

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13th April, 2011

Present: Cllr. S. Plumb- Chairman
Cllr. J. Hunt
Cllr. J. Gregory
Cllr. J. Exley
Cllr. A. Hurrell
Cllr. A. Menzies
Cllr. J. White

Clerk, Lynda Fisher
Community Warden
Cllr. B. Stokes
1 Parishioner
P. Lovelock and M. Pugh –
Village Hall Committee

Prior to the main meeting, Members met with representatives from the Village Hall Committee, Peter Lovelock and Mark Pugh, to discuss the progress made regarding the proposed new hall. A meeting had already taken place with Hillreed Homes to look at the possibilities and discussions have taken place with the Charity Commission.

The Chairman, Cllr. Plumb, reaffirmed that Parish Council Members fully support this proposal and are happy to continue with the process. Members of the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council representatives already form part of the autonomous New Hall Committee.

Outline planning permission is required for the existing site, to include the garden area, and if the Parish Council applies for this the fees are reduced by 50% - a cost of £335. It was proposed by Cllr. Exley and seconded by Cllr. Gregory that the Council submits the application and pays the fees – agreed the expenditure of £335.

A Valuer will need to be appointed to undertake the required valuations and adjustment for the Charity Commission. Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Menzies that the Parish Council pay the Valuer's fee of £750 plus V.A.T.

It was also proposed by Cllr. Gregory and seconded by Cllr. Hurrell that the Parish Council appoints a Solicitor to assist with the legalities. Clerk instructed to ascertain fees.

Action: Clerk

The Chairman declared this meeting closed and opened the monthly Parish Council meeting.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr. M. Whiting.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs. Gregory, Exley and Menzies declared an interest in Planning – item relating to SW/11/0269 – land rear of Elm Tree Avenue, Iwade.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Gregory and seconded by Cllr. Exley - agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript, with the following additions:

Apologies received from Cllr. White and Cllr. Menzies was in attendance.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Skateboard Park – Clerk has passed this information onto Swale Borough Council, who have responded that School Lane Playing Field would be the obvious site.

The Chairman visited Skateboard Parks in Cliffe and Maidstone and noted that both were located in open spaces areas away from housing; there was also a reasonable amount of noise generated by users of these areas. In view of these finding Members felt that School Lane Playing Field was not a viable proposal due to the close proximity of existing and the proposed new housing development.

Bus Shelter/Yellow ‘No Parking’ Lines – Mike Knowles, Highways officer at Swale Borough Council, is contacting utilities to ascertain services underneath the existing shelter and will report back to the Clerk.

The same Officer will also be putting forward the Parish Council’s request that yellow lines be located at the bottom of School Lane (Members requested Clerk to ask for lines to be on both sides of the road), in order to solve the current parking problems.

Insurance - Clerk will be meeting with a Claims Handler next week regarding the insurance claim for costs associated with employing an Accountant as a result of the fraud.

Core Strategy – Clerk reported that so far she has received replies from 10 Parish Council regarding a meeting to discuss the Strategy Options.

5. **Visitors/Public Time**

Parishioners – Nothing to report.

County Councillor and Borough Councillors – Cllr. Stokes reported that Swale’s Legal Department are about the issue the transfer papers in connection with the allotments. He also spoke up at the Planning meeting about the emissions from chimneys and increase in traffic relating to the proposed Kemsley Incinerator. He is continuing his visits to Knauf in connection with the ‘white dust’ and Countrystyle regarding the ‘odour’.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – Warden’s report was circulated and noted by Members. During the past month he has dealt with the removal of wooden pallets blocking the stream and fly-tipping in School Lane’s Bridleway, amongst other things.

PCSO did not attend.

6. Finance

Iwade Parent and Toddlers Group – A request for assistance with the hall hire charges has been received. Clerk asked to contact the Group to see if a member will attend the May Parish Council meeting. *Action: Clerk*

Prettiest Village Competition – Cllrs. Stokes volunteered to act as judge; article to appear in Iwade Observer in June, with judging taking place at the end of June. Gardening Vouchers a possible prize – Clerk to place on May Agenda.

Action: Cllrs. Hunt, Stokes and Clerk

Village Clean up Day – Cllr. Hurrell has booked the hall for the 11th June (9.00 to 12.00); groups will be arranged by Cllr. Hyde and Clerk agreed to cover refreshments. Members agreed expenditure of up to £30 for this event.

Action: Cllrs. Hyde and Hurrell

Finger Post Quote - to be brought back to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

K.A.L.C. Subscription - Agreed to renew the subscription for 2011/12 at a cost of £790.14p.

Clerk's Salary – Members agreed Clerk can progress to Spinal Column Point 24 with effect from 1st April, 2011.

2010/2011 Audit – Clerk advised that the Council's Internal Auditor will be carrying out his inspection of the accounts on Wednesday 20th April. The Audit Commission's paperwork has also been received.

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Date	Cheque	Details	Amount
13.04.11	1407	Steve Wakeling	£337.00p
13.04.11	1408	Inland Revenue	£134.73p
13.04.11	1409	David Webb (Lamplighters)	£157.50p
13.04.11	1410	L. Fisher	£130.94p
13.04.11	1411	Wages	£443.31p
13.04.11	1412	1 st Iwade Cubs & Beavers	£630.00p
13.04.11	1413	C.P.R.E.	£29.00p
13.04.11	1414	R.J. Green	£25.00p
13.04.11	1415	A. Rayfield	£25.00p
Nine cheques in total			

7. **Risk Assessments** – Clerk circulated a checklist relating to risk management and Members noted the highlighted items which mean most areas have been covered or met.

8. **Correspondence**

As requested by Members the Clerk has contacted Parish Councils within the Swale area regarding a meeting to discuss the proposed Core Strategy and to date 10 Councils have

responded positively. It was agreed to wait until after the Elections and then arrange a meeting date.

9. Planning

SW/11/0114 – single storey rear extension – 2 Greenshanks, Iwade - approved.

SW/11/0014 – Erection of electricity substation – land to the east of The Street, Iwade, ME9 8SJ – approved

SW/11/0269 – Car park for small allotment site/50 small storage sheds for use by plot holders – land rear of Elm Tree Avenue, Iwade – no objection.

SW/11/0376 – extend driveway – 10 Kingfisher Close, Iwade, ME9 8LY – no objection.

Feedback from Planning Meetings at Swale Borough Council and K.C.C. - SW/10/TEMP/0016 – Sustainable Energy Plant, Land to the East of Kemsley Paper Mill, Kemsley - Cllr. Exley attended the Swale Borough Council Planning Meeting and addressed the Committee. She raised concern at the emissions from the proposed plant, particularly when coupled with the other incinerators (possibly 4) in the very near vicinity. She also spoke regarding the increased traffic generated by this new proposal. Cllr. Ben Stokes spoke out at the meeting against the proposal, but Councillors Mike Whiting, Alan Willicombe and our M.P. Gordon Henderson did not comment on the proposal, nor did K.C.C. receive any response from them.

Cllr. Plumb attended the K.C.C. Planning meeting and spoke for five minutes, putting forward the Parish Council's objections to the proposal. At this meeting Cllrs. Willicombe and Whiting voted for the proposal; the only comments made were concerning a number of transport issues and the possibility of looking at rail as an alternative.

Both meetings were reported in the local newspapers, Meridian News and Cllr. Exley was asked to appear on B.B.C. Radio Kent.

At both meetings the proposals for the Sustainable Energy Plant were agreed.

11. Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Council Meeting, followed by the normal monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 11th May, 2011, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 25th May, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.