

## Iwade Parish Council

### Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 7.30pm

#### Present:

Chairman Peter Wilks

Vice Chairman Phil Fearn

Cllr John White

Cllr Derek White

Cllr Phil Hyde

Cllr Brian Groves

Cllr Lisa Older

Cllr Sue McGoldrick

Cllr Malcolm Hutchings

Mrs Sarah George, Parish Clerk

Borough Cllr Ben Stokes

6 Members of public

#### Apologies

County Council Brenda Simpson

County Councillor Roger Truelove

Gerry Cox Community Warden

## 2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007 were signed by the Chairman Peter Wilks

### Matters arising from the minutes

#### 3.1 Additional Letter Boxes in the Village

Clerk received a reply from Paul Cormack, collections Manager of Royal Mail who advised the Parish Council that the Royal Mail had monitored posting patterns in the village, and taking account of new business and residential development and agreed that additional posting facilities have been identified and are waiting for Highways Department of KCC to confirm that they have no objections. Clerk to chase KCC for this confirmation as it was the Parish Councils views that this had already been done. ..

#### 3.2 Traffic Gate Entrance by Medical Centre

Clerk to chase KCC about replacement gate

**Parish Clerk to action**

### **3.3 Ivy on Grovehurst Oak Tree**

It was agreed by the members that Arty Fencing will be given the contract to remove the ivy from the oak tree at the quote cost of £300.00. Parish Clerk to contact company to make arrangements and to write to surrounding residents explaining what is to be done.

**Parish Clerk to action**

## **4 Planning**

### **4.1 Land Registry Requests**

Parish Council requested the clerk to contact the land registry to see who owns the strip of land by 18 Woodpecker Drive and road between the School and leading into village centre.

**Parish Clerk to action**

**Cullnells Farm** – The owner proposes to demolish the old farm buildings and replace them with 5 small modern buildings suitable for light industry. The owner will surrender his present planning permission for assorted heavy plant which includes heavy lorries, cranes and JCB.

### **SW/07/1024 RDM Case 21399 Costcutters General Store, Change of Use of front of building to food takeaway and alteration of dwelling**

Parish Council objects to this application because there is insufficient parking which will be an adverse impact on the area and local residents.

### **SW/07/1101 AJS Case 22667 Single storey side extension of 5 Meadow Rise.**

No objection

### **Land North of the Church**

Swale Borough Council planning committee has given permission for this development to go ahead. Parish Council to arrange an extraordinary meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2007 to discuss the future ownership of the Barn.

**Parish Clerk to action**

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

### **5.1 Vandalism in School Lane**

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that youths have torn up the safety matting around the already vandalized roundabout. Clerk had contacted Wicksteed Leisure and was waiting quotes for repairs. Estimated costs are around £2,000. The vandalism has been reported to the Police and Community Warden. Should offenders be apprehended by the Police they have been advised that the Parish Council are prepared to prosecute

Clerk has contacted Peter Speakman about getting CCTV reinstalled in area as problems are escalating in the recreation ground with youth gatherings, underage drinking, possible drug intake and two incidents of youths being attacked. Awaiting response

**Parish Clerk to action**

A resident reported that an impression in the corner of the recreation ground is being used for underage drinking and possibly drugs. Cllr Phil Fearn to arrange for impression in ground to be filled in and leveled.

**Cllr Phil Fearn to action**

## **6. Correspondence/ Notices**

**6.1** Chairman received a letter from a concerned resident regarding the noise of children playing on the village hall green. It was agreed by the Council that the Chairman would deal with this and would respond to the resident.

**Chairman to action.**

**6.2** It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the piece of land by the Parish Notice Board needed attention. Clerk to advise the Handyman to clear area, grass it and plant bulbs.

**Parish Clerk to action**

**6.3** The meeting was adjourned for Residents to speak. A resident speaking on behalf of others expressed an interest in having allotments in the Village . The Parish Council does not own any land for allotments. Should the residents find suitable land, the Council will cooperate with the residents in establishing an Allotment Association.

### **6.4 New Dog Control Orders**

Swale Borough Council has approved the adoption of Dog Control Orders pursuant to its powers under the Clean Neighborhoods and Environment Act 2005 and in order to replace the existing bylaws and the repeal Dog (Fouling of

Land) Act 1996)

Under the Dog Control orders (Procedures) Regulations 2006 the Borough Council is required to consult every other Authority having power to implement their own Dog Control Order under Section 55 which include Parish Councils? Four Dog Control Orders are to be implemented. These orders will shortly be advised in the local newspapers inviting representations from the public before the order is made

## 7. Finance

Sarah George	Clerk fee, stationary, phone/fax, flowers, September	£716.00
Henwood	Removal of Grafetti in Recreation Ground	£205.63
Graham Chambers	Handyman fees for September	£192.00
Peter Wilks	Chairman's Expenses Including new printer cartridge	£49.00
KAPC	Clerk Training	105.75

7.1 Clerk advised members that Mr Stephen Parkin MAAB is prepared to act as Internal Auditor to Iwade Parish Council. His fee of £175.00 was agreed . Clerk to contact Mr Parkin to make arrangements for half year check.

Meeting Closed 9.20pm

**Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**