

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2010

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Cllr. D. Manning (Chairman)	Clerk, Lynda Fisher
	Cllr. P. Wilks	Temp. Community Warden
	Cllr. J. White	Co-opted Parish Council Planning member Mrs. J. Exley
	Cllr. J. Gregory	2 Parishioners
	Cllr. P. Hyde	Cllr. B. Stokes
	Cllr. S. Plumb	Cllr. M. Whiting
	Cllr. J. Hunt	Cllr. A. Willicombe

#### 1. **Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllrs. Hurrell and Menzies.

#### 2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. D. Manning declared an interest in Item 10 – 1 Swaysdown Farm, School Lane, Iwade.

#### 3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Approved and signed, with the following addition, under item 6 – Village Hall Car Park:

‘The Village Hall Committee to come back with re-surfacing quotes’.

#### 4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The shortfall of £8,064.64p, relating to the fraud, has now been received from NatWest Bank

Graham Tuff has advised that when replacing dead plum trees in the village park only ‘whips’ are available in the variety that is already planted there; it is impossible to obtain mature trees.

#### 5. **Visitors/Public Time**

**Parishioners** – No comments

**County Councillor and Borough Councillors** – Cllr. Willicombe reported that the first roundabout, leaving the Village prior to crossing the A249, has been resurfaced and the second has been reinstated by Eon. Cllr. Whiting reported that KCC’s policy of ‘seek and find’ for potholes finishes at the end of this month and any faults now need to be reported. Cllr. Stokes reported that the E.A. is still active regarding the ‘smell’ in the village.

**Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)** – report acknowledged.

**PCSO** – did not attend.

## 6. Finance

**Audit – 2008/09 and 2009/10 Accounts** – Clerk still awaiting report from District Audit.

**Financial Regulations** – Clerk advised that she has spoken to the Internal Auditor, David Buckett, and regulations tailored to suit the Parish Council will be forthcoming.

*Action: Clerk*

**Sensory Garden, Bush Shelters and Contingencies** – Clerk to ascertain whether the School still requires the £2,000 for a sensory Garden. This amount was obtained from the Subsidiary Grant by the previous Clerk, but never passed on to the School.

It was proposed by Cllr. Manning and seconded by Cllr. Gregory that the bus shelter, (which is suffering from the effects of past vandalism) adjacent to the village park be removed and replaced with a ‘rustic’ style shelter. Clerk to obtain costs for this and look at costs for siting two new shelters in other locations in the village.

*Action: Clerk*

Clerk advised that it is considered good practise to have an amount in the Reserve Account set aside for ‘contingencies’. Based on the maximum advised of six months expenditure this sum is in the region of £15,000; added to which needs to be the £12,000 earmarked for repairs to the bus shelters; making a total of £27,000 in the Reserve Account.

**Village Hall Car Park** – to come back to Council when re-surfacing quotes are received.

**Waste Bin for Handyman** – Clerk has now secured a waste bin, located at the Village Hall site, for a weekly cost, including emptying, of £8.50p. This has already been agreed by the Parish Council; the bin being for use by the Village Handyman in connection with his work.

**Fixed Asset Schedule/Insurance** – the new Fixed Asset Schedule, based on insurance valuations was agreed. Agreed to look at the insurance schedule in more depth before renewal; Clerk to investigate ownership of some of the items listed and to see whether a claim can be made against the insurers for extra internal auditor costs incurred as a result of the fraud.

*Action: Clerk*

**Allotment Car Parking** – Letter received from Iwade Allotment Association requesting assistance with costs involved for the preparation of site plans, estimates and planning fees amounting to approximately £450. Proposed by Cllr. Wilks and seconded by Cllr. Manning – agreed the donation of £450.

**Church Flower Festival, 2011** – Proposed by Cllr. Manning and seconded by Cllr. Hunt, the expenditure of £100 in respect of a Parish Council display for the Flower Festival.

**Age Concern donation request** - Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure – agreed a donation of £100 to Age Concern.

**Cheques raised at this meeting:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
10.11.10	1354	Victim Support	£100.00p
10.11.10	1355	Mrs. J. Gregory	£36.58p
10.11.10	1356	Aon Limited	£107.28p
10.11.10	1357	L. Fisher	£46.50p
10.11.10	1358	Wages	£414.52p
10.11.10	1359	Inland Revenue	£116.64p
10.11.10	1360	Stiddard Maidstone Ltd.	£11.75p
10.11.10	1361	David Buckett	£2543.95p
10.11.10	1362	David Buckett	£188.80p
10.11.10	1363	Mr. K. Maunders	£29.99p
10.11.10	1364	Steve Wakeling	£210.00p
10.11.10	1365	Iwade Allotment Association	£450.00p
<b>Twelve cheques in total</b>			

**7. KCC Minerals & Core Waste Strategy**

Cllr. Plum reported that KCC are putting together a strategy on how they are going to allow companies to extract minerals, or landfill or recycle. The consultation has gone through the first stage and is now in the second. The website contains 15 chapters on this subject and at the end of the document there is questionnaire, the deadline for answers being 19th November. Cllr. Plumb requested to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council.

*Action: Cllr. Plumb*

**8. Correspondence**

**Bold Steps in Kent – Medium Term Plan to 2014/15 – Consultation Draft** – Cllr. Gregory to look at this document.

*Action: Cllr. Gregory*

**Swale Landscape Character & Biodiversity Appraisal** – Cllr. Manning to look at CD.

*Action: Cllr. Manning*

**CPRE A.G.M.** – Cllr. Manning to attend.

*Action: Cllr. Manning*

**9. Village Park Gates**

Clerk reported that Graeme Tuff, from Swale Borough Council, was investigating the matter and she was awaiting his report. She will report back at the next meeting.

*Action: Clerk*

**10. Planning**

**SW/10 1261 -1 Swaysdown Game Farm** – replacing mobile home with detached dwelling - Agreed to object on the grounds that it is outside the area designated for housing; in a Local Landscape Area and contrary to Planning Policy EC6.1

**Biomass Combined Heat & Power Plant**, Ridham Dock, Iwade – approved by Swale B.C; K.C.C. are still awaiting further information.

**APP/V2255/A/10/2131981/NWF** —16 Woodpecker Drive, Iwade —Appeal allowed.

**SW/10/1122 – 2 Swaysdown Game Farm, Iwade - refused**

**11. Next Meeting**

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2010, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Iwade Community Primary School's Hall.

**The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.**