

Iwade Parish Council

Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 30th April 2008 at 7.30pm

Present:

Chairman Peter Wilks	Mrs Sarah George, Parish Clerk
Vice Chairman Phil Fearn	1 Members of the Public
Cllr Derek White	
Cllr Malcolm Hutchings	
Cllr Lisa Older	
Cllr Brian Groves	

Apologies

Cllr Sue McGoldrick
Cllr John White
Cllr Phil Hyde
Borough Cllr Ben Stokes
County Council Brenda Simpson
County Councillor Roger Truelove
PCSO Lindsay Woods
Gordon Henderson

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 8th April 2008 were signed by the Chairman Peter Wilks. These were proposed by Cllr Peter Wilks and seconded by Cllr Brian Groves, all members were in agreement.

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 10th April 2008 were signed by the Chairman Peter Wilks. These were proposed by Cllr Peter Wilks and seconded by Cllr Brian Groves, all members were in agreement.

Matters arising from the minutes

3.1 Additional Letter Boxes in the Village

Clerk to chase

3.2 Traffic Gate Entrance by Medical Centre

Meeting has been arranged with Andrew Rouke, Senior Maintenance Engineer of Kent County Council for the 13th May 2008 at 1.30pm

Parish Clerk to action

3.3 Speed Watch

Kent County Council reported that speed was not an issue in Iwade but due to the way the road layout, the problem was due to inconsiderate driving. Speed Watch programme would not be beneficial for Iwade as recordings show that motorists are below allocated speed limit.

3.4 Grovehurst Road Development

Work has recommenced, with Barratt Homes starting with the landscaping. Still waiting for EDF Energy to connect lighting.

3.5 Land North of the Church

Chairman has received a letter from Barratt Homes dated 23rd April 2008, together with a new external works plan. Barratts have agreed to Parish Council request for a bonded tarmac surface to the car park and path to burial ground.

Barratts have not agreed:

- * To Landscaping and lighting, stating that Mr Bell of Swale Borough Council Conversation Officer does not agree and wishes development to retain rural feel.
- * Appropriate sizeable lockable gates leading into Church car park
- * Any other new planting/ landscaping
- * A new direct/ safe footpath to the church
- * Maintenance of grass cutting for 5 years after the implementation of the scheme

It was agreed by the Parish Council that the Chairman to arrange a meeting with Mr Bell and appropriate authorities to discuss this, after the Parish elections have been finalised.

Cllr Peter Wilks to action

4 Planning

SW/08/0343 AJS Case 23150 Scheme for two storey side extension conservatory, garage and porch at 1 Sheerstone, Iwade.

Parish Council had no objections to this planning application

SW/08/0191 Case: 23041 & 17699 Two storey side extension at 31 The Street, Iwade has been granted permission by Swale Borough Council under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

5. Business of the Council

5.1 Swale Borough Council Lighting Grant and Parish Grant Fund

Clerk advised Councillors of letter dated 29th April 2008 from Laurence Young, Subsidiarity Officer advising the Parish Council that the Parish Grant Scheme allocation for 2008/09 is £1,520

In total, including the 2008/09 funding allocation, the Parish Council holds £8,510 in the Parish Grant "Account". This total funding is held by Swale Borough Council in accordance with the reservations and earmarking requested by the Parish Council.

The Clerk advised that all funding allocated to the Parish Council must be used before April 2010. The intention from Swale Borough Council is that any funding not used by that date will be lost to the Parish Council and returned to Swale Borough Council, as it was considered that what is effectively a two year run off period for the grant scheme should allow Parish Councils to use prudently and to the benefit of their local community.

5.3 Parish Council May Elections

Parish Councillors all confirmed that they now had their nomination forms to complete. Cllrs McGoldrick and Hutchings declared that they would not be standing at the Parish Council elections. The Chairman wished to thank them for their contribution to the Parish Council and hoped they enjoyed their term of office.

Clerk to contact KALC to see how soon after the election date can the Parish Council reconvene and can the Register of Members Interest and Undertakings be completed before the election date of 5th June 2008, if the election is not contested.

Parish Clerk to action

6. Correspondence/ Notices

6.1 PACT Meeting

Cllr Phil Fearn reported that the newsletter updating residents on the meeting was now available and the next PACT Meeting will be Wednesday 2nd July 2008, venue still to be confirmed. Areas raised at last meeting and to be reported back by the appropriate authorities are Litter and dog mess, speeding and reckless driving.

6.2 Parish Lighting Grant

Clerk reported that Borden Parish Council were unimpressed with Swales decision to cap the lighting grant paid for this financial year with very little advance notice. Borden Parish Council feels strongly that they have to make their budget decision with the full facts of what Swale intended to do. They are hoping to arrange a meeting with Swale regarding this matter and wanted to know if Iwade Parish would like to attend.

Cllr Phil Fearn stated that he would be interested in attending a meeting, Clerk to confirm date.

Parish Clerk to action

7. Finance

Sarah George	Clerk fee, phone/ fax, stationary	£670.56
Peter Wilks	Chairman Expenses	20.00
Graham Chambers	Handyman fees for April	£200.00
EDF Energy	To supply and fit new lighting lantern o/s 22 Sheerstone	£220.14
Office Technical Solutions	Parish Photocopier and printing	£36.08

Under the Local Government Act 1972, (Sch 2) the signing of the cheques were proposed by Cllr Peter Wilks and seconded by Cllr Brian Groves. All Councillors present were in agreement.

Meeting Closed 8.50pm