

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 14th August, 2013

Present: Cllr. J. Hunt - Chair
Cllr. S. Plumb
Cllr. D. Wastall
Cllr. J. White
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
County Cllr. L. Burgess
County Cllr. R. Truelove
Nick Mayatt, Community Warden
3 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed Parishioners to the meeting. Apologies were received from Parish Cllrs. Jennings, Hyde, Mitchell, Gale and Rook.

2. Declarations of Interest – None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 10th July, 2013, were proposed by Cllr. Wastall and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; agreed by all and signed as a true transcript.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **School Lane Playing Field and Search for new Temporary Field** – Clerk advised that she has now heard from Ward Homes and E.T. Ledger and Son and both companies are unable to offer any suitable temporary land; she is still awaiting a response from Oliver Doubleday. Discussions are taking place with Swale Borough Council regarding the grass cutting in the Village Park. The Chairman has spoken to the Headteacher at the School; there could be issues concerning site security and there will be a charge for hiring the field; the Headteacher agreed to come up with a price. There is a small green in Fans Lane, which is suitable for ball games. Members also agreed to explore using the green area in Dulin Walk; Clerk instructed to seek approval from Wards Homes and if forthcoming to seek the opinions of adjacent residents. **Action: Clerk**

2. **Neighbourhood Watch – Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr. Jennings has e-mailed the PCSO and is now awaiting contact from the Co-ordinator. Clerk instructed to place this item on the September Agenda. **Action: Clerk/Cllr. Jennings**

3. **Village Logo** – The Headteacher is happy for the school children to take part in the competition; the Chairman to obtain more information and go back with what is needed. Clerk to place on the next Agenda. **Action: Cllr. Hunt/Clerk**

4. **Iwade Health Centre** – Nothing further heard from the Malling Group.

5. **Medway Swale Estuary Partnership and Iwade Nature Reserve** – The Architect visited the area and the Partnership is seeking funds from Swale Council to get the Nature Reserve up and running and create a master plan; £2000 is needed to get the plan drawn up and for public consultation.

6. **Village Clean Up Day** – Clerk advised of the problems encountered when trying to arrange this for the 22nd September, 2013. Members agreed to postpone the event and instead hold it on the 4th May, 2014 and perhaps include May Day celebrations (Maypole, etc.) at the same time. Clerk to contact Jo Richards, Iwade Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, to see if they would like to be involved. **Action: Clerk**

7. **Consultation on the Council's (Swale) Draft Local First Policy** – Cllr. Plumb attended a training course at Swale Borough Council on this subject about six months ago and therefore was able to draft responses to the consultation questions as follows:

Q. Are the measures we propose on pages 4 and 5 of the Policy the right ones to get the most social benefit and clear outcomes when commissioning and procuring services?

A. To take a holistic approach taking into account the economic, environmental and social aspects to the procurement and commissioning of services will ensure/realise the most social benefit.

Q. Are the policy objectives on page 2 the right ones? If not, what would you suggest instead?

A. We believe these are the right Policy Objectives for 'Localism' to work for Swale.

Q. Are the aims of the Policy on page 5 the right ones? If no, what would you suggest?

A. The proposal to promote 'Local first', incorporating 'Social Value' within a consistent commissioning framework will help residents of Swale to experience a tangible improvement in the delivery of services.

Q. Given what we plan to do in the 2013/2014 (page 7), do you think we will deliver our Policy aims? If not, what else should/could we be doing?

A. A comprehensive plan, which if adequately resourced and supported should enable the Policy aims to be met.

Q. Are you aware of any adverse impacts that would result as a consequence of adopting this Policy?

A. There are many benefits to be gained for the businesses, residents and community groups/organisation of Swale by adopting a 'Local First' Policy. There must also be the acknowledgement that the services offered/provided by large national/multinational businesses/organisations do offer good value for money and the policy whilst encouraging local should not negate or disadvantage the benefits which could be procured from larger suppliers/service providers.

Members agreed to submit the above as the Parish Council's response.

8. **Swale Borough Local Plan Part 1: Revised Consultation Draft July 2013 and Briefing** - Cllr. Plumb attended the briefing. Swale Borough Council has looked at housing and Members voted to reject the figures being proposed by Officers, who had to go away and re-work the sums. This figure now stands at 10,800 homes to 2031 and the Council has identified particular sites. At the moment there is no Local Plan in place which means areas like Iwade are quite vulnerable because development cannot be measured against the Local Plan.

At the moment there are no identifiable sites in Iwade in the proposed Plan; only those already granted outline planning permission. Cllr. White mentioned traffic problems, particularly with the A249. He referred to jobs and queried why the Kent Science Park is not mentioned in the Plan.

A huge swathe of land, from Quinton down to Grovehurst is earmarked for housing; this will have an impact on Iwade, particularly roads. Iwade has already had the most increase in housing in the rural areas and there are reasons why it should not have any more development.

Clerk advised that consultation CD's will be issued to all Parish Council's shortly; agreed to place this on the September Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

9. **Update Pathway (Woodpecker Drive), Byelaws, Pond Dipping Platform and road completion All Saints Close** – Clerk advised that Swale Council is looking into the Pathway; there are no Open Space Byelaws currently relating to drinking; it looks likely that the Pond Dipping Platform will be installed in September and Wards Homes are looking into the completion of the road in All Saints Close.

3. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Parishioners** – Nothing from residents.
2. **County Councillor and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Truelove mentioned that Children’s Centres are being cut because Kent County Council is trying to save £1.5 million. County has cut its Budget by £250 million and now has to cut by a further £250 million. He felt that Councils in the future could become commissioning units.

County Cllr. Burgess mentioned that Iwade Health Centre is now home to the Family Food Bank; where people can deposit dry foods, nappies, etc. for families in need in this country. He will be at Asda this Friday promoting the ‘Bank’ and collecting items from people.

County Cllrs. Truelove and Burgess mentioned that they had been able to save the bus route that goes from Iwade to Medway Hospital. Borough Councillor Ben Stokes was not in attendance.

3. **Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** - Nick’s report has been circulated to Members and contents noted. He has been dealing with another case of fly tipping; a complaint about dog noise in Springvale and various other issues. The PCSO was not in attendance.

6. Finance

1. **WWI Commemorative Trees, 2014-2018** – Clerk instructed to place this item on the September Agenda. *Action: Clerk*
2. **NALC Salary Review 2013** – Members agreed the 1% increase, backdated to the 1st April, 2013, which means an annual increase of £68.64p.
3. **Bus Shelter Glazing, Woodpecker Park** – Members noted the continual vandalism to the polycarbonate glazing. Agreed Clerk to obtain quotes for replacing this with glass reinforced with mesh and report back to the September meeting. *Action: Clerk*
4. **Victim Support** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. White, agreed the donation of £50.
5. **New Lamp Columns** – As previously reported County Cllr. Burgess agreed to give a grant of £4000 towards two new columns; at tonight’s meeting County Cllr. Truelove advised the Clerk that he would contribute £4000 towards a further two new columns. It was proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. White that the Parish Council contributes £4000 towards two new columns; this will mean that over all since 2012 nine of the old Parish lighting columns will have been replaced with new ones.
6. **Cheques signed at this meeting** - Members agreed that the following cheques be signed and the accounts to the 31st July 2013 be accepted.

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
14.08.13	1637	L. Fisher – Expenses	Telephone/Broadband/Use of Home as office; Parking Fees, Mileage; Canon MX925 Office Printer; Canon 2 x Black PG XL, 1 x Black BK XL, 1 x Cyan XL, 1 x Magenta XL, 1 x Yellow XL Ink Cartridges (some of the cost of these cartridges offset by refund of 3 HP ones)	£188.84p
14.08.13	1638	Cheque Cancelled	Cheque Cancelled	-
14.08.13	1639	Steve Wakeling	Installation of picnic table and benches – labour and materials (as per quote 12.06.12)	£1350.00p
14.08.13	1640	Steve Wakeling	Handyman Duties	£231.00p

14.08.03	1641	PFL Electrical	Call out to col. o/s 83 Springvale to clean lantern bowl	£61.63p
Five cheques in total				

The following payments were made by Direct Debit: Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting - £58.59p; L. Fisher, July Wages - £581.62p; Countrystyle, hire of 110 Ltr. Environbin (July) - £47.76p

7. Correspondence

1. **Shaping the Future of Children's Centres in Kent** – Members agreed to respond that the Parish Council notes the consultation comments and fully understands the need to consider how Kent's Children's Centres can work sustainably in the future. However we would ask that Kent County Council evaluates all former usage and footfall through the door of the centres in Sittingbourne and also takes into account the high number of new housing that is being proposed for this area, which could increase the number of parents looking to use these centres in the future.
2. **Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013** – Noted.
3. **Parish Polls – Local Audit and Accountability Bill** – Noted and agreed to support recommendations put forward by Kent Association of Local Councils.
4. **NALC Consultation - new Future: developing the Strategy** – Noted and agreed to support recommendations put forward by Kent Association of Local Councils.
5. **Swale Borough Council – Community Governance Review** – Iwade Parish Council has already requested that its Members be increased from 9 to 11. It was also agreed to investigate the possibility of altering the boundary going down towards the Ridham area. Clerk to look into this and CIL and report back to the September meeting. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Safe and Sensible Street Lighting** – Kent County Council's proposals noted.

8. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

1. **10 Point Plan** – Agreed to put the survey results on the Village Website. A Localism meeting is being arranged by Borough Cllr. Stokes in September, to start working on the items in the Survey.
2. **The Barn** – A site meeting is taking place on the 19th September; when representatives from the Borough Council, Parish Council and Church will be present to discuss and look at the Barn.

9. Village Hall

A meeting between the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee representatives, Persimmon and Swale Borough Council Planners took place on the 17th July to discuss any other options and how to now take this project forward. So far only a response from the Planners has been received; there has been no feedback from Persimmon.

10. Planning

1. **SW/13/0948 – Rear single storey extension and minor internal alterations to kitchen (see also SW/13/0949 for listed building consent) – Coleshall Farmhouse, Sheppey Way, Iwade, ME9 8QY** – No objection.
2. **SW/13/0959 - Proposed first floor extension over existing garage and lower roof over existing kitchen – 2 Sandpiper Lane, Iwade, ME9 8WJ** – Members objected to the application on the

grounds of loss of parking spaces and concern that the front elevation is out of context with houses of similar design in the area.

11. Other Matters Arising

The resident of number 23 Swallow Avenue has a street nameplate across the access to her home; she has approached Wards Homes but they refuse to move this. Clerk to contact Swale Borough Council Planners regarding this problem. *Action: Clerk*

12. Next Meeting

The next Meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th, September, 2013, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.40 p.m.