

Iwade Parish Council

Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 10th April at 7.30pm

Present:

Chairman Peter Wilks Borough Councillor Ben Stokes
Cllr Brian Groves Mrs Sarah George, Parish Clerk
Vice Chairman Phil Fearn
Cllr Lisa Older
Cllr Derek White
Cllr Malcolm Hutchings
Cllr John White

Apologies:

County Council Brenda Simpson (personal)
County Councillor Roger Truelove
Cllr Phil Hyde (work)
Cllr Sue Dowling
Gerry Cox, Community Warden

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting of 13th March 2007 were signed as a true and accurate report. This was seconded by Cllr Brian Groves

3. Matters Arising from the minutes

3.1 Land North of the Church

Papers are still with Swale Borough Council, who advised the Chairman that the application still was not registered due to outstanding information from Ward Homes

3.2 Phase 5, Grovehurst Development – removal of hedge

No response from Swale Borough Council or Ward Homes regarding the Ivy growth. Clerk to speak again to Ward Homes via Swale Borough Council asking them to remove the ivy and make the trees safe. If no response by the end of April Iwade Parish Council will pay for a tree surgeon to deal with the ivy problem.

Parish Clerk to action

4. Planning

No planning applications have been received for this month.

5 Business of the Council

5.1 Iwade Community Primary School fence

Contract for installation of School Fence went to Arty Fencing and they have advised the Parish Clerk that work is due to commence over the weekend of 21st and 22nd April 2007.

5.2 Village Hall

Parish Council resolved that Cllr Lisa Older be appointed as Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee.

5.3 School Lane Pumping Station

Clerk has written to Southern Water requesting a map and plan of where the work is to commence when the sewage pumping main pipe from the School Lane Pumping Station is being upsized. Parish Council have been advised that the first section of the main replacement will be from School Lane to Woodpecker Drive and work was due to commence in March.

Clerk to chase

Parish Clerk to action

5.4 Grass areas in Ferry Road

Clerk has written to Daniel Pritchard of Kent County Council Highways requesting permission for the Parish Council to install pigeon fencing and shrub planting on the grass verges opposite Plantation Mews

Parish Clerk to action

5.5 Missing 30mph signs

Clerk advised that signs had been ordered and installation should be done in due course. It was agreed that the Clerk would carry on chasing until installation actually took place

Parish Clerk to action

5.6 Annual Village Clean Up

Clerk to continue to advertise the Village Clean up on Saturday 19th May 2007 from 10am to 2pm. Clerk to speak to Cllr Phil Hyde as to what equipment is to be hired and the Clerk placed noticed on website and in Iwade Village News, asking for volunteers.

Clerk still has not had a response from Iwade Herons or the Beavers/ Cubs as to whether they will be willing to help with clean up

Parish Clerk to action

5.7 School Lane Playing Field

Cllr Phil Fearn advised the Parish Council that youths were breaking the boundary fence of the School Lane Playing Field when they climb over it to get to the Hillreed/ Matthews Homes development.

It was decided that a kiss gate would be installed so youths can exit from this site. This was proposed by Cllr Phil Fearn and seconded by Cllr Brian Groves. All Parish Councillors present were in agreement.

Parish Clerk to arrange for new gate to be installed and money to be taken out of the subsidiarity grant fund.

Parish Clerk to action

6. Correspondence /. Notices

6.1 Community Warden Update

Iwade had been targeted by vandalism and the glass in the phone box had been broken again. British Telecom to replace glass.

6.2 Fence in Village Park

Swale Borough Council has arranged for a contractor to repair the fence, not done to date. Clerk also written to Graham Tuff about putting another sign on the playground about the playground rules and regulations at the Woodpecker Drive entrance gate.. The Chairman advised members that he had been speaking to a planning enforcement officer and expressed concern over Ward Homes failure to honour the 106 agreement of January 2001. The ownership of the village park has not yet been transferred over to the Borough Council. Cllr Stokes offered to pursue the matter with Swale Borough Council enforcement Officer

Parish Clerk to action.

6.3 Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman reminded Councillors and members of the public that the Annual Parish Meeting was to be held on Thursday

7. Finance

The following cheques were raised

Sarah George	Clerk fee, March	£646.46
Office Technical	Printing	£33.18

Solutions		
Graham Chambers	Handyman fees for March	£166.73
Allianz Cornhill	Parish Insurance	£1,258.22
Arty Fencing	School fence (via subsidiarity grant money)	£5,400.00
Peter Wilks	Chairman's Allowance for March	£20.00

Meeting closed 9.00pm

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th April 2007 at 7.30pm

The next Annual Parish Council Meeting and monthly Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th May 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall