor the situation and discuss at the next meeting.

3.2 New Burial Ground

At the parking meeting held on Monday 9th March it was suggested the use of the church car park. Cllr Janet Gregory suggested additional car parking be made available. Cllr Janet Gregory suggested that extra parking be allocated and Cllr Ben Stokes would look into this and report back. Cllr Peter Wilkes commented that neighbouring houses would end up using this additional car parking area. This subject is to be carried forward at the next meeting Cllr Derek White and Cllr Janet Gregory.

3.3 Minutes of the meeting held in Borden (lighting grant)

Cllr Phil Fearn has made these available for all Cllrs to read. Cllr Dave Manning had an interest in reading these. Another meeting is to be held by KCC as this meeting did not conclude anything.

4. Visitors Time

Report from PCSO Lindsay Woods

We had our parking meeting again last night but both Derek and Janet were there so I'm sure they will do the honours

I have put in a request that the lorry weight for the areas signs are replaced, this request has been put in but PC warren Jarvis is on holiday at present so when he returns I will chase that up.

I have been advised that due to the Parish and Planning committee's objections the extended hours of takeaway have been accepted, therefore the buyer has pulled out completely on the conditions he cannot afford the business only being allowed to operate for 3.5 hours a day - so if you have heard different from me could you let me know what you guys have been advised.

We have a new Sergeant running the neighbourhood team - Sergeant Daniel Worthington, he should be in his chair and updated by the end of this month.

I am currently in the process of assessing the new estates with the developers as the parking issue around the streets is just becoming uncontrolled. It's not suitable for people to park on pavement and it's not suitable for vehicles not to park on pavement otherwise it blocks the road.

I have taken it to my inspector now because I really don't know what the answer is

I have been advised that because over 80% of people use their garages as storage rather than parking ALL new developments that were due to have garages has been edited and removed, some will still have driveways and allocated single spaces but that's it. However I'm not sure if this policy came in time to effect the Hillread development due. If you guys know could you let me know because I'm concerned about the parking problems this will create.

FOR ALL THOSE THAT DON'T HAVE EMAIL CAN I ADVISE NOW - THE NEXT PUBLIC PARKING MEETING IS TUESDAY 21ST APRIL @ 6.30, FOLLOWED BY THE PACT MEETING AT 7.30 TO BE HELD AT LOWER HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL.

4.1 Stream Update

Cllr Phil Fearn spoke to Graham Tuff over concerns that people could slip down.

Advised was looking into a hard surface to make this safe.

5. Business of the Council

A letter of resignation has been received by the Chairman from the Parish Clerk.

6. Planning

- Countrystyle Recycling notification sent to invite Councilors to look at site and processing plant.
- Appeal Woodpecker Drive. Cllr Phil Fearn has mislaid the paperwork and will email the Cllrs. Iwade Parish Council will not be attending the meeting.
- Indian Take-away. The public are blaming the PC for it not being passed through the planning department. The PC only recommended the 10pm closing after letters and email complaints from neighbouring residents. The final decision was taken by SBC planning department and not Iwade Parish Council.

Cllr Derek White suggested that residents are made aware of the agenda prior to the next meeting where planning applications are to be discussed. Giving residents the opportunity to attend the PC meeting to view any concerns they may have.

7. Finance

The following cheques were signed.

Audit Commission £350.75

KCC £905.18

EDF Energy £808.44

Meeting Closed 9:30pm

Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday April 14th 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall