

## Surprise find.

Recently found stuffed in the eaves of the church porch - dating from July 1939 - how Iwade has changed since then!



## Iwade Does Community Choir !!

The summer holidays are over and Christmas is approaching fast. This Christmas, All Saints Church would like to draw together singers and musicians from the village to make up a community choir. The choir would be an important part of the church's and village's Christmas celebrations. Nikki Hudson, who has directed a number of musicals is going to coordinate this. So if you would like to be part of a 'Gareth Malone' style choir, voices or instruments, we'd love to see you. There will obviously be a number of practices in the autumn, but an initial first meeting is on Monday 5th October @ 7.30 in church. Further information from Stephen Plumb on 07905040119.

## Marshbank Industrial Estate

We have recently bought Marshbank Industrial Estate in Iwade and are wondering if anyone in the local area has any pictures or information about the site when it was a gun site in the war, and how it has been used over the years since?

Many Thanks  
Rebecca Woolman  
07585558657

## Editors Note

Some major IT issues this month! we tried switching off and switching on again but that didn't work!!! Hopefully all sorted now, so better late than never and we hope to be back to normal next month! Fingers crossed. Once again many thanks for all your contributions - do please keep them coming. Look out for a FB shout out!

Wednesday 9 September 19:30  
Iwade Parish Council Meeting

At Iwade Village Hall  
Saturday 12 September 09:45 | Iwade Ride and Stride

If you are interested in joining the Iwade cycle group who cycle out every year to eat cake and drink tea at different churches (not all about the cycling ;-)) get in touch with Dave Wastall by email at [kirstyanddave@the-wastalls.net](mailto:kirstyanddave@the-wastalls.net)

Why not do a stride this year? Contact Nicola at [nicola@iwadevillage.co.uk](mailto:nicola@iwadevillage.co.uk) or by facebook to Nicola McKenzie if you fancy striding to raise money for Iwade Church and Friends of Kent Churches ...

Whether you're riding or striding meet time is 9.45am at Iwade Church for a 10am start.

Sunday 13 September 10:00-1:00  
Iwade Village Market

There's never been a better time to pop down to see what's on offer at Iwade Village Market. It runs on the 2nd Sunday of every month in Iwade Village Hall. If you're on the lookout for something to complete your Sunday roast, you can get some fantastic free range meat plus all of your veg from our outdoor stalls, then how about something sweet to finish it off? We have a couple of stalls selling homemade cakes and desserts that will satisfy even the sweetest tooth! But if you hanker after a more natural sweetness, we have locally produced honey on offer every month. There's always a little to taste too if you want to try it.

Along with the food stalls, we have plenty of other stalls to catch your eye too – ladies fashion scarves, bedding plants, handbags, beautiful greetings cards, books, handmade craft items, jewellery and a charity stall or two. If it's brunch you're after, we've normally got bacon, sausage and fried egg butties cooking, plus the normal tea, coffee and squash to wash it down with. We can't promise Michelin stars, but we do promise to fill your stomach!

If you're interested in booking a stall at a future market, please email Al at [chairman@iwadevillagehall.org.uk](mailto:chairman@iwadevillagehall.org.uk) or by mobile on 07710 454124. Please support your local market and come down to visit.

Wednesday 16 September 19:30  
Iwade W.I. September Meeting

Harvest Supper. Fashion Show (100yrs of Fashion through the decades). Raffle: Fruit & Veg.

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# Iwade Observer

## September 2015

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Residents,

You will shortly be receiving a Housing Needs questionnaire through the post, this has been requested by the Parish Council and has been prepared by Tessa O'Sullivan, from Action with Communities in Rural Kent.

It is important that all residents complete this questionnaire as it will give a true picture of what housing there is in Iwade and what is still required, e.g. it will cover such areas as:- whether there is a need specifically aimed at those who have family in Iwade and want to purchase housing here but cannot afford it; housing for the elderly, what type of housing – detached, semi-detached, bungalows, flat or terraced, number of bedrooms, etc.

Your help in completing this important questionnaire will be most appreciated.

## Community Award

Graeme Horner, Vice Chairman of All Saint's PCC, and Chair of The Barn Trustees, was honoured with a surprise presentation, by Cllr Stephen Plumb, from The Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) at the Parish Council meeting on the 8th July for his loyal and committed service to the community of Iwade. This award was supported by the High Sheriff of Kent, Chairman of Kent County Council and the Mayor of Medway.



## Annual Ride and Stride

Dave Wastall

It's that time of year again when we eat lots of cake, drink lots of tea and attempt to ride our bikes around some churches in the local area. The Ride and Stride happens on the 12th September this year (a Saturday as always) and having received good feedback concerning the route last year, I thought it might be nice to repeat it for this year (not to mention I was unfortunate enough to not take part last year and I missed what was a good ride by all accounts!).

The route will take in:- Lower Halstow, Upchurch, Hartlip, Borden, Bredgar, Milstead, Doddington, Newnham, Oare, Tenham and Murston. You can see profile of the route at :- <http://www.strava.com/activities/157911302>

otherwise it looks like this: - see below

We have a Just Giving website set up already, so sponsorship can be easily collected from friends and family.

<https://www.justgiving.com/Iwade-RideandStride-2015>. If you or anyone you know would like to join in and ride with us, feel free to invite them along. 09:45 at Iwade Church (opposite the Woolpack) for a 10 (ish) getaway. There is also a trophy on offer, for the most deserving rider on the day (generally the one with the most mechanical mishaps or falls!). Surely that's enough of an attraction! Message Kirsty Wastall on IVDF for more details.



## News from All Saints Church Iwade

We have had a busy couple of months, and hope you have been able to enjoy some of the activities we have been involved in.

### UK Paper Band Concert



On the 18th July we hosted The UK Paper Band for an outdoor concert in the grounds of the church. What started as a fine evening changed quickly as a

sharp shower sent the band and the audience scuttling into the church where the band quickly set themselves up and continued. The enforced relocation didn't seem to faze the band and an enjoyable evening was once again had by all who attended. The highlight perhaps being a trio of plastic (yes plastic!) trombones giving us a colourful

piece (each trombone being a different colour!) that was thoroughly enjoyed by all - including the players



### Village Fun Day



On Sunday August 9th a team from All Saints swung into action and along many other organisations

, and a host of other activities provided some fun for the many villagers who attended this event. The team thoroughly enjoyed the day, as we hope those who visited our table did.



Sandra Wilkinson & Sue Wall getting the All Saints Church table ready for the Funday

### Pop-up Art Show

Saturday August 15th saw the church host a second Pop-Up Art Show, following on from the first event last autumn, part of the Sheppey Promenade Festival (their only off-island event.) The art show was open to all, and there was a vast range of original art on show. The church



provided an unusual venue for an art show, but the quiet and peaceful location was appreciated by all who visited and exhibited.



### All Saints Cafe - Pop up Coffee

During the course of the school summer holidays we have been holding a weekly coffee/tea drop in for villagers old and young. Many cups of tea and coffee and plenty of homemade cakes and biscuits have been enjoyed during the last few weeks. Toys and books have been enjoyed by all, and children have been able to



enjoy playing with other children hopefully giving Mums, Dads and Grandparents a bit of time to enjoy the refreshments. We have made no charge for this, and have enjoyed meeting many villagers, from toddlers to the not-quite-toddling-any-longer! If you have come along and have enjoyed your afternoon we are looking at how we can continue this in some form after the schools return. We'd really love to hear your views, and ideas. These can be sent to the.iwade.observer@gmail.com who will pass them on to us, or you can let Stephen Plumb know on 07905040119



Thanks to everybody who has supported our summer of activities - roll on Christmas!!!!

## Happy Days

Happy Days children continue to have great fun in the garden with two new additions. An aeroplane and a new activity centre.



We say a sad farewell to 45 pre-school children as they leave to go to "big school." We also say goodbye to Karen who has been with Happy Days for 10 years,

as she also moves to "big school".

Although we have very limited space for the next 12 months you are very welcome to come and see the nursery at any time as we have an open



door policy. The nursery is open for 8am-6pm, with an early bird session at 7.30am

We hope the residents of Iwade are having as much fun this summer as we all are!

## Tinkerbells Early Years

from Donna Barker

Last term at the nursery was a very busy time for all, we waved goodbye to 32 children who are all due to start school, we would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best at school and thank their parents for their continuous support whilst at the nursery. A massive thank you for the cards, presents and the very kind words we received at the end of term.

As the new term begins we would like to welcome all the new children and their families, we look forward to getting to know you all. The topic for our term will be 'All About Me', lots of fun activities taking place throughout the term providing the children with opportunities to learn about themselves, families and friends.

We are very excited with the changes we have been allowed to make in the garden, we are sure the children will love it and have so many opportunities to learn and explore in the new environment. Thank you to the Parish Council who have allowed us to create this new space for the children.

The Iwade setting is currently full until September 2016, there is some availability at our setting at the Clock Tower hall. Please call 01795 425384 or email enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk if you require any further information.

Finally we would like to wish Sue a very happy retirement and wish her all the best for the future.

## IWADE ALLOTMENTS

Joan Exley

Having just returned from the allotments with a pile of lovely fresh goodies, I thought it is sometime since I wrote for the magazine. At this time of the season it is keeping up with the weeding, especially after the recent rain, and reaping the results of the work you have done over the last couple of months. Today I picked beautiful, juicy tomatoes (Plum and Big Daddy) that have such a lovely taste, cucumbers, baby sweetcorn, green beans, chillies, and the first of our leeks. Oh! not forgetting the strawberries and raspberries some of which we will have for tea and some with yoghurt for breakfast. Once I have finished my tea, I will use the tomatoes and leeks, along with onions and elephant garlic we collected earlier in the season and make a base for pasta sauce. You really can't beat the taste!

If you fancy joining us next season, our waiting list is very short. Early in September we are having our picnic lunch. Both will take place on the community area of the allotments. If you wish to see what we are doing, come and say hello.

## Iwade Reading Group

Hilary Foulds

We met in August to discuss "A Walk Across the Sun" by Corben Addison.

The next meeting of the Reading Group is Tuesday 8 September. Our Book of the Month will be "The Children Act" by Ian McEwan.

For our meeting on Tuesday 13 October latest novel by Victoria Hislop "The Sunrise."

For the November 10 meeting, "I Let You Go" by Clare Mackintosh.

If you would like to join us at one of our meetings you'd be made really welcome. We talk a lot about the books we've been reading and enjoy hearing each other's recommendations. We don't just talk about books of course! We drink coffee and eat cake too! It's a very relaxing way to spend an hour. But if you can't make it you can always follow us on Facebook on Iwade Reading and Book Group where we post our reviews. For meeting venue information contact Hilary on 01795 474565.

## Girls Day out!!

Sue Wall

In early July, on one of the hottest days of the year, some 20 Iwade W.I. members boarded a beautifully air conditioned coach for a special outing to the Geffrye Museum [www.geffrye-museum.org.uk](http://www.geffrye-museum.org.uk) in Shoreditch and the Victoria & Albert Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green. [www.vam.ac.uk/moc/ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk/moc/ac.uk).

The period room sets at the Geffrye showed how homes and home life have changed over time. The period rooms show how styles and tastes have evolved in the past four hundred years. The eleven rooms are presented chronologically, starting in 1600 and concluding at the end of the 20th century. A short introduction illustrates a typical town house of the time, the type of furniture and furnishings and the main changes in the style of English homes.

After lunch at a very warm Geffrye museum we were happy to re-board our cool coach for the short journey to the Museum of Childhood and the exhibition "Small Stories – at home in a dolls' house". This exhibition, running until 6th September, reveals the fascinating stories behind some of the UK's best-loved dolls' houses, a journey through the history of the home, everyday lives and changing family relationships. The small stories of 12 dolls' houses from the past 300 years are brought to life by the characters that live or work there. The exhibition encompasses country mansions, the Georgian town house, suburban villas, newly-built council estates and high-rise apartments.

It was a little too warm to do the exhibition justice and we left early for home – only to be stuck in the worst traffic scenario since time began, taking us 4 hours to get back to Iwade. It was a great day for a bit of culture and an ideal educational opportunity but the weather and the traffic spoilt what would otherwise have been a great day out.

## Elise's Expedition Summer Raffle

Hello, I'm Elise and I would like to introduce myself as I am fundraising for a charity expedition to Southern India with Westlands School. During the expedition we will be visiting tribal communities, planting mango trees with a women's self help group, teaching children English and building huts for the less fortunate. I will be organising various events in the village over the next few months and am currently running a summer raffle. Tickets, and further information, can be requested by emailing [eliseandemily@yahoo.com](mailto:eliseandemily@yahoo.com). So far prizes include a cut and blow dry, meat from a local butchers, chocolates, wine and cinema tickets. Any prize donations would be most welcome

## High Speed Broadband?

Pat Spicer

When Orchard Edge was built, the first build houses were wired up for cable (Virgin) but it was never connected to the main cable. I have recently been in touch with Virgin and have just received the following from them

Virgin Media is coming your way!

"Hi Patricia,

Thanks for registering ME9 8TT with Cable My Street.

We're very excited to be extending our supercharged services in the next five years to an extra 4 million homes and businesses. We're still planning the expansion of our ultrafast fibre optic broadband, TV and home phone and will do everything we can to consider your area, which is where you come in...

We're making sure we connect places where people really want us. So if you haven't done so already, tell your friends and neighbours to register their interest too. It's all about people power, you see the more people that say they want us, the more likely we are to cable your street.

As soon as there are any developments in your area, we promise to be in touch. If you have any questions, just check out our FAQs."

## Kingsquad

Iwade Kingsquad is a weekly meeting for children aged 5-10 with games, crafts, quizzes, stories and songs helping them to discover God's love for them.

Kingsquad meets in the Village Hall every Tuesday 5 - 6.15pm (School term time only). There is a weekly sub of £1 which contributes towards the hall hire, craft materials and refreshments. If you would like your child to become a 'Squaddie', then please come along any Tuesday next term, starting 8th September, to register.

Kingsquad is run and staffed by All Saint's Parish Church in partnership with The Family Trust.

All volunteers are DBS checked.

For any further information please contact Rev. Stephen Plumb 07905040119.

## A Close Shave

Becci Jeal

Hi Iwade - I'm doing a charity head shave for Macmillan on 26th September in the village hall. I've raised nearly £1000 so far, and hope as many people as possible can come along on the day to support me. Watch out for my FB posts. Many thanks.

## IWADE VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

The summer holidays may be over, but the memories of our Family Fun Day in August will be around for a long time yet. Attended by over 200 people, we had our first ever Dog Show with 4 winners taking home a much coveted bag of gravy bones each! Some of our regular hiring groups ran side stalls such as hook the duck, lucky dip and children's craft workshops which were all very successful. We also welcomed Swale Cats Protection along to run the tombola which raised just under £100, hopefully raising their profile in Iwade and signing up a few more fosterers/adopters.

Our thanks go to All Saints Church, Swale Cats Protection, 1st Iwade Brownies and Rainbows for being such a big part of the day and to everyone who came along to support the event.

Leading on from that, we are having a revamp of the monthly market. It's undergone a few changes in its time but we need to keep trying different things to entice you through the doors. From September onwards, the market will be run by three of the stallholders, Gaye, Geri and Jean and they will be bringing fresh ideas and new stalls to you. The new name will be 'Iwade Village Food and Craft Fayre' which we believe is much more in keeping with the stalls we have. The new organisers will be looking to bring in some gourmet food and drink stalls over the next few months plus a fishmonger as we know that type of stall has been requested previously. If you know anyone who

would be interested in having a stall, or if you have feedback for our new organisers, please email them at [fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk). The next Food and Craft Fayre is on Sunday 13th September between 10am-1pm, your support would be appreciated.

My apologies of mentioning the 'C' word in September, but we have a couple of events before Christmas that we'd love to see you at. On Friday 16th October, we will be holding the first ever Psychic Night at IVH. At the time of writing, full details are a little sketchy, but the plan is to have a stage act for 1 hour, then we will have private readings available afterwards for 2 hours in 10-15 min slots. These private readings would need to be pre-booked to avoid disappointment. Please look out for more info on our website, Facebook and Twitter pages along with an update in the October Iwade Observer.

The second mention is for our Christmas Craft Fayre on Sunday 15th November between 10am-1pm. We will have a packed hall, full of stalls selling Christmas gifts plus some extra special ones for those awkward people who have everything! Fancy a stall? Give us a ring on 07724 862744 and we can have a chat.

I thought it would be nice to mention one of our regular hirers in each article we wrote for the Observer, so this month, I'd like to highlight Kingsquad. A weekly meeting every Tuesday 5-6.15pm (school term time only) for children aged 5-10 with games, craft, quizzes, stories and songs

helping them discover God's love for them. There is a weekly sub of £1 which contributes towards the hall hire, craft materials and refreshments. If you would like your child to become a 'Squaddie', then please come along any Tuesday from 8th September to register.

Kingsquad is run and staffed by All Saints Parish Church in partnership with The Family Trust. All volunteers are DBS checked. For any further information please contact Rev. Stephen Plumb 07905 040119.

Lastly, we welcome our newest regular hirer Paula to IVH. Paula is originally from Vigo in Spain and she will be running 2 yoga classes a week, starting on 2nd October; Tuesday between 1:30-2:45pm and Friday between 6:30-7:45pm. For more info, please call Paula direct on 07712 596560.

For details of other groups and classes held at IVH, please visit our website.

We are truly grateful to everyone who supports the hall, from those who hire it on a regular basis, to those having children's parties or to those of you who come to the events we stage. IVH is an old building showing many signs of wear and tear now, so your support is vital. Thank you.

Join us on Facebook or Twitter by searching for Iwade Village Hall or take a look at our website [www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk)

## Wednesday evening is walking evening!

Christopher Wood

The Iwade walking group on a Wednesday evening was set up for people in the village to get fit and have fun whilst offering the opportunity to make new friends. The best part is that it costs nothing at all and you don't have to sign up!

We meet every week outside The Woolpack for 7pm and start at 7:15pm. The walks vary between 4-6 miles each week. We have our own facebook page which is Iwade Walking Group Evenings.

We'd love to see YOU!

## IWADE HEALTH CENTRE PATIENT GROUP

Has it really been 3 months since our last meeting? the summers disappear quicker as the years roll on by it seems! We hope you've all been well and not had any need to call IHC, but, if you have, we hope the new telephone system has given you a pleasant surprise when, instead of being cut off, you're now placed into a queuing system that even tells you where you are in the queue. A step forward indeed and one that is still able to be improved upon over the coming months. More functionality is available to the IHC team and they will be tweaking the system to make it even better for us all as time goes on.

IHC was recently re-inspected by the CQC (Care Quality Commission) and received a very favourable report. All of the IHC staff have worked incredibly hard to reach that result and receiving a good all round score is a reward for that hard work.

The biggest bug bear now for most health centres is appointment availability and IHC is no different unfortunately. The team are taking details of where the demand is greatest, on what days and at what times as they are keen to get it right, but this is a difficult process as it can vary wildly from week to week and month to month. The best way patients can help with the availability of appointments is to not miss their own pre-booked ones; we are seeing the missed appointments for GPs and the Practice Nurse stay at a very high level which is limiting what is available to others. For June, we had 59 appointments missed for the GPs and 43 for the Practice Nurse, these are numbers that must come down somehow.

IHC are working hard to find a solution as we are all aware

of the problem.

When you call for your appointment, making sure the receptionist has your latest contact details, including a mobile phone number if you use one would help enormously, as we now use a text messaging system to remind you of an appointment the day before.

If you have your details registered for the online booking system, please remember that you can also cancel your appointments online if you need to. Only routine GP appointments can be booked online and it is these that are frequently missed, so if you book one, please remember to go to it!

Is it a GP you need to see though? Very often the receptionist can offer you an appointment with one of the Advanced Nurse Practitioners. ANPs can deal with almost the same things as a GP, including prescriptions and referrals. Their training is extensive and they are worth their weight in gold, so please have a think next time you need to call IHC .. Is it actually a GP that you need to see?

The Patient Group of IHC is always seeking new members. It's really not arduous, just a 1 hour public meeting every 3 months where you can give your views, hear what IHC have planned for the future and also meet the staff. We understand that while everything is going well, the need for patients to come along is low, but it's really important that we have a good representation of patients for the meetings. We need the young, the old and everyone in between, you just need to be over 18 and a patient of IHC.

Our next meeting is Monday 2nd November at 7pm. For more info, you can email [iwadeppg@outlook.com](mailto:iwadeppg@outlook.com)

### To Nice and back by banger!!

You may have read about the mad scheme of Dan and Debbie Childs to take part in the Boombanger Cosmopolitan Rally at the end of August.

They are raising funds for The Multiple Sclerosis Society by driving a a 13 year old Volvo to Rouen (for registration) to Le Mans to Paris to Beaune to Val D'Isere, through Italy to Monte Carlo and ending up in Nice. Oh! and back home to Kent again!

If you want to see the website and read more about the challenge you can look at:- [www.boombangerrally.co.uk](http://www.boombangerrally.co.uk). Their car is going to be designed / sign written by someone who has been an Iwade resident for over 10 years. Look out for it!

They are trying to raise £1 per mile for the journey to Nice and if we could include the journey back it would be even better!

If you would like to support us in raising funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Society please visit our justgiving page at :- <https://www.justgiving.com/Magic-Sparkle/> You can now follow Dan and Debbie on:- [facebook.com/thewankboombanger](https://www.facebook.com/thewankboombanger)

### Iwade W.I.

Sue Wall

The last couple of months have been busy for the WI. In July we went to Little Potters in Sittingbourne for a meal followed by painting our chosen ornaments, this is not just for children, as much fun was had by us showing of our works of art!

We also had a delicious Strawberry Tea provided by one of our members, the weather was glorious which added to an enjoyable day. Many thanks to Christine Freshwater for the use of her garden and all her hard work

In August we had a members evening where they provided the entertainment which turned out to be a lively quiz. Again thanks go to Lesley Taylor for organising this.

September's Meeting is our Harvest Supper where we invite other WI's in the Newington Group, our twin - WI Rochester, and local guests for supper This year the WI celebrate their Centenary and there will be a surprise entertainment spot. Watch this space!!

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING Held on Wednesday 8th July, 2015

•Prior to the meeting Cllr. Stephen Plumb presented Graham Horner with a Community Award Certificate for work he had carried out within the village.

### Visitors/Public Time

•Visitors - A resident from Elm Tree Avenue has problems with youths and football; he has reported this to the Police but it's still ongoing. Members asked the Community Warden to look into this.

•County and Borough Councillors – Borough Councillor Duncan Dewar-Whalley introduced himself; he has been a Parish Councillor for more years than he cares to remember and also on the K.A.L.C. Executive in the past. He is a Borough Councillor Portfolio Holder and Cabinet Member for Finance. The Bobbing, Iwade and Lower Halstow Ward is now shared between him and Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes; Ben will concentrate on planning and Duncan on other issues. He mentioned grant money, which he is keen for Iwade to have a share of for any appropriate projects.

Borough Cllr. Stokes advised that a small committee of residents on the Persimmon development have asked him to set up a meeting because of the state of the roads. At the moment KCC are doing a test on the Tarmac and he will arrange the meeting after this has been completed. He has reported a burnt out car in Raspberry Hill and will try and get a 'no ball games' sign in the area in Elm Tree Avenue mentioned by a resident.

•Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO - The Community Warden's report had been circulated. Nick has dealt with fly tipping in Ferry Road, incidents of egg throwing, neighbourhood disputes and now has two Community Wardens trained up for Speed Watch.

### Matters Arising from the Minutes

•Parish lighting possible adoption by KCC – Not a very helpful response from KCC; Members agreed not to go ahead with seeking the adoption.

### Correspondence

•KCC Consultation on Kent's "Drainage and Local Flood Risk draft Policy Statement – Clerk to complete the on-line form.

•Call for Sites – Swale Borough Council Local Plan Part 2: Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation: Members agreed to reiterate the last response on the same issue.

•SW/15/502570/FULL – Land Far East of Plantation Lodge, School Lane, Iwade, ME9 8QU – Change of Use of land to a single Gypsy Pitch and associated development – letter from applicant – The applicant attended to put his case forward, having seen the Parish Council's objection to the planning application; he added

that there had been no objections from the nearby community. Members asked if he had spoken to the Planning Officer – no. The Chair explained that the Parish Council is only a consultee and as such has to look at material planning considerations; the actual decision is made by Swale Borough Council. He mentioned that the Parish Council could ask Swale Borough Council for an extension of time to consider this but it won't go back on the Agenda until August/September and will then delay Swale's decision further and asked the applicant to let the Parish Council know if this is what he wants. The applicant thanked the Parish Council for listening to him and left the meeting.

•Medway Estuary and Swale Strategy - Launch Event 22 July 2015 - Cllrs. Hunt and Clark to attend at 1.30 p.m. on the 22nd July.

### Finance

•Scooter – Bring back to the January 2016 Meeting.

•Woodpecker Park Bus Shelter Quotes – place on August Agenda.

•Replacement of Noticeboard outside Post Office – Proposed by Cllr. M. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Clark, all agreed to purchase the Greenbarnes Man-Made Timber Noticeboard at a cost of £2232.79, which includes V.A.T. which is recoverable.

•Parish Lighting Renewal Quotes – Clerk sought quotes from three companies, only two have been received. Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Wastall, all agreed to accept the quote from B.W. May & Son to replace 14 existing columns and install 2 new columns in Sheerstone, including disconnection/reconnection charges £38442.10p; excluding recoverable V.A.T.

•SLCC Subscription Renewal 2015/16 – Proposed by Cllr. Wastall and seconded by Cllr. Hunt, all agreed the sum of £56.67p (third share of costs).

•Request for grant for benches in Iwade Church – Cllr. White submitted a request for a grant for £400 to replace two bench seats in the Church grounds. Agreed to look at costs of benches and bring this back to the August meeting.

•Tea/Coffee at Meetings – Proposed by Cllr. Wastall and seconded by Cllr. Mitchell all agreed to provide Tea and Coffee at monthly meetings for residents; Clerk to obtain disposable cups and supplies. This expenditure to be covered under Chairman's Expenses.

### Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

Arrangements for the next Localism Meeting in hand, looking towards September.

•The Barn – Had a meeting this week with the Architect and also Peter Bell, Conservation

Officer, Swale Borough Council to check on what can and cannot be done and the Architect is drawing up some plans for submission. Insulation is not needed because of what is already there and it won't need plastering as the finish is sufficient. The inside door has to be wooden and the flooring perhaps use terracotta tiles. The electricians are all agreed and awaiting installation of the meter. The hand over hasn't happened yet but it is en route.

•Neighbourhood Plan – Met with Tessa O'Sullivan to look at housing needs and a survey. The questionnaire will go to all households (have asked for Gypsy sites to be included) and will be sent by post. We are looking at possibly £2000 for this to be done. The survey will look at all housing, including social; asking what people need in the village over the next five years, i.e. bungalows, number of bedrooms. Members agreed to go with the Iwade form and Clerk to check on data protection as regards personal information.

### Reports from Representatives (Village Hall and KALC)

•Hall – Cllr. M. Gale reported that the finance is moving forward; there are plans for a grotto in the Village Hall at Christmas. Because of insurance implications the Parish Council is looking at use of the garden; formal use will require a risk assessment and insurance, informal use does not. Regular hall hirers have already received an e-mail asking if they use it, for what purpose and will equipment (e.g. bouncy castle) be needed. Some of the regular hirers have contacted members of the Parish Council to say that they are not allowed to use the garden anymore however this is untrue. A further communication is to be sent to all regular hirers giving a deadline of 31st August 2015 for the return of questionnaire and risk assessment/insurance documents (if applicable) then if not received permission will be removed.

•KALC – Cllr. Wastall advised that the next meeting will take place on the 7th September.

### Any Other Matters Arising

•Cllr. Gale advised that Vodafone are doing a walk through the village tomorrow, to test reception.

•Cllr. Clark asked the Chairman about roads and lighting in All Saints Close; Chair to e-mail.

•Cllr. Mitchell advised that trees near the pinch point in Grovehurst Road (right-hand side) are overgrown; Clerk to report to KCC.

•Fans Lane is overgrown – Clerk advised she has already reported this to Public Right of Way Officer.

•Cllr. Plumb asked if the residential care home is still going ahead; Chairman to e-mail the developer querying this.