

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 12th October, 2011

Present: Cllr. S.Plumb – Chairman 2 Parishioners
Cllr. J. Gregory - Vice-Chair
Cllr. J. Hunt
Cllr. R. Phillips
Cllr. R. Jones
Cllr. P. Hyde
Cllr. J. White
Cllr. T. Avron-Cotton
Cllr. S. Harris

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Vice-Chairman welcomed Members and Parishioners to the meeting. Apologies were received from Lynda Fisher, Clerk, who was absent due to an operation; the Community Warden and Borough Councillors Ben Stokes and Alan Willicombe.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs. Hunt, Gregory and Avron-Cotton declared an interest in the Newsletter item under the Finance section.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Proposed by Cllr. Gregory and seconded by Cllr. Jones, the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 14th September were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Consultation on KCC's Countryside Access Improvement Plan – Review 2012 – Cllr. Hyde reported on countryside access. The Byway Officer is to look at the Byway in School Lane. He requested that pathways be kept open when developments were under way – will receive a report in January.

Enforcement Strategy and Service Charter – Cllr. Phillips explained this item – Members agreed that the Parish Council would not object to this

Swale Cllr. Ben Stokes – The Chairman read out a letter he had received from Cllr. Stokes regarding non-attendance at the Parish Council Meetings, which sometimes clash with Swale's Full Council meetings. Cllr. Phillips asked if Cllrs. Stokes could send an updated report on

relevant issues to IPC if he cannot attend, especially on Swale Council issues affecting Iwade – e.g. new Swale Local Plan.

Action: Clerk/Cllr. Stokes

5. Visitors/Public Time

Parishioners – A query was raised regarding mobile phone signals in Iwade and whether the Parish Council could do anything to get the reception improved. Cllr. Phillips knows someone involved in this industry and will make enquiries. The Parish Council will also investigate and ask residents what problems they are experiencing.

Action: Cllr Phillips / Clerk

County Councillor and Borough Councillors – Not in attendance.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – Apologies received from Warden, who could not attend the meeting. His written report was circulated and noted by Members.

6. Finance

Village Newsletter – Cllr. Gregory recommended that advertising cease in the newsletter, this will reduce administration. She also proposed that the Parish Council obtain three estimates for printing a basic newsletter, to be submitted to the next meeting; seconded by Cllr. Harris. Cllr. Jones agreed to obtain the estimates.

Action: Cllr. Jones

Parish Precept – The second half of the precept (£14750) and lighting grant (£1310) has been received from Swale Borough Council.

Destination Signs – Councillors to consider the signage option in the future

ROSPA Report – Village Hall Garden – The report and Risk Assessment have now been received. Two areas highlighted as ‘medium’ risk; a tree needs taking out and low overhanging branches need to be cut back. The Clerk has instructed the Handyman to carry out the work as soon as possible. Cllr. Phillips proposed purchasing vandal proof fixings to have as a ‘standby’ to replace bolts that have deliberately been removed.

Action: Clerk/VillageHandyman/Cllr. Phillips

Village Park/Pond – Cllr. Hunt has spoken to K.R.A.G. regarding maintenance of the pond and is waiting to hear back. Cllr. Hyde asked if the Parish Council could go back to the developers. Proposed by Cllr. Gregory and seconded by Cllr. White

Cheques raised at this meeting:

| Date | Cheque | Details | Amount |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------------------------|----------|
| 12.10.11 | 1467 | Stiddard Maidstone Ltd. | £15.00p |
| 12.10.11 | 1468 | Iwade Village Hall | £252.00p |
| 12.10.11 | 1469 | Wages | £542.05p |
| 12.10.11 | 1470 | L. Fisher | £26.75p |
| 12.10.11 | 1471 | Playsafety Limited | £224.40p |
| 12.10.11 | 1472 | Steve Wakefield | £210.00p |
| Six cheques in total | | | |

7. **Swale RAHM (Core Strategy)**

Cllr. Gregory reported that two Swale Council Local Engagement Forum (LEF) meetings have been held. There seems to be emphasis on the Southern Relief Road, but no mention of any improvements to Junction 5 M2/A249.

There can be no input at the moment to Swale Borough Council until the proposed new local plan is announced. There will be an alternative option put forward by Swale RAHM and a public meeting is planned early in 2012.

8. **Village Hall Updates**

Cllr. Hunt reported that the flood risk assessment is now with Planning so things should start to move forward.

9. **Correspondence**

Electoral Review of Swale – Noted.

The Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England – Noted; no comments.

Land to the South East of Iwade (SHLAA site SW183) – Crest Nicholson – Proposed by Cllr. Gregory and seconded by Cllr. White that a letter be sent to the company stating that the Parish Council does not wish to engage in discussing the potential of this site for development and refer to the Planning Inspector's report, when he upheld the decision not to include the area of land for housing in the current Swale Plan. *Action: Clerk*

Last Call for Free Trees (KCC) – Letter noted and Cllr. Hyde to request 25 free trees. Cllr. Hyde also suggested planting 10 to 12 mature trees and erecting a plaque to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Agreed by the Parish Council; Cllr. Gregory to investigate sponsorship and Cllr. Hyde to ascertain costs/ types of trees; both to report back to next meeting. *Action: Cllrs. Gregory/Hyde*

British Red Cross Fundraising – Noted.

10. **Planning**

SW/11/1122 – New detached, three-storey, office building to provide training, office, conference and showroom space with associated amendments to existing vehicle access arrangements and landscape; and single-storey detached energy centre and bicycle shelter: Knauf UK Ltd., Ridham Dock, Iwade – no objection.

SW/11/0952 – First floor extension to side – School Lane Farm, School Lane, Iwade – approved.

SW/11/0768 – Single storey extension to rear – 5 Monins Rod, Iwade – Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development – approved.

SW/11/0503 & SW/11/0548 – Use of Building 15A for internal shredding and screening of wood; Use of Building 15B to install and operate a Materials Recycling Facility and Refuse Derived Fuel Facility – Ridham Dock, Iwade – approved

11. Next Meeting

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 12th October, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 09.04 p.m.