

**Iwade Parish Council**

**Monthly Parish Council Meeting**

**Held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Chairman Phil Fearn	Mrs Sarah George, Parish Clerk
Vice Chairman Brian Groves	
Cllr Derek White	4 Residents
Cllr Peter Wilks	
Cllr David Manning	
Cllr John White	
Cllr Phil Hyde	

**Apologies**

Cllr Amanda Hurrell  
Dave Davey Community Warden  
Borough Cllr Ben Stokes  
County Councillor Roger Truelove  
County Councillor Brenda Simpson  
Gordon Henderson

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008 were proposed by Cllr Derek White and seconded by Cllr Amanda Hurrell, as a true and accurate report. All members present were in agreement.

The minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2008 are to be reissued as members had not had time to read them. This was proposed by Chairman Phil Fearn and all members present were in agreement

**3. Matters arising from the minutes**

**3.1 Additional Letter Boxes in the Village**

No further development to report

**3.2 Traffic Gate Entrance by Medical Centre**

No further development to report. Clerk to continue to chase KCC

**3.3 Land North of the Church regarding section 106 requests**

Cllr Wilks still awaiting dates from Andy Jeffers of Swale Borough Council.

**Cllr Wilks to action**

## **4 Visitors Time**

### **4.1 Community Warden Update**

Parish Council have received notification that new Kent County Council Community Warden has decided not to continue with training due to personal reasons.

Temporary cover is currently being provided by the Kent County Council response team and this will continue until a permanent warden is deployed.

### **4.2 Police Community Support Officer Update**

The speed watch team and PSCO woods will be in the village on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November in the morning - results will follow in a few days time.

### **PACT MEETING AND POLICE SURGERIES**

The next **PACT** meeting is **Wednesday 28th January 2009 7.30pm start - sharp** This will be held in Iwade village hall, Ferry Road. Parking facilities will be available, if you would like to do a talk at the meeting please advise me as soon as possible.

Iwade Police surgery - 9th Dec 9.30 - 10.30 at Iwade village hall.

Lower Halstow Police Surgery - 16th Jan 09 @ 2.30 - 3.30 held at the village hall

Iwade Police surgery - 3rd March 09 @ 9.30 - 10.30 Iwade Village hall.

#### **\*\*Warning\*\***

On Saturday 8th November it has been witnessed 4 males in the area of school lane, Lower Halstow, offering Double glazing to residents. Once they were spotted by PSCO Woods and another officer these males hastily left the village, after making enquiries we have reasons to believe these were not genuine sales people.

PSCO Woods would like to take this opportunity to **remind** all residents that with Christmas around the corner, cold sellers will be about now. Please remember some of these sellers are genuine but not all. **Here is a safety reminder to help assist you with cold callers** - if it is someone you don't know then ask them for I.D, even if you are expecting an engineer or the gas man etc, always check by asking them to produce their I.D. **NO** engineer or service officer should be leaving their head office without I.D. If residents are still in doubt or unsure then call us on 01795 477055. **Do not let people in your house without I.D**

## **4 Planning**

### **SW/08/1140 RDM Case 22058 Two posts and gate on driveway at 2 Woodpecker Drive, Iwade**

Cllr Brian Groves and Parish Clerk Sarah George, declared an interest in this planning application. Took no part in the discussion

No Objection

**SW/08/0999 RDM Case 20188 Remove existing roof, Construct new roof to form extra bedrooms at 31 School Lane, Iwade**

No Objection

**SW/08/1127 JRW Case 23404 Proposed development of 327 dwellings south west of Iwade by Hillreed homes**

Cllr Phil Fearn and Cllr Derek White declared an interest in the planning application as this development would effect their properties and with drew from the discussion.

The plan shows a row of bungalows where the new development butts the existing houses in Meadow Rise and Springvale, the Parish Council have no problems with this in principal, but the land is two meters higher than the existing homes and Hillreed proposed to put a two or two point five storey house at either end. Parish Council felt these houses could be replaced with bungalows.

The field at the rear of Meadow Rise has been left fallow for about four or five years, Parish Council are aware that in this time it has been colonized by grass snakes and a population of slow worms. A reptile survey is required and if necessary the reptiles relocated.

The Council felt with the increase in traffic flow in School Lane, the Borough Council will need to put double yellow lines outside the shop and school as the current situation of traffic calming and parking it is increasely difficult for residents to pass by the school and shops during certain times of the day. This would increase considerably with more houses as well as an increased bus service.

The proposed new road from School Lane to the old A249 must be built before any house building goes ahead. Builders and supply lorries would cause unnecessary congestion up School Lane that could be directed via the old A249.

Once building works commences the Parish Council is to get a guarantee from Swale Borough Council and Hillreed that mud is not dragged onto School Lane or the A249 and tyre washing facilities are put in place.

Whilst observing the plans it would brought to the attention of the Parish Council that due to the on going problems with groups of youths on the recreation ground with regards drug , drinking and general rowdiness it was felt it was not wise to create a den in the area shown as LEAP with trees/ bushes around it. Equally the developers will bring the problem from the side furthest away from the houses to near them.

It was also noted that the children's play area was no longer displayed on the plan and was replaced by two full size football pitches; this will also be highlighted to the planners.

Residents in Meadow Rise were promised at the exhibition that there would be an

ecological barrier of two meters and a fence dividing them from the new development. The plans now show the barrier to be the existing residents own trees that are in their gardens.

Members considered the flood risk assessment and surface water strategy by Peter Brett Associates and it was agreed that Cllr Wilks would ask CPRE if they could give expert advise on the flood risk on the development. The Clerk to approach the subsidiarity Officer for financial assistance.

Chairman of Planning Cllr Peter Wilks advised the Council that he had noted the parish councils concerns and will devise a letter.

**Cllr Peter Wilks to action**

## **5. Business of the Council**

### **5.1 Project Allocation for Subsidiarity Grant**

Clerk still to find alternative project to use remainder of subsidiarity grant money.

**Parish Clerk to action**

### **5.2 Dog Fouling Bag Dispenser in School Lane Recreation Ground**

Swale Borough Council has offered additional dog bag dispensers at fouling hotspots in School Lane Recreation Ground. Dog Fouling bags are for residents who have forgotten or have already used up their poop bags, and not a replacement for dog owners bringing their own dog fouling bags.

Parish Council agreed to get the second dog bag dispenser installed and also for the dog pooh bin to be relocated next to the entrance by the rubbish bin.

**Parish Clerk to action**

### **5.3 Parking in School Lane Playing Field**

Residents are reporting to the Parish Council about the dangerous exit into the field, also cars are parking all over the field, even on the basketball area during football matches. Clerk has written to the manager of Iwade Herons expressing concern. Adam Elliott of Iwade Herons has reported back that they are roping off an area so cars know where to park, also they would like to install small tree stumps to both guide and keep cars on the matting and not on to the playarea.

Parish Council felt something like this would be a good idea and it was agreed that chestnut posts should be installed. Clerk to advise Adam Elliott of this decision.

**Parish Clerk to action**

## **6. Correspondence/ Notices**

### **6.1 Swale Borough Council Parish Grant Scheme**

The clerk reported that the current Parish grant position for Iwade Parish Council is £8,510.00. Expenditure earmarked is £1,000 has been given to the sensory garden, and £4,500 to go to the Church heating and rewiring project. This leaves £3,010 still to be allocated.

## **7. Finance**

Sarah George	Clerk fee, phone/ fax, stationary for October	£605.16
Graham Chambers	Handyman fees for October	£200.00
Phil Fearn	Chairman's Expenses for October	£20.00

Under the Local Government Act 1972, (Sch 2) the signing of the cheques were proposed by Cllr Derek White and seconded by Cllr John White. All Councillors present were in agreement.

Clerk reported that the precept and budget for 2009/10 will be discussed at the December Parish Council meeting. Clerk and Cllr Derek White to meet up to prepare budget and precept report.

Meeting Closed 9.30pm

**Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**