

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11th September, 2013

Present: Cllr. J. Hunt - Chair
Cllr. S. Plumb – Vice-Chair
Cllr. D. Wastall
Cllr. P. Hyde
Cllr. A. Jennings
Cllr. L. Mitchell
Cllr. R. Rook
Cllr. M. Gale

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
County Cllr. L. Burgess
Nick Mayatt, Community Warden
3 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed Parishioners to the meeting. Apologies were received from Parish Cllr. White and County Cllr. Truelove.

2. Declarations of Interest – None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 14th August, 2013, were proposed by Cllr. Wastall and seconded by Cllr. Plumb; agreed and signed as a true transcript.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 28th August, 2013, were proposed by Cllr. Jennings and seconded by Cllr. Rook, agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **School Lane Playing Field and Search for new Temporary Field** – Nothing as yet heard from Wards regarding Dunlin Walk. Fans Lane has a play area that could be used for practice. Clerk to place this item on the October Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

2. **Neighbourhood Watch – Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr. Jennings has heard nothing further; Nick Mayatt will try and speak to the PCSO regarding this. **Action: Cllr. Jennings/Community Warden**

3. **Swale Borough Local Plan Part 1: Revised Consultation Draft July 2013** - agreed to respond that Members note the only reference to housing in Iwade in the Local Plan is the 42 proposed dwellings which already have outline planning permission. There is concern that the proposed A249 development will have an impact on Iwade, particularly roads, and any work to improve junctions across the A249 should be carried out before commencement of development. It is understood that the Northern Relief Road is not going ahead but that Swale is looking at proposals for a Junction (5a) on the M2 to link into Kent Science Park. Iwade Parish Council strongly believes that the private road leading into Ridham Dock needs upgrading to cope with any expansion in this area.

4. **Swale Borough Council – Community Governance Review** – In addition to the increase in the number of Councillors (9 to 11) to request that the Parish Boundary be changed to incorporate the Nicholls and Morrisons' sites. Cllr. Hunt to make the necessary amendments.

Action: Cllr. Hunt/Clerk

5. **Village Clean Up Day** – Clerk advised that the hall has been booked for the 4th May, and the Committee have kindly agreed that it's free of charge as it's a community event. She has contacted Jo Richards by e-mail but as yet has not had a response. The Parks and Open Areas Committee will look at organising this as a joint May Day celebration/Village Clean Up event.

Action: Clerk/Parks and Open Areas Committee

6. **Shaping the Future of Children's Centres in Kent** – Response from Kent County Council noted.

3. **Visitors/Public Time**

1. **Parishioners** – A resident complained about the state of the Public Right of Way ZR92; Clerk advised the Footpaths Officer has been out to inspect the area and she is awaiting his report. The same resident has problems with mobile signals; Members explained that this has already been investigated and mobile phone companies need to produce new software to cope with the different wavebands. Another resident referred to the area to the back of Coleshall Farm and the stream blockage. Cllr. Hunt stated that this has been reported to the Environment Agency; there is also concern that the new pipe is not large enough. He added that trees have been taken down due to the new pumping station and there are concerns that there is no sign of any reptile fencing.
2. **County Councillor and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Burgess mentioned re-organisations within Kent County Council. He has also been appointed Shadow Member for Education.
3. **Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** - Nick's report has been circulated to Members and contents noted. The School Crossing Patrol is working well and the Environment Agency is dealing with people fishing in the village pond. The PCSO was not present; Clerk to write to Inspector Evan Jones asking that a representative attend the Parish Council meetings. **Action: Clerk**

6. **Finance**

1. **WWI Commemorative Trees, 2014-2018** – Cllr. Hyde suggested putting in the same trees as those for the Jubilee Celebrations. Cllr. Hyde and Cllr. Mitchell to look at various sites; suggested looking at August 2014 for planting. **Action: Cllrs. Hyde/Mitchell**
2. **Wildflowers/Poppy Seeds** – Members proposed a four year rolling programme of planting; Poppies to tie in with the WWI 2014-2018 Commemoration.
3. **ROSPA – Hall Garden Report** – Cllr. Hunt to look into reported Fungi on tree; Clerk to forward details to Village Hall Committee relating to areas covered by them. **Action: Cllr. Hunt/Clerk**
4. **Bus Shelter Glazing, Woodpecker Park** – Clerk awaiting quote from Village Handyman for replacing glazing. **Action: Clerk**
5. **Christmas tree** – Clerk to obtain quotes and report back to October meeting. **Action: Clerk**
6. **New Lamp Columns** – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Gale, all agreed to accept the quote of £11,888.89p, plus V.A.T (this includes a provisional sum for reconnection of £650, which could be higher). Ditton Electrical, were the contractors used for the installation of the previous new columns; were the cheapest and were found to be very reliable.
7. **Iwade Localism Project Meeting Costs** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Rook; agreed the sum of £30 to cover the cost of refreshments.
8. **Cheques signed at this meeting** - Members agreed that the following cheques be signed and the accounts to the 31st August 2013 be accepted.

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
11.09.13	1642	L. Fisher – Expenses	Telephone/Broadband/Use of Home as office August	£17.77p
11.09.13	1643	Playsafety Limited	Village Hall Garden Inspection 2013	£78.00p
11.09.13	1644	Victim Support	Donation (Agreed under S.137)	£50.00p
11.09.13	1645	Steve Wakeling	Handyman Duties August	£291.70p
Four cheques in total				

The following payments were made by Direct Debit: Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting - £58.59p; L. Fisher, July Wages - £581.62p

7. Correspondence

1. **Post Office Community Enterprise Fund – Recycling Presentation at Swale Council** – Details noted by members.
2. **DCLG Consultation – Greater Flexibilities for Change of Use** – Agreed to support KALC’s response.
3. **DCLG Consultation – Updated National Waste Planning Policy: Planning for sustainable waste management** – Agreed to support KALC’s response.

8. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

1. **10 Point Plan** – This has now been placed on the website and will appear in the Iwade Observer. The Localism meeting is planned for Wednesday 25th September.
2. **The Barn** – A site meeting will take place on the 19th September; present will be representatives from the Borough Council, Parish Council, P.C.C. and Diocese.

9. Village Hall

Clerk has chased Persimmon again and had a response from the company stating that the new Managing Director will be looking at the site adjacent to the Medical Centre in the next few days.

10. 20 MPH Speed Limit

Clerk to check with County Cllrs Truelove and Burgess to see if this is possible.

Action: Clerk

11. Planning

1. **SW/13/0959 - Proposed first floor extension over existing garage and first floor rear extension – 2 Sandpiper Lane, Iwade, ME9 8WJ** – Members objected to the revised application on the same grounds; loss of parking spaces and concern that the front elevation is out of context with houses of similar design in the area.

12. Other Matters Arising

1. Cllr. Jennings referred to the hire of the Village hall, at a special rate of £150 for two days, for the annual Halloween event, with monies raised going to charity. Members agreed that they were minded to support the function and Clerk instructed to place an item on the October Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
2. Cllr. Gale raised the concern that children’s clubs were not able to afford to hire to the school hall due to the fees being charged.

12. Next Meeting

The next Meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th October, 2013, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.40 p.m.