

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Wednesday 26th May, 2010

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. D. Manning (Chairman)	Clerk, Lynda Fisher
	Cllr. P. Wilks	PCSO Melanie Platt
	Cllr. J. Gregory	Jo Richards; Mrs. Veness
	Cllr. A. Hurrell	and members of Iwade Cubs,
	Cllr. P. Robb	Scouts and Beavers
	Cllr. A. Menzies	1 Parishioner

This is a Parish Meeting called as required by the local Government act 1972 .The meeting is an opportunity for the residents of the village who are registered electors to raise and discuss any subject affecting the village. Discussion and voting on any subject is restricted to electors, residents who are not registered as electors are welcome as observers. Residents wishing to speak are requested to give their name and the name of their road or street.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

These were circulated and signed at the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held in June 2009

REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ON THE PREVIOUS YEAR

The Chairman, Councillor David Manning, welcomed one and all and addressed those in attendance.

He spoke of the ongoing development in the village; the current building work taking place adjacent to the church and the planned housing to the rear of Woodpecker Drive, which has been delayed due to issues concerning the Section 106 Agreement. He commented that the Parish Council continues to strive to obtain the best possible options for the village and those living therein.

He referred to the fraud case involving the past Clerk and the further hearing at the Magistrates Court in Maidstone in June, when it is hoped that the Judge will rule on how the money is to be repaid to the Parish Council.

Finally he spoke regarding School Lane Playing Field. This facility will be taken over by Swale Borough Council, as part of the Section 106 Agreement relating to the Coleshall development. The area will eventually comprise a playing field; play equipment and sports pavilion.

The Parish Council has received a notice to quit from the Solicitors acting on behalf of the present Landlord; at the present time both the developers and the Parish Council are trying to keep this facility open for as long as possible for use by villagers.

The Parish Council has entered into discussion with Swale Borough Council. Swale will eventually own this land as part of the Section 106 Agreement, and are keen for the Parish to maintain this facility and manage the Pavilion on their behalf.

Having completed his speech, the Chairman handed over the meeting to the Group Scout Leader of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Jo Richards. The children had made some delicious cakes, and together with tea, coffee and soft drinks were continuously handing these around to all present at the meeting. This was much appreciated and enjoyed by all present and it is hoped the Groups will be agreeable to doing the same at next year's Parish Meeting!

PRESENTATION BY SCOUTS, CUBS AND BEAVERS, JO RICHARDS

Jo introduced herself and gave a brief history on the groups, the earliest of which dates back to 2002. She had produced a slide-show of the groups enjoying various outings and activities throughout the year. The children get involved in the annual Village Clean up and also undertake a spontaneous litter pick during the year, which is loved by the Beavers!

The Group has now grown to over 60 members all from within the village and is one of the biggest in the district – at present there are 20 Scouts; 24 Cubs and 20 Beavers. They are also extremely lucky to have 14 adult volunteers, who give willingly of their time – again this group of volunteers is one of the biggest in the district!

Jo thanked the Parish Council for their support over the years and went on to explain that without this support the fees would have had to be increased dramatically.

PRESENTATION BY PCSO, MELANIE PLATT

Melanie introduced herself as the Police Community Support Officer for Iwade and Lower Halstow and is dedicated to these areas. She deals with many aspects in her job, including anti-social behaviour and car parking, and works closely with the Community Warden (she mentioned that they hope to have a new Warden in place for Iwade in August). She is also involved in the PACT Group run by the Police.

The Chairman thanked both guests for their interesting presentations and opened the meeting up to members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

The question of the proposed usage of the barn was raised. Cllr. Manning commented that this building had been taken over by Swale Borough Council and he believed they proposed to have a toilet installed (possibly for joint use by the Church and staff maintaining the graveyard) and the rest of the barn is to be used by their staff and for storing equipment.

Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.