

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 12 January 2022

Present: Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair
Cllr. B. Whiting - Vice-Chair
Cllr. S. Lancashire
Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. S. Waters
Cllr. S. Cheeseman
Cllr. B. Smith
Lynda Ives, Clerk
County Cllr. M. Baldock
Borough Cllr. C. Woodford

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllr. Hyde and PCSO Kirsty Linge.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Langham, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 8 December 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – None attended.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Baldock advised the Government grant received by KCC is not good; money coming in is not sufficient to provide repairs to roads, drains, etc., and it looks like there might be cuts to support for bus services, which is of concern and is something to do with their lack of use. The Swale West Parishes meeting takes place in March, an invite will go out. Cllr. Woodford advised the start date for the Dunlin Walk Appeal Hearing is the 8 February, commencing at 10.00 and will last for about two days.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden – Report not received.

PCSO – Crimes of note: Bewick Walk, Group of youths causing a nuisance and smoking cannabis, when approached by residents they became verbally abusive and left. Once gone the residents noticed their Christmas lights had been damaged. Suspects were identified and crime details were taken. It was later decided that due to insufficient evidence the report was be filed. School Mews – reports that a group of youths have caused damage to a drainpipe by kicking a football at it. A crime report was taken and is currently under investigation. Chalkhill Close – a group of males were playing football. They have kicked the ball at the informant window and broken it. Due to no suspect being identified the report was filed. The Street – Unknown person threw a stone through the rear window of a resident’s car. A crime report was taken but due to no suspect being identified the report was filed. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: Raspberry Hill Lane – reports of poaching in the fields. Officers attended but there was no sign of the offenders. Bewick Walk – Reports of 3 youths removing a drain cover and street sign before discarding them in the bushes. Damage to the sign was unconfirmed and the drain cover being removed had happened before the youths had arrived (it had been reported earlier in the day). No further action was taken. Purple Emperor Grove – vehicle pulled up outside an address. A female passenger then exited the vehicle and urinated on the resident’s driveway. Resident was spoken with by Police and reassurance was given. It was decided no further action would be taken at the time. Ridham Dock – reports of nuisance vehicles drifting round the roundabout. Ringlet Grove – reports of 6/7 youths playing football. The ball has hit the informant window. No damaged caused. Youths made off before Police attended. Swallow Ave – a group of

youths attended the location and have taken the rubbish from the bins and thrown it around. The youths had left before Police were called. Resident was spoken with and reassurance given. Local officer was made aware. Ridham Dock – Vehicles have been driving dangerously and drifting round the roundabouts. School Lane – 3rd Party report that a group of youths were selling drugs outside the hairdressers. Officers attended but no youths were located. Ferry Road – Youths gathering outside the address, listen to loud music and causing a general nuisance. Officers attended but youths had already left the area. Redwing Ave – Reports of youths gathering and smoking drugs. Youths made off when disturbed by Informant. School Mews – Youths gathering and causing a general nuisance, leaving rubbish and being loud. Youths were not at the location at the time informant reported the incident. Information passed to local officer.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **20 MPH Zones** – Ongoing, keep on the agenda. *Action: Cllr. Dollimore*
2. **Planters, The Street/Mansfield Drive** – Still awaiting information from Assessor and further input from Kent County Council. Keep on the agenda. *Action: Cllr. Dollimore/Clerk*
3. **Clerk's Resignation/Responsible Financial Officer** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, agreed the sum of £80 (actual cost £160, 50% of the cost paid by Bobbing Parish Council) plus VAT. CVs have been circulated to all Members for their input and four candidates selected. Agreed, as the new Clerk will be appointed to cover both Bobbing and Iwade Parish Councils, due to the number of Councillors that could be present at the interviews (16) and the current worryingly high levels of Covid, that the Chair and Vice-Chair be delegated to conduct the interviews and appoint the new Clerk. Clerk to also attend. *Action: Cllrs. Dollimore/Whiting/Clerk*
4. **KALC Community Award** – Bring back to February meeting. *Action: Clerk*
5. **Grovehurst Road Gateway Entrance** – Response from KCC Highways noted, agreed to add this to the areas being looked at by Cllr. Dollimore and to look at creating a Highway Improvement Plan. *Action: Cllr. Dollimore*
6. **Lighting Grant 2022/23** – Swale Borough Council have advised the grant will continue.

6. Planning

1. **21/506527/FULL**: 37 Holly Blue Drive Iwade Kent ME9 8WN: Erection of two storey side extension with pitched roof (Resubmission of 21/503217/FULL) – no comments.
2. **21/506720/ENVSCR**: Land Northwest of Kent ME9 8QE: EIA Screening opinion- Solar PV and Battery Storage development – for information only, awaiting full Planning Application.

7. Correspondence

1. **Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 Full Review 2021** – agreed to respond that Kent County Council should take a hard line on requiring that Mineral extraction takes place before housing development. *Action: Clerk*
2. **Kent Community Rail Partnership - Request for Grant Aid** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire; agreed a S.137 donation of £50. *Action: Clerk*

8. Finance

1. **Trees and Plaque costs** – Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Waters, agreed the quote of £2202.62p for 8 Hornbeam Trees, stakes, ties, compost, and delivery. Because of shortages, the Nursery will order the trees but invoice the Parish Council in April, the new financial year. Clerk to research means of planting the trees and possible costs. *Action: Clerk*
2. **Highway Improvement Plans/Yellow Lines** – keep on Agenda. Ask Councillors for ideas. *Action: Cllr. Dollimore/Clerk*

3. **Budget/Precept 2022/23** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, agreed a Precept of £51585, £35.36 for a Band D property, resulting in no increase to residents. Agreed to request a Lighting Grant of £1950 due to the huge increase in supplier Electricity costs from 25.40p per kWh to 33.80p per kWh.
4. **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Waters, agreed to accept the quote of £1250 plus VAT for the Beacon Brazier. Clerk and Cllr. Dollimore to seek costs for the post and installation. Once the post size is known to then advise the Brazier manufacturer so that the correct collar can be made. Bring back to February meeting.
Action: Cllrs. Lancashire/Dollimore/Clerk
5. **Laptop for RFO** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, agreed to purchase a Dell Inspiron I3511 at a cost of £499. Furthermore agreed £3.80p plus VAT for an extra mailbox for the Responsible Financial Officer.
Action: Clerk
6. **Christmas Tree** – proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Cheeseman, agreed the cost of £7615 plus VAT (reclaimable) for 2022 for the installation, take down, PAT testing and storage of the 51 Festive lights and LED Christmas Tree. Agreed not to add any new lights for 2022. Furthermore, to look at placing fencing around the bottom of the LED tree as children were spotted in the centre of the cone frame, having gained access via the gap at the bottom, trying to use it as a climbing frame!
7. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, Members noted the budget figures, agreed the accounts to the 31 December 2021 and the following payments were agreed. Cllrs Whiting and Langham to log in and authorize payments.
Action: Cllrs. Whiting/Langham

EXPENDITURE				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payable to	Reason	Amount
16.12.21	BACs	K.M. Group	Advert for Parish Clerk 50% being reimbursed by Bobbing P.C.	£192.00p
12.01.22	BACs	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone, use of home as Office, 50% cost of AVG Ultimate Renewal (cost shared with Bobbing P.C.) – December	£52.16p
12.01.22	BACs	H.M. Revenue and Customs	Tax December	£353.45p
12.01.22	BACs	Gala Lights	Festive Lights installation, take down, PAT Testing 2021	£9660.00p
12.01.22	BACs	Iwade Village Hall	Hall Hire October and December	£52.20p
12.01.22	BACs	Steve Wakeling	Handyman fees and materials December	£234.00p
01.12.21	SO	Staff Salary	December	£1322.52p
01.12.21	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	12 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes	£54.72p
01.12.21	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee	£29.99p
22.11.21	DD	Eon	Electricity Supply, monthly	£83.17p
30.11.21	DD	Countrystyle	Supply of Waste Wheelie Bin, monthly	£34.27p
INCOME				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Received from	Reason	Amount
17.12.21	BACs	Kent County Council	Grounds Maintenance Grant	£2830.85p

9. **Projects – Updates on Current and New** - No updates.

10. **Village Hall**

No updates on the new hall.

11. Reports from Representatives

1. **Hall** – The Chair has stepped down from the Management Committee of the Village Hall, but he will continue to assist with the new hall. The Grotto was a success. Have received 80% of a grant from KCC to purchase 50 new wipeable chairs; the remainder of the funding will come forward once the chairs have been purchased. Still looking for new Trustees.
2. **KALC** – December meeting cancelled, due to difficulty in arranging speakers. Awaiting new date.
3. **Swale Western Area Committee** – December meeting cancelled, awaiting March date.

12. Any Other Matters Arising - None

13. Next Meeting(s)

Next meeting Wednesday 9 February 2022, 7.30 p.m., Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 08.50 p.m.