

## Iwade Parish Council

### Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.30pm

#### **Present:**

Chairman Peter Wilks	Mrs Sarah George, Parish Clerk
Vice Chairman Phil Fearn	Borough Cllr Ben Stokes
Cllr Derek White	Gordon Henderson
Cllr John White	4 Members of the Public
Cllr Brian Groves	

#### **Apologies**

Cllr Malcolm Hutchings  
Cllr Sue McGoldrick  
Cllr Lisa Older  
Cllr Phil Hyde  
County Council Brenda Simpson  
County Councillor Roger Truelove  
PCSO Lindsay Woods

## **2. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 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**

Clerk chased KCC about replacement gate – still no response to date

**Parish Clerk to action**

#### **3.3 Speed Watch**

Kent County Council doing a speed survey in the village to see if Speed Watch would be productive if taken up

#### **3.4 Grovehurst Road Development**

Parish Clerk and Cllr Ben Stokes has been chasing developer along and work due to commence week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008. Ian Scotland of Barratt Homes

has visited site and met with residents and areas of concerned have been discussed.

### **3.5 Land North of the Church**

Planning Application SW/06/1355, Development of 27 Dwellings North of Church Iwade Draft Section 106 Agreement

The above application by Ward Homes was delegated to Officers to approve at the October Planning Committee subject to the signing of a Section 106 Agreement.

The Iwade Parish Council received a Draft s106 Agreement from Ward's Solicitors on 20th November 2007 which Iwade Parish Council were unable to accept. There has been an exchange of correspondence, via the Solicitors, Iwade Parish Council and Mr Matthew Hedges , Strategic Planner, for Barrett Homes.

Chairman has written letter to James Freeman of Swale Borough Council which Parish Councillors had received and were in agreement for it to be sent.

### **3.6 Land West of School Lane**

Parish Council has raised objections to this application (SW/08/0116). The Chairman reported receipt of a copy email from Natural England to Swale Borough Council. Natural England is critical of the survey of Great Crested Newts carried out by developer ecologists and expressed disappointment that a strategic approach to development in Iwade has not been adopted.

### **3.7 Land East of Woodpecker Drive**

Barrett Homes is currently preparing a plan for this site. Parish Council is aware that Barrett Homes have instructed Keystone Environmental to conduct a reptile survey on this site.

## **4 Planning**

No planning applications received

The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to speak.

Residents of Grovehurst Road Estate advised the Parish Council they had been chasing Barrett Homes, and was also in contact with the Parish Clerk and the Local Borough Councilors in regard to the lack of attention to the area. They advised that they had meet with Mr Ian Scotland of Barrett Homes today to discuss the issues in question and felt confident that progress was being made.

Councilor Ben Stokes advised the Parish Council of his progress in regard to this development.

Local Residents advised the Parish Council that she had been in liaison with the local dog warden to see if the parish could get dog bag dispensers for dog owners

to use when taking their dogs for a walk. The Parish Council requested that the dog warden to get in contact with the Clerk to obtain further information and report back at the next Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council meeting reopened at 8pm

## **5. Business of the Council**

### **5.1 Swale Borough Council Lighting Grant and Parish Grant Fund**

Previous advised from finance officer of Swale Borough Council, payment of the footpath lighting grant will cease after 2008 and will be reconsidered by Swale Area Committee. In the meantime the payment is frozen to 2007/08 level.

### **5.2 Annual Parish Meeting**

Chairman reminded members of the public and Parish Council that the Annual Parish Meeting was to be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Cllr Brian Groves asked if the Clerk could put copies last years annual parish minutes in the notice board. Clerk advised that this would be done, but the minutes could also be found on the Parish web site.

Parish Clerk confirmed the notice advising residents of the Annual Parish Meeting had been put in the Iwade Village News, Local newspapers as well as on the village website.

### **5.3 Parish Council May Elections**

Chairman advised meeting that none of the Parish Councilors had put in nomination forms for the May elections and therefore none of the Parish Councilors at present were up for re election on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.

Cllr Derek White expressed concern that he had not been notified or that he had to go up for election. Parish Clerk apologised that she had received nomination forms from Swale Borough Council and was going to distribute them at this months meeting and had not registered the dates. Cllr Brian Groves advised Cllr Derek White that long serving Councilors knew about being able to go down to the Council Offices but co opted Councilors would not have gone through this process.

Chairman had advised that he has spoken to the Borough Council leader and asked that in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, s.91 the Borough Council will by order appoint persons to fill some of the vacancies, until other Councilors are elected and take up office.

## 6. Correspondence/ Notices

**6.1** Cllr Fearn and Wilks advised the meeting that they had been in discussion with Hillreed Homes about the proposed development South West of the Medical Centre. The main items discussed were Enlarging recreation ground with a car park, Steps to prevent flooding by Iwade Village Center by the Stream, Public Transport

### 6.2 PACT Meeting

Cllrs Fearn and Groves attended the meeting and felt disappointed by the lack of support by Swale Borough Council. It was reported that PSCO Lyndsey Woods conducted the meeting very well and that the areas of concern were: Dangerous Driving and Speeding, Litter and fly tipping and the local bus service to rural villages. These areas were voted as actions and will be raised at the June PACT meeting.

Only 5 residents from Iwade attended the meeting which was felt to be a disappointment and a lost opportunity for local residents to air their views and concerns.

## 7. Finance

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

Sarah George	Clerk fee, phone/ fax, stationary	£674.23
Peter Wilks	Chairman Expenses	20.00
Graham Chambers	Handyman fees for March	£176.00
Phil Fearn	Councillor Expenses	£19.84
Action with Communities in Rural Kent	Membership Fee for 2008/09	£35.00
Society of Local Council	Annual Membership	£102.00
Office Technical Solutions	Parish Photocopier and printing	£176.59
Kent Association of Local Councils	Membership fee for 2008/09	£749.26

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Meeting Closed 8.50pm

**Next Annual Parish meeting will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 in the Village Hall**