

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 8th December, 2009

Present: Cllr. D. Manning (Chairman) Clerk
Cllr. P. Wilks 1 Parishioners
Cllr. J. Gregory Cllr. Ben Stokes
Cllr. P. Robb PCSO Melanie Platt
Cllr. A. Hurrell
Cllr. J. White

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. White, County Councillor M. Whiting and Julia Warner the Village Warden

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None

3. **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

It was unanimously agreed Peter Baker be co-opted as a Councillor on Iwade Parish Council. Members welcomed him to the Council and asked him to take part in the rest of the meeting.

4. **Minutes of the previous Meetings**

Parish Council: Agreed by Members and signed by the Chairman as a true transcript.
Planning: Agreed by Members and signed by the Chairman as a true transcript.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The County has signed off the funding for the Parish Map.

6. **Visitors/Public Time**

Parishioners – no comments.

Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes – attended the local K.A.L.C. meeting where it was commented that funding for footpath lighting is under review and recommended that Planning Officers to take more notice of Parish Councils comments at the planning stage.

He asked the Parish Council for written support for the School Crossing Patrol Person (support was verbally agreed at the last meeting).

Action: Clerk

County Councillors/Community Warden – not present due to prior commitments.

PCSO Melanie Platt – raised the concern felt by many villagers at the number of break-ins in Iwade recently. She reported that the use of ‘smart water’ and U.V. is being looked at.

7. **Finance**

School Lane Playing Field – agreed to accept the quote from Landscape Services, but for gang mowing the recreation ground only – cost £169.61p. Clerk to write accordingly.

Action: Clerk

Strimming areas around the playing field and grass cutting at the Village Hall area will now be carried out by the Village Handyman.

Raffle Prize for Iwade Christmas Fair – Agreed to donate £50 for a raffle prize to raise funds for Iwade’s Village Hall and Church.

Fund for the Elderly and Disadvantaged – The Chairman would like to set up a committee to establish a lottery to raise funds for organising outings for the elderly and assisting the disadvantaged. This would need to be done through the Lottery Commission. Members agreed that this needs to be looked into further and brought back to the Parish Council.

Action Clerk/Chairman

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Chq.	Date	Details	Amount
1260	08.12.09	Wickstead Leisure – Tropicana parts – School. Lane Playing Field	£93.85p
1261	08.12.09	Peter Wilks – Printing	£17.69p
1262	08.12.09	Wages - November	£343.52p
1263	08.12.09	Inland Revenue – November Tax	£85.80p
1264	08.12.09	Stiddard Forbes Ltd - Accountants	£5.75p
1265	08.12.09	Kent County Council (KCS) – Half Yearly maintenance, School Lane Playing Field	£463.89p
1266	08.12.09	Steve Wakeling – Handyman Invoice, Nov 09	£125.49p
1267	08.12.09	Lynda Fisher – Postage, Ink Cartridges	£31.95p
1268	08.12.09	D. Manning – Donation for Xmas Fete raffle prize	£50.00p
Nine cheques in total			

8. **Sponsor a Roundabout**

Cllr. Robb has been researching into firms sponsoring roundabouts and asked if the Parish Council would be interested in trying to find sponsors to contribute towards the upkeep of the roundabout just outside the village, on the approach to the bridge that goes across the A249. If successful, this could mean that we will be seeing plants and shrubs on what is now an unwelcoming area. Members fully supported this initiative and asked Cllr. Robb to action this matter.

Action: Cllr. Robb

9. KALC Parish Council Representatives

Cllr. Gregory and Cllr. Robb agreed to be the Parish Council's KALC representatives.

Action: Cllrs. Gregory and Robb

10. Police Briefing For Parish Councils

Cllr. Robb attended. The meeting was very interesting and in future will be held either quarterly or half yearly.

11. Planning

SW/09/0755 – the provision of temporary haul road (3 years) whilst land to the west of Woodpecker Drive/Helen Thompson Close is developed – the site meeting was held on Monday 30th November. There are outstanding issues with Kent Highways and this application has been deferred once again.

SW/09/0756 – Erection of 98 dwellings – Land off Grovehurst Road, Iwade – the site meeting was held on Monday 30th November. There are outstanding issues with Natural England and this application has been deferred once again.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 12th January, 2010, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.