

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 10 November 2021

Present: Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair
Cllr. S. Lancashire
Cllr. B. Whiting
Cllr. P. Hyde
Cllr. S. Cheeseman
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
2 Residents

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllrs. Langham, Waters and Smith, Borough Cllr. Woodford, the PCSO and the Community Warden.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 12 October 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – Residents attended to advise of anti-social behaviour in the village; the Police are aware.
2. **County and Borough Councillors** – Non present.
3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden – No report.

PCSO – Crimes of note: An e-scooter was taken from a young male by a group; currently under investigation and an arrest has been made. A robbery was reported with two mobile phones taken. However, after investigation this has been reclassified and the phones were returned to their owners. A male broke into a number of vehicles around the village during one night and attempted to break into others. A suspect has since been arrested and remanded. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: Numerous reports of an uninsured trials bike riding around the village, on paths and roads. Rider was spoken to and details taken. Reports of nuisance vehicles along the private road at Ridham Dock. Patrols attend when possible; warnings were given last weekend when a group of vehicles were found parked up nearby. A group of young people have been going around the village playing ‘knock down ginger’, which has been scaring some residents. Police are looking into this at present, PCSO would be grateful for information from anyone who may know the children concerned.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **20 MPH Zones** – This is a work in progress, keep on the agenda. **Action: Cllr. Dollimore**
2. **Planters, The Street/Mansfield Drive** – Assessor asked for more information, still awaiting further input from Kent County Council despite chasing. Keep on the agenda. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Village Clean-Up** – Biggest turnout to date, more than fifty volunteers helped to clean up the village. Agreed to look at holding this event twice a year.

6. Planning

1. **21/505408/FULL:** Insertion of flat roof rear dormer, Juliet balconies to the front of the property, windows and doors to the rear and side of the property. Removal of front boundary fence and erection of front boundary wall: 59 School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8SD – No comments.

2. **21/504173/FULL:** Retrospective application for a change of use of old garage to a hair salon for one person only: 15 Stangate Drive Iwade Kent ME9 8UG – Agreed to respond that the Council has concerns regarding loss of parking spaces and extra parking.
3. **KCC/SW/0213/2021:** Construction of highway improvements to the A249 Grovehurst Road junction to replace the existing 'dumbell' junction arrangement with a new gyratory and ancillary works: A249 Grovehurst Road Junction, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 2FF – Agreed to respond that the Council has concerns over lack of access for pedestrians.

7. Correspondence

1. **Local Plan Consultation** – Agreed Members to forward comments to the Clerk, who in turn will formulate a response. **Action: All Councillors/Clerk**
2. **A Guide to taking part in The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons - 2 June 2022** - Agreed to look at a Beacon. Clerk to source costs and bring back to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Grounds Maintenance** – Members agreed the Clerk can confirm to KCC Landscape Services that the Parish Council has assessed and accepted the RAMS as appropriate and satisfactory to the tasks being undertaken on the highway and can confirm that the Council has assessed and accepted all workers are trained and competent to work safely for all tasks being undertaken on the highway. Councillors are aware that these two areas are also monitored by Swale Borough Council. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Remembrance Sunday – Wreath Laying** – Clerk to approach Borough Cllr. Clark to see if he will lay the Poppy Wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk**

8. Finance

1. Trees and Plaque costs – No response from Swale regarding suitable plaques. Clerk to approach the nursery for a quote for Hornbeam Trees, stakes, ties, and fertiliser. Council to look at possibly planting a number of trees down the footpath from the meadow side gateway down to the bridge over the stream. Bring back to next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
2. The Purple Guide Lite Subscription – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, agreed the £12 subscription.
3. South-East 4x4 Donation – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, agreed a S.137 donation of £150 to this organisation, this sum increased as they will now be sending three vehicles to assist with the Christmas Tree Lighting up event on the 28 November.
4. Unmetered Electricity Costs – Members noted the increase of 8.4p per kWh for the unmetered street lighting electrical supply. This will also affect the Festive Lighting.
5. Highway Improvement Plans/Yellow Lines – no updates, keep on Agenda. **Action: Cllr. Dollimore**
6. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore, Members noted the budget figures, agreed the accounts to the 31 October 2021 and the following payments were agreed. Cllrs Whiting and Lancashire to log in and authorize payments. **Action: Cllrs. Whiting/Lancashire**

| EXPENDITURE | | | | |
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| Pay Date | Pay Method | Payable to | Reason | Amount |
| 20.10.21 | BACs | Events Industry Forum | One Year Subscription the Purple Guide Lite | £12.00p |
| 10.11.21 | BACs | L. Fisher | Expenses – Phone, use of home as Office, Tea Coffee Biscuits, Village Clean Up – October | £36.06p |
| 10.11.21 | BACs | H.M. Revenue and Customs | Tax October | £353.45p |
| 10.11.21 | BACs | Steve Wakeling | Handyman Fee and Materials – October | £337.00p |

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| 10.11.21 | BACs | Iwade Village Hall | Hall Hire August and September | £52.20p |
| 10.11.21 | BACs | McCabe Ford Williams | Quarterly Payroll Preparation | £43.38p |
| 10.11.21 | BACs | A. Dollimore | Beef burgers, Sausages, Rolls, children's drinks, Milk, sugar, onions, Vegetarian Burgers and Sausages for Village Clean Up | £73.53p |
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| 01.11.21 | SO | Staff Salary | September | £1322.52p |
| 01.11.21 | SO | Invicta IT Solutions | 12 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes | £54.72p |
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| 01.11.21 | DD | HugoFox | Website monthly fee | £29.99p |
| 22.10.21 | DD | Eon | Electricity Supply, monthly | £83.17p |
| 30.10.21 | DD | Countrystyle | Supply of Waste Wheelie Bin, monthly | £34.27p |
| INCOME | | | | |
| Pay Date | Pay Method | Received from | Reason | Amount |
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9. Projects – Updates on Current and New

- Xmas Lights Event 2021** – Road closure in hand, Police have raised no comments on the event. Two First Aiders will be present, and two adults will be on hand to look after lost children/vulnerable adults. Agreed to meet up at 4.20 p.m. prior to the road closure at 4.30 p.m., to organise who does what/goes where. **Action: All Councillors/Clerk**

10. Village Hall

Nothing to report.

11. Reports from Representatives

- Hall** – At the moment, still not taking weekend hires. Getting a commercial cleaning company in to do the cleaning. Santa's Grotto – 23 December.
- KALC** – Nothing to report.
- Swale Western Area Committee** - Next meeting 14 December. **Action: Cllr. Cheeseman**

12. Any Other Matters Arising

Cllr. Whiting advised that the Lifebuoy has again been removed from the Village Park pond area; Clerk to report this to Swale Borough Council. **Action: Clerk**

13. Next Meeting(s)

Next meeting Wednesday 8 December 2021, 7.30 p.m., Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 08.45 p.m.