

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 9th February, 2010

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. D. Manning (Chairman)	Clerk
	Cllr. J. White (Vice-Chairman)	PCSO Melanie Platt
	Cllr. P. Wilks	Cllr. M. Whiting
	Cllr. J. Gregory	Cllr. A. Willicombe
	Cllr. A. Hurrell	Cllr. B. Stokes
	Cllr. J. White	16 Parishioners
	Cllr. P. Hyde	

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. P. Robb (her car had broken down) and Cllr. P. Hyde will be attending late. Clerk advised that she had received a letter of resignation from Cllr. P. Baker at 14.38 hours today.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. D. White declared an interest in Item 7 and will abstain from taking part
Cllr. P. Wilks declared an interest in Item 8 – Lawnmower – and will abstain from taking part.

3. **Minutes of the previous Meeting**

Agreed by Members and signed by the Chairman as a true transcript.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Risk Assessments – Clerk advised that she is still collating information and has to hand a quote from LCP to inspect the parish lighting. At the present time the Handyman carries out a weekly inspection of School Lane Playing Field and ROSPA the annual inspection. She will report back further at the next meeting.

5. **Visitors/Public Time**

Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes – reported that he has received a lot of support for the School Patrol Person. He is also pursuing the hand over of the Village Park.

County Councillors –Cllr. Whiting reported that the Parish Map is ‘on its way’ and a decision needs to be made on where to locate it.

Community Warden – No news of a new Warden at the present time.

PCSO Melanie Platt – not much to report at the moment except dog fouling. She is going to work out an approach to try and resolve this problem.

6. **Broadband**

A representative of the Broadband Committee outlined their work to date. As a result of their efforts nine proposals were received; this was narrowed down to two and the successful company, Openreach, was chosen following a vote by villagers. The Broadband Committee now need to seek approval from the Parish Council. The Chairman, Cllr. Manning, proposed that the Parish Council accept this proposal – agreed unanimously by Members.

The Chairman thanked the Broadband Committee for their commitment to finding a solution to Iwade's Broadband problem, and in particular Nicola McKenzie for all her hard work as Coordinator of the group.

7. **School Lane Playing Field**

Swale Borough Council's Jim Wilson, Major Projects Officer for Planning, and Graeme Tuff, Green Spaces Officer, addressed the meeting regarding the proposals for the maintenance and running of the playing field once the development adjacent to Coleshall Farm is completed.

Graeme Tuff stated that the Parish Council could either manage the whole site; just the playing field, with the Borough Council managing the pavilion, or the Borough Council could take over everything. If the Parish Council took on the site Members queried whether there would be any financial support from the developers to assist with costs (particularly the pavilion) during the first few years – Graeme Tuff to investigate.

Members thanked the officers for attending the meeting and agreed to investigate the proposal fully and inform them of the Parish Council's decision in due course. Clerk instructed to place this item on the Agenda for the March meeting.

Action: Clerk

8. **Finance**

Iwade Scouts, Cubs and Beavers/Mother and Toddlers Club – requests for assistance with Village Hall hire costs – no decision taken. Clerk instructed to write to both groups asking for a representative to attend the March meeting to support their applications.

Action: Clerk

W.I. – request for assistance with Village Hall hire costs. The representative from the W.I. put forward their application for a donation of £105 to assist with this expenditure. Expenditure agreed under S19 1976LG(MP)A: the Parish Council's power to support recreational activity.

Iwade Village Hall Hire Costs - noted the increase in the hourly charge for the hire of the hall from £6 to £7. The Village Hall Committee also asked if it is possible for the Parish Council to move its meetings to Wednesdays. This might be difficult for the Chairman, but he will investigate and report back.

Action: Chairman

Lawn Mower – Members agreed to sell the lawnmower, but first to obtain a valuation from Mr. Steve Wakeling who has experience with this type of machine.

Action: Clerk

Members' Expenses – deferred until the next meeting

Bank Mandates/Cheque Signing – The Chairman, Cllr. White and Clerk had a meeting with the Bank to sort out signatories and the Mandates. New forms were signed at this meeting.

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Date	Cheque	Details	Amount
09.02.10	1277	Peter Wilks – Ink and Paper	£122.45p
09.02.10	1278	Stiddard Forbes Accountants	£5.88p
09.02.10	1279	Inland Revenue – Jan. Tax	£81.60p
09.02.10	1280	Wages	£326.32p
09.02.10	1281	Steve Wakeling (Handyman)	£130.50p
Five cheques in total			

9. Mitigation Licence

Members have received copies of an exchange of e-mail between Cllr Wilks and Natural England regarding proposed development of the Old Orchard east of Woodpecker Drive which is defined as “Core Habitat” for great crested newts. Members agreed unanimously that Cllr Wilks instruct Peyto Law to engage with Natural England in the decision making process relating to the granting of a mitigation license by Natural England. Estimated cost £500.

10. Correspondence

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (Shlaa) – this has come about due to ongoing changes in the planning system – sections regarding Iwade noted.

Proposed Local List to Validate Planning Applications submitted to Swale Borough Council – Cllr. Wilks will read through the documentation and respond it necessary.

Action: Cllr Wilks

English Rural Housing Association Invitation – Members unable to attend.

BBC – The Chairman said he has been approached by the BBC to take part in a programme, which involves a visit to Germany to look at Biomass Power Plants. Advice had been sought from KALC, who thought it would be good for the Parish. There will be no expenses incurred by the Parish Council and any comments put forward will be his own personal views. Members agreed to the Chairman being involved in the making of the programme.

11. Planning

Countrystyle Heat & Power – Additional Information – Additional information received from KCC; agreed Cllr. Wilks to peruse and respond accordingly.

Action: Cllr Wilks

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 9th March, 2010, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.