

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 14th January 2015

Present: Cllr. J. Hunt – Chair
Cllr. M. Gale – Vice Chair
Cllr. S. Plumb
Cllr. P. Hyde
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Nick Mayatt, Community Warden
2 Members of the public

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Cllrs. Rook, Wastall and Mitchell; County Cllr. Burgess and Borough Cllr. Stokes.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllrs. Gale and Plumb declared an interest in Item 5.6; Cllr. Hunt in Item 8.4,

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Plumb, the Minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 10th December, 2014, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – No comments.
2. **County and Borough Councillors** – None present.
3. **Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** - The Community Warden's report had been circulated. Nick has been approached by residents in Chetney View and Stangate who have concerns about parking and emergency services gaining access; he will look into this and see what he can do. Fans Lane is again an issue with dog fouling and the dog waste bin is not being emptied. Clerk to check with Swale's Cleansing Section. **Action: Clerk**

The Chairman read out a letter from Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes, who was unable to attend due to a prior engagement. Cllr. Stokes had proposed deferring Planning Application SW/08/1127 for outline planning permission for 43 dwellings at the School Lane site (Sheppey Way) and met with the Planning Officer to discuss the possibility of re-siting the three blocks of flats. He has also asked if the kerb on the left as you approach the new traffic island from Bobbing can be reduced and asked when the gates to the Village will be move to the Bobbing side of the new island. He has also been dealing with traffic problems caused by a chicane in Sharfleet Crescent.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Twinning** – Swale Borough Council is keen to see this progressed; the Parish Council needs to send a letter to the person in charge of the Village in Malawi, copying in Swale so that they are aware of progress. It will be a cultural link. Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Hyde. **Action: Cllrs. Hyde/Clerk**
2. **Persimmon Development** – A response, promised back in October, has finally been received from Swale Borough Council, but Members felt that the issues had not been addressed. Agreed to go respond that the question regarding enforcement has not been answered and that the Parish Council had lodged a Part 1 complaint regarding this section. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Electric Shocks, Sheppey Way** – Bring back to February meeting. **Action: Cllr. Wastall**

4. **Ward Homes – Surplus Land** – The Chairman updated Members on a recent meeting with Ward Homes; to again look at handing over land to the rear of the Woolpack Public House; the possible proposal for 10 houses in Dunlin Walk and a new development incorporating a new village hall, nursery and extra recreational land to the rear of their latest site. Wards discussed the possibility of creating a Neighbourhood Plan so that if Swale’s Local Plan is not accepted Iwade at least has a say in where any future housing is sited. They also agreed to assist with the costs, but at the end of the day if the Parish Council does go down this route there will be a referendum and the decision will be in the hands of villagers. The Chairman suggested asking Cllr. Mitchell to look at Neighbourhood Plans again and Members agreed to investigate this further. **Action: Cllr. Mitchell**
5. **Early Notice of Consultation Period Swale Local Plan** – The Medical Centre needs more parking, due to the increase in housing in the village. It is good to see that issues with the Grovehurst roundabout are mentioned in the Plan. There is a need to increase walking and cycle links to Sittingbourne. Apart from the agreed development, Members are pleased that proposed housing (SW183 and SW123) has been taken out and that they have kept the countryside gap between settlements.
6. **All Weather Pitch Iwade School** – No updates; agreed to take off the Agenda until further details are received. **Action: Clerk**
7. **Updates: Planters**; approval has been received from Swale Borough Council for these to go ahead. **Kingsferry Bridge Listed Building Status** – Cannot obtain listed building status but a local designation might be possible; the bridge was built in 1960.

6. Planning

None for consideration; but need to arrange a Planning Committee meeting as applications were received after the Agenda was posted.

7. Correspondence

1. **Community Safety Issues** – Noted.
2. **LGBCE electoral review of Kent** – Agreed to respond that it would be sensible for Iwade and Lower Halstow (currently Swale Central) to be taken into the Swale West Ward, which will then bring them in line with Borough boundary changes coming into effect in 2015. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Supporting Swale's Parish and Town Councils: Consultation on draft Statement of Intent** – Agreed Clerk to respond stating that it is disappointing that Swale is still not taking into account the Charter proposal nor fully listening to Parish Councils. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2015/16** – Clerk to respond that Parish Councils are still not receiving the promised funding and point out that it is misleading quoting percentage precept increases because in monetary terms the values are often extremely low. **Action: Clerk**
5. **Trees in the Village Competition 2015** – Noted.

8. Finance

1. **Iwade Public Events** – Still being looked into. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Half Yearly Internal Audit Report** - Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hunt, the half yearly internal audit report was noted and accepted.
3. **NALC Salary award for Clerks 2014** - Members agreed to increase the Clerk’s salary as per the national pay award of 2%, with effect from 1st January, 2015.
4. **The Barn** – The Barn Trustees have received a quote for insurance of £1063, which is a larger sum than anticipated and asked the Parish Council for assistance with this. It was proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, all agreed, that £1063 be donated to Iwade@theBarn Trust.

5. **Scooter Training** – A company provides scooter and skateboard training for children at a cost of £180 for 3 hours and £300 for 6. Agreed Cllr. Gale to speak to the School and to bring this back to the February meeting. **Action: Cllr. Gale/Clerk**
6. **Flower Beds** – Approval has been given by Swale Borough Council; awaiting quote from Village Handyman. Bring back to February meeting. **Action: Clerk**
7. **Budget and Precept - 2015/16** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Gale; agreed to request a Precept for 2015/16 of £40,000, a rise of 6.39%, or £2.02p extra per annum; .04p extra per week for a Band D property. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Cheques raised and Accounts** – Members signed the following cheques and agreed the accounts to the 31st December, 2014:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
14.01.15	1742	Clerk's Expenses	Telephone; use of Home as office, - Dec 2014	£12.83p
14.01.15	1743	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due Dec 2014	£79.60p
14.01.15	1744	McCabe Ford Williams	Quarterly Payroll Preparation	£39.00p
14.01.15	1745	Steve Wakeling	Handyman duties Dec 2014	£210.00p
Four cheques in total				

Plus:

Clerk's Wages	December 2014	£547.10	Paid by Standing Order
Eon:	Energy Supply, Street Lighting - Dec	£49.05	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle	Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – Dec	£39.06	Paid by Direct Debit

9. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

1. Cllr. Stokes arranging a meeting for February. Agreed to withdraw the School Travel Plan and school building work from the Agenda and now include S.106; parking on grass verges and fly tipping. **Action: Clerk**
2. The Barn – Work to the cladding is still outstanding; hopefully this will be done soon.
3. New Village Hall Updates – Nothing to report; agreed to remove from the Agenda.

10. Reports from Representatives (Village Hall and KALC) – None.

11. Any Other Matters Arising

Cllr. Plumb advised that Charlotte Hudson is holding a training session on how to run events; Members were interested.

12. Next Meeting(s)

The next Monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th February, 2015, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.