

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 8th June, 2016

Present: Cllr. M. Gale – Chair
Cllr. J. Hunt – Vice-Chair
Cllr. S. Plumb
Cllr. J. White
Cllr. L. Mitchell

Cllr. S. Cheeseman
Cllr. P. Horner
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Nick Mayatt, Community Warden
4 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Parish Cllrs. Clark, Rook and Hyde and Borough Cllrs. Dewar-Whalley and Stokes. No apologies were received from the two County Councillors.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School. Cllr. Hunt declared an interest in Item 6, Planning and will withdraw from the discussion on the applications. Cllrs. White and Plumb declared an interest in 6.2.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Cheeseman and seconded by Cllr Horner, the Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on the 11th May 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr Horner, the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 11th May 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr Hunt, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 11th May 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – No issues raised.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – None present.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – The Warden referred to complaints about a lorry parking on the pavement when making deliveries to the school; he had telephone the school and they were going to speak to the company. This is still occurring and he will talk to the school again. Cllr. Hunt referred to issues with an ice cream van parking outside the school and the safety of children. There has been raised in the past and Licensing at Swale Borough Council looked into the matter and advised he should not be parking outside schools. The Community Warden advised that it is difficult to take action because the van is parking in School Mews, which is a private road; action can only be taken if on public land. Clerk to raise this with Swale Borough Council's Licensing section. **Action: Clerk**

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Linkway and outside School Parking Issues** – Still awaiting updates on the school parking issues. Clerk has requested yellow lines on the corner of Linkway/School Lane but is still awaiting a response; she will chase for an update. **Action: Clerk**

2. **Parish Councillor Vacancy** – no applications received; unless someone comes forward agreed to delay until after the summer holidays.

3. **August Meeting** – Due to holiday commitments it was resolved not to hold a meeting during the month of August.

6. Planning

1. **16/504105/FULL/PAGR:** First floor side extension: 25 Meadow Rise, Iwade, Kent, ME9 8SB – No objection.
2. **16/504329/FULL:** 21 Woodpecker Drive Iwade Kent ME9 8ST: Single storey rear extension, garage extension and conversion of existing garage to form a study – No objection.

7. Correspondence

1. **RE: Highways England route strategies 2020-2025** – Clerk delegated to respond. **Action: Clerk**
2. **KCC Consultation - Active Travel Strategy - KCC deadline 13 July** – This is a strategy on how to get people walking and cycling, particularly to work, and will be good to use when developments come up. Ridham is our employment area but the idea of walking cannot be used here because of the busy A249.
3. **Fly the Flag This Armed Forces Day** – Agreed to raise the flag. Proposed by Cllr. Cheeseman and seconded by Cllr. Gale agreed £50 to purchase an Armed Forces Flag if not in time for this year then for future years. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Fencing, Grovehurst Road** – One area is being taken down and the other is ongoing as it possibly needs planning permission. Agreed to monitor.
5. **Request from mother and toddler to have access to the Hall garden during the summer** – Agreed, Cllr. Gale to arrange a key. **Action: Cllr. Gale**

8. Finance

1. **School Aware Signs and Flashing Beacons** – costings have now been received from KCC; Clerk to ascertain whether the £1800 referred to is for two wig-wag signs. In the meantime, it was proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Mitchell to agree a sum of up to £2000 for the above. To also check on who will switch these signs on when required and Clerk to also chase Mike Whiting to see how things are progressing. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Fly Tipping Signs – Raspberry Hill** – Cllr. Hunt has spoken to Swale Borough Council and an e-mail will be sent to all Parish Councils to see if they want to purchase signs. Agreed to take off the Agenda.
3. **Parking in The Street** – Agreed to look at the site to see the best way forward. **Action: Councillors**
4. **Grass Cutting Contract 2016/17** – Clerk to contact KCC to see if they would consider taking this on and the cost involved; also to explore the possibility of having our own contractor carry out the work and apply for funding from KCC. **Action: Clerk**
5. **National Salary Award for 2016-2018** – National increase, backdated to 1st April, 2016, noted.
6. **Insurance – Extra Premium** - proposed by Cllr. Mitchell and seconded by Cllr. Plumb; agreed the additional premium of £44.59p to cover the upgraded lighting columns and flag pole.
7. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Horner; agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 31st May 2016.

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
08.06.16	1857	Clerk's Expenses	Phone; use of Home as office, Stamps, Clean-up day Refreshments	£35.70p
08.06.16	1858	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due July	£138.75p

08.06.16	1859	J. Hunt	Refreshments for Village Clean Up Day	£17.00p
08.06.16	1860	M. Gale	Padlock and Keys for Garden Gate	£15.99p
08.06.16	1861	Came & Company	Additional Insurance Premium – New Lighting Columns	£44.59p
08.06.16	1862	999 P.C. Repairs	Repairs to P.C. Laptop	£40.00p
08.06.16	1863	Steve Wakeling	Handyman duties and materials May 2016	£262.92p
Seven cheques in total				

Plus:

Clerk's Wages - June 2016	£770.25p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon - Energy Supply, Street Lighting – May	£41.96p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle - Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – April	£51.42p	Paid by Direct Debit

Paid in:

V.A.T. Refund	£9325.54p	Credited to Account
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9. Local Plan – Preparation in Readiness for Release End of June

Still awaiting details of the Local Plan land allocation, the consultation for which is due to come out end of June and then responses need to be submitted by the beginning of August. Agreed Clerk to place an article in the next edition of the Iwade Observers asking for ten volunteers to come forward from different parts of the village to sit on a Working Party with the Parish Councillors and to arrange a meeting the first week in July. This party will then look in depth at the consultation document and findings will be reported back at the Parish Council meeting on the 13th July. **Action: Clerk**

10. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

Additional drawings have been approved. Building Regulations details have been submitted to Swale and hopefully will hear in the next couple of weeks. Knauf are interested in using the Barn for training purposes and using their materials, which will assist with the internal works. Meeting this week with the new Head of Leisure at Swale Borough Council and will be looking at the Barn.

11. Reports from Representatives (Village Hall and KALC)

1. Hall – AGM held; there is one new Trustee. Bookings are good (up on last years) and there are plans for a Halloween disco. Finances are healthy.
2. KALC – Cllr. Clark not present.

12. Any Other Matters Arising

1. Cllrs. Mitchell and Hunt attended the Kemsley Park Business Forum today; the Forum want to invite Parish Council representatives along to each meeting
2. Cllr. Hunt advised that there is a traveler site on private land by Ridham Dock; he has passed details on to Swale's Enforcement Officer.
3. Cllr. Gale mentioned the Solar Farm Bonds; the release is going to be re-scheduled and the offer will now start the beginning of September.

13. Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th July, 2016, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.