

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 14th April, 2010

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. D. Manning (Chairman)	Clerk
	Cllr. P. Wilks	Cllr. M. Whiting
	Cllr. J. Gregory	Temp. Community Warden
	Cllr. J. White	Ann Menzies
	Cllr. P. Hyde	1 Parishioner
	Cllr. P. Robb	

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. B. Stokes, County Councillors and Councillors D. White and A. Hurrell.

2. **Declarations of Interest** - None

3. **Minutes of the previous Meeting**

Agreed, with the following amendment:

Broadband - It was clarified that up to £75 subsidy towards installation costs will only be available to residents having fibre to the cabinet (FTTC) high speed broadband installed once BT Openreach has carried out the necessary work; it was suggested that this subsidy in the main be used to assist those on low income.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts – following discussions regarding assistance with the cost of hiring the village hall, the Leader has volunteered to talk on the work of these groups at the Parish Meeting on the 26th May and possibly help with refreshments – members warmly welcomed this information. Clerk instructed to contact the Leader to make the necessary arrangements.

Action: Clerk

Broadband - The contract from BT Openreach has now been received.

Action: Chairman

Horse Fair – The Parish Council welcomed the news that the event had run smoothly.

5. **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

Cllr. Wilks proposed and Cllr. Robb seconded - it was unanimously agreed Ann Menzies be co-opted as a Councillor on Iwade Parish Council. Members welcomed her to the Council and asked her to take part in the rest of the meeting.

6. Visitors/Public Time

Parishioners – no comments

County Councillors and Borough Councillor – apologies received

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt) – has reported several incidents involving quad bikes, flytipping and a missing street sign. He has asked SWA to look one of their covers in Cormorant Road and has also noted several cars in the village with out of date tax discs (March 2010).

PCSO – did not attend – Clerk requested to see if she will submit a written report if she is unable to attend Parish Council meetings.

Action: Clerk

7. Finance

Budget 2010/2011 – the draft budget was approved, with a few minor adjustments to fees and subscriptions.

Discussion took place regarding the Parish Council's continued fight to reclaim the £30,000 fraudulently taken by the previous Clerk. The present Clerk has been in discussion with the case officer located at Sittingbourne Police and the Financial Investigator based at Kent Police Headquarters in Maidstone. The delay is due to a second appearance at Maidstone Magistrates Court which has been held up by the Solicitors acting on both sides, and until this occurs the bank is exercising its right to withhold comment on its liability. It is now understood that the next Court hearing is in June and if the outcome is negative the Parish Council will pursue the matter through the Bank Ombudsman and consider engaging the services of a Solicitor to recoup this money from the previous Clerk.

Action: Clerk

Lamplighters – Reverend Webb attended the meeting and asked if the Parish Council could assist with the school hall hire costs for 2010/2011. Members agreed the donation of £380 – expenditure agreed under S19 1976LG(MP)A: the Parish Council's power to support recreational activity.

Action: Clerk

KALC Subscription 2010/2011 – Members agreed the yearly subscription of £748.69p for KALC, the body that advises Parish Council on legal and other matters.

Risk Assessments – agreed to check with ROSPA as to whether a risk assessment is included in the yearly inspection of School Lane Playing Field – with a possible extra expenditure £20.

Action: Clerk

Localism in Action – NALC Conference and Exhibition – this conference will look at local community bodies, like Parish Councils, undertaking more service delivery and representation and the enormous challenges that this will involve. Members agreed that Councillors Manning and Robb attend, at a total cost of £211.50p, which includes VAT which can be refunded.

Action: Cllrs. Manning and Robb

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Date	Cheque	Details	Amount
14.04.10	1288	Iwade Village Hall (re. Mothers and Toddlers Group)	£312.00p
14.04.10	1289	Iwade Village Hall (Scouts, Beavers & Cubs Groups)	£624.00p
14.04.10	1290	Stiddard Forbes	£5.88p
14.04.10	1291	Inland Revenue	£109.97p
14.04.10	1292	Wages	£403.82p
14.04.10	1293	Steve Wakeling	£193.22p
14.04.10	1294	K.A.L.C.	£748.69p
Seven cheques in total			

8. School Lane Playing Field

A response has been received from Graeme Tuff and as a result of this the Chairman and Clerk are to attend a meeting with Swale Borough Council's Chief Executive and officers to discuss the taking over the maintenance of the field and the proposed pavilion.

Action: Chairman and Clerk

8. Standing Orders and Chairmanship

To be brought forward to next month's meeting

Action: All Councillors

9. Correspondence

Swale Borough Council Gypsy and Traveller Corporate Policy Site Assessment Consultation 2010 - Members need to respond to this consultation online.

Action: All Councillors

10. Planning

Nothing to report

12. Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th May, at 7.00 p.m., followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting at 7.30 p.m., both in the Village Hall.

Members advised that the Parish Meeting will take place Wednesday 26th May, 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.