

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10th August, 2011

Present: Cllr. S. Plumb - Chairman
Cllr. J. Gregory - Vice-Chair
Cllr. J. Hunt
Cllr. J. White
Cllr. R. Phillips
Cllr. R. Jones

Clerk, Lynda Fisher
Community Warden
Borough Cllr. B. Stokes
County Cllr. M. Whiting
5 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed Members and Parishioners to the meeting. There were no apologies to report.

The Chairman read out a letter received from a resident in Sheerstone regarding the July meeting. In response to this letter Cllr. Plumb pointed out that a period of time is set aside in the Agenda for members of the public to raise questions and bring matters to the Council's attention. He clarified that this is the only time that residents are permitted to address the Council, unless invited, and that during the rest of the Agenda they are there in an observation role only.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs. Phillips and Gregory declared an interest in Newsletter item under the Finance section.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Proposed by Cllr. Phillips and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on the 13th July were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Gregory and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 13th July were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Gregory; the Minutes of the Core Strategy meeting held on the 25th July were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. White; the Minutes of the Finance meeting held on the 5th August were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on the 13th July were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript, but with a slight amendment to the item SW/11/0917 to read (*Circular 01/2006 – not 2001*).

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Core Strategy – the meeting held on the 25th July was attended by representatives from ten Parish Councils from within the Swale region and looked at the various points that Swale Borough Council are considering for development and housing up to 2031, and transportation and how it will aid the development. Brian Lloyd from CPRE attended and gave a presentation on many of the issues and how each option would impact on the communities of Swale.

A further meeting has been called for the 17th August, to look at what sort of action Parish Council and the community can take to influence. Cllr. Gregory commented that residents throughout Swale needed to be made more aware of the impact of the Core Strategy. Regarding Iwade, the use of the Newsletter, website and perhaps the distribution of a leaflet to each household would be a way of ensuring all residents within the Parish are fully aware of what is planned for this and other areas. Many people do not realise that the Core Strategy will have a major impact on infrastructure (roads, schools, transport, etc.) and the additional housing figure Swale Council is looking at is 13500 new homes, and that Iwade could be faced with extra housing on top of what has already been granted. It was generally agreed that there is a need to ‘get out here’ with a public awareness campaign covering the whole of Swale.

Bus Shelter – Cllr. Whiting confirmed funding for this has been agreed.

Boundary Commission Meeting – Cllrs Hunt and Plumb attending this meeting. The Boundary Commission are looking at the Wards with a view to making some changes. This particularly applies to Iwade and Lower Halstow Ward, which has the most electors in one area.

Swale Local Engagement and Regeneration Grants – Cllr. Gregory stated that basically there is funding available (£1250) for community projects that organisations such as the W.I., etc. can apply for. There is also a small pot of money (£1000) for regeneration schemes, which the Parish Council/public can apply for.

5. Visitors/Public Time

Parishioners – one Parishioner commented on the Core Strategy item which appeared on the village website. She stated that this needs to be communicated to all residents and followed up by a public meeting. She also felt that any distributed leaflet needs to be quite specific.

County Councillor and Borough Councillors – County Cllr. Whiting attended the meeting at Swale Borough Council relating to the Core Strategy, but was not entitled to speak. He stated that it looks as though the public consultation on effectively what the Council proposes will be in January. The figure of 13500 houses has been mentioned and he will support Iwade in fighting against extra housing within the village.

Officers are still looking at installing double yellow lines on one side and single on the other side of School Lane adjacent to the village centre. The Parish Council confirmed that it would like double yellow lines on both sides of the road.

Cllr. Stokes also commented on the Core Strategy and the Boundary Commission review of Wards.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – referred to the football problem in Stangate drive. He asked if the Parish Council is agreeable to the grass being left longer in the problem area, which will impede playing with a football. Councillors thought that local residents should take this decision. The Warden’s report was circulated and noted by Members.

6. Finance

Village Newsletter – Nicola McKenzie, Editor of the newsletter was invited to address the Council. She stated that originally printing of the newsletter was kindly undertaken by a villager at no cost; this then changed to being charged, but on a subsidised rate. However, the team has now been informed that this situation cannot carry on and they are faced with having to find funding for the full cost of printing. They do receive funding from advertising, but there is shortfall. The newsletter is well received throughout the village and the team are requesting that the Parish Council take the publication over (but they will continue to edit and distribute the magazine) as regards funding.

Members requested that the team provide full financial details of the running costs, income, etc, in order that this matter can be discussed at a meeting of the Finance Committee.

Action: Newsletter team/Finance Committee

Grass Cutting – Details of area cut have been received by the Clerk, together with costings for the Parish Council to undertake extra cuts, due to budget restrictions by KCC and Swale B.C. Members agreed to investigate further.

Action: Clerk

Hall Hire Payments – Clerk has been advised that the Hall Committee is looking to request users to set up Bank Mandates so that fees can be paid by Direct Debit. Members agreed that they did not wish to go down this route.

P.O. Box Renewal Fee – Agreed the renewal of the P.O. Box, at an annual fee of £200.

Insurance – Fidelity Guarantee – Following the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Members agreed to cover the full sum of both the Deposit and Current Account funds. Clerk to submit the required form and the Parish Council will then receive a quote from Aon.

Action: Clerk

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Date	Cheque	Details	Amount
10.08.11	1449	Iwade Women’s Institute	£700.00p
10.08.11	1450	Society of Local Council Clerks	£95.00p
10.08.11	1451	Kent County Council (KCS)	£104.82p
10.08.11	1452	H.M. Revenue & Customs	£83.80p
10.08.11	1453	L. Fisher	£335.80p
10.08.11	1454	L. Fisher	£37.54p
10.08.11	1455	Royal Mail Group Ltd	£200.00p
10.08.11	1456	PFL Electrical Ltd	£111.60p
10.08.11	1457	Mr. M. Taylor	£25.00p
10.08.11	1458	Steve Wakeling	£210.00p
Ten cheques in total			

7. **Parish Councillor Resignations**

Clerk reported that no response had been received to the advertisement of the vacancy on the Parish Council due to the resignation of Cllr. Menzies, and that regretfully on the 6th August Cllr. Hurrell resigned. Clerk will determine whether the spaces can be filled by co-option; failing this she will re-advertise both vacancies.

Members wished to place on record their sadness at the resignation of Cllr. Hurrell, who has been a hard working member of the Council and has always put the village first in her endeavours. Her dedication and professional input will be truly missed.

8. **Village Hall Updates**

Cllr. Hunt referred to the meeting with Swale Borough Council's Planners regarding the application for the new hall. The application has encountered a problem in as much as the Police are requesting money through a 106 agreement; there is a need for a flood risk assessment and a planning statement. These matters are being investigated.

Action: Parish Council/Hall Committee

9. **Correspondence**

Vision for Kent Consultation – Clerk to submit agreed response.

Action: Clerk

Bus Shelter at Swale Halt Station – Members agreed not to take up responsibility for the upkeep of a shelter at this site.

10. **Planning**

SW/11/0708 – Change of use of land for the siting of 3 mobile homes for a gypsy family, with associated utility blocks, parking for vehicles including touring caravans, services and boundary fence. Land adjacent to Plantation Lodge Farm (Summer Cottages), School Lane, Iwade, ME9 8QH – following the meeting of the Planning Committee on the 5th August, Members raised no objection to this application.

SW/11/09017 – Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 2 gypsy families with a total of 3 caravans and erection of amenity block – Land north of Plantation Lodge Farm, School Lane, Iwade, ME9 8QH – following the meeting of the Planning Committee on the 5th August (see Minutes), Members raised objections to this application.

SW/11/0818 – Proposed Garage, 19 Meadow Rise, Iwade, ME9 8SB - – following the meeting of the Planning Committee on the 5th August, Members raised no objection to this application

SW/11/0856 – Garage conversion to habitable accommodation, 6 Greenshanks, Iwade, ME9 8PY – following the meeting of the Planning Committee on the 5th August, Members raised no objection to this application

KCC/SW/0209/2011 – Use of Building 15B to install and operate a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) and a Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) Facility and to use the existing weighbridge, weighbridge office, site office and washroom/toilets to the south of Building 15A. – Unit 15B,

Ridham Dock Industrial Estate, Ridham Dock Road, Ridham, Iwade, ME9 8SR – Approved by Swale B.C.

SW/11/0850 – Single storey rear extension and new boundary wall section – 45 Cormorant Road, Iwade, ME9 8WP - following the meeting of the Planning Committee on the 5th August (see Minutes), Members raised objections to this application.

11. Next Meeting

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 14th September, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 09.50 p.m.