

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 9th April 2014

Present:

Cllr. J. Hunt - Chair	Nick Mayatt, Community Warden
Cllr. S. Plumb – Vice-Chair	Matthew Link, PCSO
Cllr. M. Gale	Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes
Cllr. D. Wastall	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Cllr. J. White	5 Parishioners
Cllr. R. Rook	

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed Parishioners to the meeting. Apologies were received from County Cllrs. Burgess and Truelove and Parish Cllrs. Jennings, Hyde, and Mitchell.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllrs Hunt, Rook and Gale declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.4.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 12th March, 2014, were proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Wastall; agreed and signed as a true transcript.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 1st April, 2014, were proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. White; agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

- 1. Visitors** – Andrew Shankster, the Managing Director of Persimmon address the meeting. He thanked the Parish Council for inviting and commented that the company had not engaged with the local community as it should have done and this will change. Regarding working hours and issues and concerns about traffic movement with deliveries; he has looked at a number of options and has to confirm the proposal in writing formally to Swale Borough Council's Planning section by Monday next. He is looking at restricting delivery times to be mindful of school dropping off/collection times and was concerned at the photographs produced by the Parish Council. He has also had discussions on signage. There is the issue of the continued use of School Lane; it was not intended for this to have gone on as long as it has. At this moment in time the company is in negotiation with the Planners (this includes the haul road – the Parish Council has expressed concerns regarding the continued use of School Lane and the country lanes) and he promised to come back to the next Parish Council meeting to fully update Councillors.

He will write to all the contractors on the development regarding working hours - they should not be starting early; he also will remind them of their obligations and this will be monitored by the site manager. He will forward the site management contact details to the Clerk. He asked that any concerns be forwarded to either him or his P.A; he will then sort the issues out with the relevant department. He will be issuing a programme in terms of delivery of the football field and pavilion and timescales; it was agreed that details be sent to the village website and appear in the Iwade Observer. He hopes these actions will repair the damaged relationship with the Parish Council and villagers

- 2. County and Borough Councillors** – Cllr. Stokes referred to various site visits he had carried out relating to the Persimmon development in School Lane; he has also attending meetings relating to The Barn.

3. **Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** – Nick’s report has been circulated to Members and contents noted. He is aware of incidents in The Waterway regarding vandalism to the lights.

The PCSO commented that 90% of people complain about parking issues in the village. A Dispersal Zone has been set up in Sonora Fields; he can do the same in Iwade if the need arises. Crime-wise there are not many issues in Iwade. The Police Contact Point will continue to visit the village as residents do use this facility.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **S.106 Agreements** – Clerk to chase Swale Borough Council. *Action: Clerk*
2. **Ward Homes and Persimmon Development – Haul Roads** – see item 4 above relating to Persimmon; Wards have started removing their haul road.
3. **Emergency Plan** – To date Cllr. Rook has had no support from residents; she will try again and put an article in the Iwade Observer. *Action: Cllr. Rook*
4. **Village Clean Up/May Celebrations** – Date: the 4th May; BBQ at The Woolpack at 1.00 pm; children’s dancing starts at 1.00 pm in pub car park. Cllr. Rook to sort a bouncy castle. The Litter Angels have their own insurance and will do a risk assessment/list of volunteers. Helpers will get food at a reduced cost, but must provide evidence of helping. It was proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Gale, agreed that £150 be set aside for costs. *Action: All Councillors/Clerk*
5. **WW1 Commemorative Trees and Plaque** – Due to the dry weather, will now look to planting the trees in September/October in readiness for the 11th November. *Action: Cllr. Hyde/Clerk*
6. **Planning: Gypsy Site Facilities and SW/13/1542 – Countrystyle Recycling Report** – Clerk reported that Swale’s Planners were happy with no facilities being shown. Clerk has asked to be informed when this appearing before KCC’s Planning Committee, so that a request can be lodged for a Member of the Parish Council to address the Committee when the Countrystyle application is debated.

6. Planning

1. **KCC/SW/0008/2014** – Variation of conditions 6 and 9 of planning permission SW/10/774 – Land at Ridham Dock, Iwade, ME9 8SR – no objection.
2. **KCC/SW/0007/2014** – Revised surface water drainage scheme – Land at Ridham Dock, Iwade, ME9 8SR – no objection.
3. **SW/14/0242** – Lawful Development Certificate to establish the lawful use of a field as a model aircraft flying club (existing) – Land east of Tiptree Bungalow, School Lane, Iwade, ME9 8QE – no objection but would ask, in light of recent complaints from nearby residents regarding noise and late use, that perhaps conditions be placed on any approval limiting levels of noise and restricting the time that planes are flown.
4. **SW/14/0244** – First floor extension to existing bungalow, Plantation Lodge, School Lane, Iwade, ME9 8QH – To respond that the proposal does improve the appearance of the building and we note that it is basically the same footprint, but the Council is also aware that nearby similar applications, SW/12/0963 and SW/13/0403, have been refused in the past.

7. Twinning

In the absence of Cllr. Hyde it was agreed to defer this till the May meeting. *Action: Cllr. Hyde/Clerk*

8. Correspondence

1. **KALC: DCLG Consultation: S106 Consultation** – Noted.
2. **KALC: DCLG Consultation: Draft Transparency Code for Parish Councils with a turnover not exceeding £25,000** – Noted: does not have an impact on the Parish Council.

3. **Thurnham Heritage Award 2014** – Noted for possible future use.
4. **Safe and Sensible Street Lighting - Part Night Lighting** – Proposals noted.
5. **Iwade to Grovehurst by foot – Safety Concerns** - The Chairman has responded and informed the resident about funding for the improvement of the whole road. This can be revisited when the new funding is established.
6. **CPRE Solar Workshops** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Gale agreed Cllrs. Plumb and Rook to attend the May workshop at a cost of £20. **Action: Cllrs. Rook/Plumb/Clerk**

9. **Finance**

1. **KALC Training – Clerks Conference 12th June, 2014** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt, seconded by Cllr. Rook, agreed the Clerk to attend at a shared cost of £15. **Action: Clerk**
2. **KALC Subscription 2014/15** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; agreed to renew at a cost of £842.83p.
3. **Year-end Accounts, Draft Financial Regulations, Asset Register, Standing Orders** – Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Hunt, agreed to accept the reconciled accounts to the 31st March, as was the Asset Register. It was agreed to delay looking at Financial Regulations and Standing Orders until after the Year-end Audit.

Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Gale, all agreed to use the £2000, which was originally for a School sensory garden but never taken up, for sensory equipment in the village park. Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. White, all agreed to transfer the remaining Broadband Grant of £16623.94p into the Reserve Account (until such time as Kent County Council make a decision on reclaiming it) so that the Current Account does not show an inflated balance. **Action: Clerk**

4. **Cheques signed at this meeting** - Members agreed signing of the following cheques:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
09.04.14	1680	L. Fisher – Expenses	Tele; use of Home as office, Localism Meeting refreshments and venue cost, Stamps,	£49.33p
09.04.14	1681	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due March 2014	£111.80p
09.04.14	1682	Swale Borough Council	Printing of Newsletter 2013/14	£2933.02p
09.04.14	1683	C.P.R.E.	Subscription 2014/15	£28.00p
09.04.14	1684	A.C.K.R.	Subscription 2014/15	£35.00p
09.04.14	1685	Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	£50.00p
09.04.14	1686	McCabe Ford Williams	Salary preparation to 31 st March, 2014	£39.00p
09.04.14	1687	Iwade Parent and Toddler Group	Donation 2014/15	£900.00p
09.04.14	1688	Iwade Women's Institute	Donation 2014/15	£266.00p
09.04.14	1689	Iwade Herons	Donation 2014/15	£1545.00p
09.04.14	1690	1 st Iwade Cubs & Beavers	Donation 2014/15	£1271.00p
09.04.14	1691	K.A.L.C.	Subscription 2014/15	£842.83p
Twelve cheques in total				

Direct Debit Payments: L. Fisher: Wages, £486.98p; Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting, £52.325p

10. **Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)**

1. **10 Point Plan** – A successful Localism meeting was held this morning and in attendance was Swale's Enforcement Officer; a representative from KCC Highways and Andrew Shankster, Persimmon's M.D. It was agreed to carry on with these meetings.

2. **The Barn** – The Survey raised some questions, which were discussed at a meeting with Swale Borough Council’s Officers. Wards are being pushed to get all remedial work done and it now looks as though the Barn will be transferred in summer. Members agreed that a C.I.O. Trust be set up to manage the Barn and it will be transferred over to ‘Iwade@The Barn’. Knauff have kindly agreed to help with materials and DPB have agreed to help with screeding the floor.

The New Hall – Have now received details of service utilities from Persimmon.

11. Any Other Matters Arising

1. It was suggested the Parish Council invite Pippa Palmer from ‘Orchards for Everyone’ to come along and give a talk at the Parish Meeting on the 28th May. Clerk to write inviting her. **Action: Clerk**

12. Next Meeting(s)

The Annual Parish Council Meeting and monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. and the Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 28th May, commencing at 7.00 p.m., both will be held in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.