

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13th March, 2013

Present: Cllr. S. Plumb - Chair
Cllr. J. Hunt
Cllr. M. Gale
Cllr. A. Jennings
Cllr. L. Mitchell

County Cllr. M. Whiting
County Cllr. A. Willicombe
Nick Mayatt, Community Warden
PCSO Matthew Link
5 Parishioners
Lynda Fisher, Clerk

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed Parishioners to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Hyde, Rook, White and Wastall.

2. Declarations of Interest – Cllr. Plumb declared an interest in Item 6.4.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 13th February, 2013, were proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Jennings; agreed by all and signed as a true transcript.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- 1. New Housing Proposals for the South East Sector of the Village** – The Chairman referred to the Local Development Framework meeting at Swale Borough on the 21st February, when Cllr. Lewin opened the proceedings with a statement that although a lot of work had been done looking at housing figures, local Councils were being asked to look at these again by central Government.

Cllr. Lewin went straight to the point stating that the Borough Council would prefer to stay with the figure in the original 'Bearing Fruits' document, although it would be quite hard for the local Planning Officers to implement. Reasons were put forward by the Planners as to rising figures; but the majority of Councillors in the Committee were very keen to stay with the original figure of about 11,000 homes. The document now goes before the Planning Inspector and is expected to be rejected, but it does feel that all the Councillors were very supportive to the view that Iwade has had enough housing,

An area of land to the South East of the village has been earmarked for 400 homes. A large number of Iwade residents voiced their disappointment with this proposal, which they totally oppose. At the moment there does not seem to be any willingness by the Borough Council to grant permission for extra housing in Iwade, apart from that already given.

- 2. 20 m.p.h. Speed Limit in Iwade** – Cllr. Hunt's survey has shown that residents would prefer this speed limit, although some questions were raised and the comment made that in most of the streets in the new sections of the village you cannot go over 20 m.p.h. It would appear that Grovehurst Road and School Lane are the main areas of concern. Cllr. Whiting commented that whilst there was still a case for making a 20 m.p.h. zone; there would need to be some traffic calming installed in these two roads. Kent County Council will not action this at the moment; at present they have 80 schemes county wide and are waiting to see how these are performing. He suggested conducting a wider survey. KCC would want to do a wide consultation, but he still thinks it will be worthwhile looking at this.

3. **Secondary School Transport – Bullying Issues** – Cllr. Gale has arranged a meeting with the Bus Company, a representative from Kent Police, County Cllr. Whiting and the Clerk to look at this issue. He will report back to the April meeting. *Action: Cllr. Gale*
4. **Village Centre** – Members were pleased to see that Londis have taken over the old Budgens unit and the shop is now up and running. Clerk to contact Village Centre Management to ascertain who controls the car park as complaints have been received about parking issues. *Action: Clerk*
5. **School Lane Playing Field and Handyman Duties** – Clerk has received an e-mail from Swale Borough Council, who is seeking a quotation from Wicksteed for the removal and installation of the play equipment in another part of the Borough. The equipment is still insured and regularly inspected by the Handyman. It was agreed to utilise the Handyman in other areas of the village until the future management of the playing field is determined.

3. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Parishioners** – A Parishioner mentioned that there will be new signs and a disabled parking bay for the village centre.
2. **County Councillor and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Willicombe mentioned that this will be the last time he will be attending a meeting before the May elections and that he has really enjoyed working with this Parish Council; Cllr. Whiting made the same comment. The Chairman thanked both Members for their help over the past years.

County Cllr. Whiting has been trying to arrange a meeting with Persimmon. He is also in the process of arranging a visit to Aylesford Depot; would two people like to go? He thought it was good news concerning the Local Development Forum and housing. He is trying to get Eric Pickles, M.P. (the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government) to come and look at Iwade.

3. **Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** – Nick’s report has been circulated to Members and its contents were noted. He added that dog fouling is still a problem and there are still issues with parking.

Matthew Link introduced himself as the village’s new PCSO (he has taken over from Aaron); he has been doing this work for six years and has worked with County Cllrs. Whiting and Willicombe. He has already dealt with some issues within the village: school parking, mud and HGV problems in School Lane. He has also been looking into plant pot thefts. He can be contacted through 101; but if it’s an emergency residents should ring 999.

6. Finance

1. **Request for Donation – Citizens Advice Bureau** – Proposed by Cllr. Jennings and seconded by Cllr. Gale agreed to donate £50 under S.137 expenditure.
2. **CPRE 2013/14 Membership Renewal** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Mitchell; agreed to renew membership at a cost of £28.
3. **Action with Communities in Rural Kent, 2013/14 Membership Renewal** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; agreed to renew membership at a cost of £35.
4. **All Saints Church Bi-Annual Flower Festival** – Proposed by Cllr. Mitchell and seconded by Cllr. Jennings; agreed to spend £50 on a display from the Parish Council. *Action: Clerk*
5. **KFAS Airport Conference** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hunt, agreed Cllr. Mitchell to attend the conference at a cost of £15.

6. **Cheque Signatories** – Cllrs. Gale, Mitchell, Jennings, Wastall and Rook to complete and take the signatory forms into the Bank before the April meeting. **Action: Cllrs. Gale/Mitchell,Wastall/Rook**
7. **Cheques signed at this meeting:**

It was proposed by Cllr. Rook and seconded by Cllr. Hunt, all agreed, that the following cheques be signed and the accounts to the 13th March, 2013 accepted.

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
13.03.13	1598	L. Fisher – Expenses	Telephone/Broadband for Feb/Use of Home as office	£17.77p
13.03.13	1599	Iwade Nature and Conservation Group	Donation towards cost of hiring a venue for Great Crested Newt training with KRAG	£60.00p
13.03.13	1600	Greenbarnes Limited	3 Bay 9 xA4 Man-Made Timber Noticeboard	£3254.79p
13.03.13	1601	Swale Boro. Council	Printing of Iwade Observer June, July, Sept, 2012	£1077.07p
13.03.13	1602	PFL Electrical Ltd.	Repairs to Colum o/s 36 Sheerstone	£111.60p
13.03.13	1603	Stiddard Kent Ltd	Payroll Preparation March 2013	£15.00p
13.03.13	1604	Steve Wakeling	Handyman duties February 2013	£198.00p
13.03.13	1605	K.F.A.S.	Airport Conference Fee	£15.00p
Eight cheques in total				

Payments made by Direct Debit: Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting - £58.59p; L. Fisher: February Wages - £601.19p

7. **Correspondence**

1. **Action: A call for Evidence** - noted.
2. **Swale Borough Council's Sports Development Reorganisation Consultation** – Clerk to re-circulate to Members and place on the April Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Kent Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Mineral Safeguarding** – The Parish Council supports the action to safeguard minerals.

8. **Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)**

1. **10 Point Plan** – Distribution agreed, letter printed and awaiting collection by Members.
2. **The Barn** – The Chairman advised that the meeting with Swale Borough Council to discuss the Church/Parish Council taking over the Barn had been very positive. Swale plan to utilise the building for staff use and storing tools for the new Graveyard, but it is hoped it can instead be used as a small meeting room for the Church and community groups. It has electricity and water laid on, but Swale is not sure about drainage. The Council will need an alternative facility for their staff and equipment and there is the possibility of sufficient ground within Church land to accommodate this. It was also suggested that Swale set up a meeting for those present to look inside the Barn.

9. **New Village Hall**

Cllr. Hunt advised that Persimmon has got back to him and it is not possible to have the new Village Hall on School Lane Playing Field; basically they have run out of time because of the S.106 Agreement on the Sports Pavilion. He suggested the piece of land next to the Medical Centre and they have agreed this is something they could consider. County Cllr. Whiting will try and raise this with Persimmon.

15. **Planning**

1. **SW/12/1565:** – New 2 bedroom dwelling, demolition of 50% of garage and conversion of remainder to garden store: 5 Sheerstone, Iwade ME9 8RN – Permission refused by Swale Borough Council.

16. Other Matters Arising

Annual Parish Meeting – it was suggested inviting the Editor and Chief Reporter from the Sittingbourne Extra to give a talk on their work, and James Freeman and Jim Wilson, Planning Officers from Swale Borough Council, to give a talk on planning. Clerk to approach these people. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Hunt is researching S.106 Agreements.

An Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Good Friday, commencing at 11.00 a.m. It was suggested that the Parish Council could hand out the 10 Point Plan leaflets during this event to obtain further responses.

17. Next Meeting

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 10th April, 2013, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 09.45 p.m.