

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**Present:** Cllr. J. Hunt - Chair  
Cllr. S. Plumb – Vice-Chair  
Cllr. P. Hyde  
Cllr. L. Mitchell  
Cllr. D. Wastall  
Lynda Fisher, Clerk  
2 Parishioners

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed Parishioners to the meeting. Apologies were received from County Cllr. Burgess, Borough Cllr. Stokes and Parish Cllrs. Rook, Gale, Jennings and White and Nick Mayatt the Community Warden.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - None**

#### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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

#### **4. Visitors/Public Time**

1. **Parishioners** – No comments.
2. **County and Borough Councillors** – None present.
3. **Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** – Nick's report has been circulated to Members and contents noted.

#### **5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

1. **S.106 Agreements** – An officer from the Environment Agency is going to give the Chairman contact details so that the Parish Council can pass on the information regarding the £25,000 for the maintenance of the Stream. Nothing further heard from Swale Borough Council.
2. **Emergency Plan** – Put on April's Agenda. **Action: Cllr. Rook/Clerk**
3. **Village Clean Up/May Celebrations** – Event to take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> May; everyone taking part meeting at 9.00 a.m. at the Village Hall and finishing at 1.00 p.m. Members had previously walked around the village looking at various issues. Cllr. Wastall has been unable to obtain the services of Morris Dancers, due to other May Day celebrations. He has prepared a list of areas that need cleaning/tidying up, some creosote work and a fence to be painted and will circulate this to Members. **Action: Cllr. Wastall**

A dance group has agreed to attend; are looking at hiring a Bouncy Castle, obtaining a Maypole, Face Painting and suggesting to The Woolpack that they lay on a barbeque at 1.00 pm (the Chairman to speak to the Landlord and also to ask if the dancing can take place there). Refreshments will still be available in the village hall during the morning and the hall can be used for some of the activities if it rains. **Action: Cllrs. Hunt/Rook**

Clerk will ask Swale Borough Council to reinstate the lifebuoy in its station in the Village Pond and ask if a second lifebuoy can be installed at the other end. Clerk to also ask the Environment Agency if they can attend to help, as in past years. **Action: Clerk**

4. **WW1 Commemorative Trees and Plaque** – Looking at 5<sup>th</sup> April for delivery; hope to dig the 7 holes on the 29<sup>th</sup> March (need to look at transporting trees to the site) and Clerk to ask the Handyman to help. Agreed one large plaque containing the 7 names of those who fell in WW1; will install this on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and perhaps bless the trees on the same day. **Action: Cllr. Hyde/Clerk**

## 6. **Planning**

1. **KCC/SW/0051/2014** – Extension to existing HGV fitters shed plus small additional storage building – Countrystyle Recycling, Ridham Dock Road, Iwade, ME9 8SR – Members raised no objection.
2. **SW/14/0184** – Change of use for four additional mobile homes – Cricket Meadow, Old Ferry Road, Iwade, ME9 8SP – Members raised no objection to this application. Councillors asked the Clerk to check with Swale Borough Council as to why there is no provision (normally a separate brick built building) for washing facilities, etc., and no hard-standing for touring caravans, as in similar applications? **Action: Clerk**
3. **SW/13/1542** – Section 73 Application to amend conditions 1,8,17 and 24 of planning permission SW/12/0445 – Countrystyle Recycling, Ridham Dock Road, Iwade – Response from Swale Borough Council to application – Swale have objected to this application on the grounds of noise from increased HGV movements along Swale Way; loading and unloading of Gypsum only to take place between 5.30 and 10.00 hrs and that all lorry movements between 20.00 and 05.30 be directed to use the Northern Access Route.

Clerk instructed to check with Kent County Council as to when this is appearing on their Planning Committee Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

## 7. **Wards Homes Development and Persimmon Development – Haul Roads**

Despite requesting Swale Borough Council to take action; no update has been received as yet. It was suggested putting this item on the next Localism Live Meeting. **Action: Clerk**

## 8. **Feedback from KALC Area Committee Meeting 3 March, 2014**

Cllr. Plumb explained that the issue of no support funding being passed on to Parish Councils this year had been raised. Swale Borough Council explained that last year they did not get as much funding as they had hoped; there was a shortfall and rather than passing this on to the Parish Councils they withdraw money from the reserves. They could not do the same this year.

## 9. **Correspondence**

1. **Swale Borough Local Plan: part 2 - issues and options consultation for gypsy and traveller site allocations** – Clerk to respond to the consultation that the Parish Council feels that Iwade has more than contributed sufficient sites (26 pitches) for gypsy and traveller use. **Action: Clerk**
2. **KALC; Sustainable Communities Act** – Noted with interest.
3. **KALC: South and South East in Bloom** – Noted.
4. **KALC - Sevenoaks Town Council Submission to Sustainable Communities Act (Ref 52f9f9e23c3c4) - needing local council support** – Agreed to support this and monitor outcome.
5. **KALC Repeal of S.150 of The LGA 1972** – Changes to payment methods noted.

6. **Review of Polling Districts** – Noted; suggest using the Barn instead of the Hall if it has been handed over by the time of the next Elections. ***Action: Clerk***
7. **Local Audit and Accountability Act - Openness of Local Government Bodies Draft Regulations:** Clerk to express concern that this could impact on Members who work in sensitive areas and also in future lead to problems recruiting Parish Councillors. ***Action: Clerk***

## 12. Finance

1. **Request for Donation – Citizens Advice Bureau** – Proposed by Cllr. Mitchell and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, agreed to donate £50. ***Action: Clerk***
2. **CPRE Subscription Renewal 2014/15** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Hyde; agreed to renew at a cost of £28. ***Action: Clerk***
3. **Action with Communities in Rural Kent Subscription Renewal 2014/15** – Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Hunt, agreed to renew at a cost of £35.
4. **Quotation to install bollards - Greenshanks** – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Plumb; agreed to accept the quotation of £346 for the supply and installation of 10 bollards.
5. **Cheques signed at this meeting** - Members agreed signing of the following cheques and the accounts to the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 were accepted.

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
12.03.14	1675	L. Fisher – Expenses	Tele; use of Home as office, mileage and car parking: Jan 2014	£20.23p
12.03.14	1676	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due February 2014	£111.80p
12.03.14	1677	Steve Wakeling	Handyman Duties/Materials Feb 2014	£212.75p
12.03.14	1678	B.W. May & Son Ltd.	Installation of 6 No. Lighting Columns in Sheerstone	£13898.20p
12.03.14	1679	Rumwood Nurseries	7 Hornbeam Trees, Stakes, Ties and Compost	£1146.46p
<b>Five cheques in total</b>				

Direct Debit Payments: L. Fisher: Wages, £486.98p; Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting, £47.25p

## 8. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

1. **10 Point Plan** – Clerk to ask Cllr. Stokes to organise next meeting; to place the E.A. /Stream/Medway Swale Estuary Partnership – Swale Borough Council not helping with the S.106 money; planning enforcement, residents' complaints and Highways on the Agenda. ***Action: Clerk***
2. **The Barn** – The Barn Committee met with Jenny Bradbury from Action with Communities in Rural Kent, who was extremely helpful. She advised that it was possible for the Parish Council to hold the lease with Swale Borough Council and then for the Barn to be run by a separate Trust. It was proposed by Cllr. Wastall and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, all agreed that the Parish Council goes down this route.

**The New Hall** – No further updates at the present time.

## 11. Any Other Matters Arising

1. Cllr. Hyde suggested the Parish Council might like to look at 'Twinning'; Councillors to consider this and agreed to put an item on the April Agenda. ***Action: Councillors/Clerk***

2. The Chairman advised of a proposal for a Solar Farm at Stickfast Lane; at the present time it is unclear whether Iwade Parish Council will be consulted on this.

**12. Next Meeting(s)**

There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, at 7.30 p.m. in Iwade Village Hall.

The next monthly Meeting will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2014, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Iwade Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.**