

Iwade Parish Council

Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 8th January 2008 at 7.30pm

Present:

Chairman Peter Wilks	Mrs Sarah George, Parish Clerk
Vice Chairman Phil Fearn	County Councillor Roger Truelove
Cllr Derek White	PCSO Lyndsey Woods
Cllr Malcolm Hutchings	
Cllr Phil Hyde	
Cllr Brian Groves	
Cllr Sue McGoldrick	

Apologies

Cllr John White
Cllr Lisa Older
County Council Brenda Simpson
Borough Cllr Ben Stokes
Gerry Cox Community Warden

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 11th December 2007 were signed by the Chairman Peter Wilks. These were proposed by Cllr Peter Wilks and seconded by Cllr Brian Groves, all members were in agreement.

Matters arising from the minutes

3.1 Additional Letter Boxes in the Village

Clerk contacted KCC and no response to date

Parish Clerk to action

3.2 Traffic Gate Entrance by Medical Centre

Clerk chased KCC about replacement gate – no response to date

Parish Clerk to action

3.3 Land Registry Requests

Paperwork has been received and copies kept for information purposes only

Parish Clerk to action

3.4 Barn Refurbishment

Still ongoing, no further action to be taken at present moment

4 Planning

SW/07/1469 RDM Case 15762 The spine road, road realignment at junction 7, Barge Way, Sittingbourne

Parish Council objects to this planning application

SW/07/1463 RDM Case 14217 Detached bungalow at land adj to 50 Sheerstone, Iwade

Parish Council objects to this planning application due to over development of site.

SW/07/1451 AJS Case 23041 Two storey side extension at 31 The Street, Iwade

No objection

5. Business of the Council

5.1 Speed Watch in the Village

Clerk to arrange a meeting with PC Warren Jarvis. Cllr Sue McGoldrick has agreed to attend the meeting

Parish Clerk to action

5.2 Swale Borough Council Lighting Grant

Quote from letter dated 18.12.07, from Chief Accountant, Swale BC Financial Services.

Of the 36 parishes in Swale half have some footway lighting provision funded by Swale. Will you therefore bring it to the attention of your councillors that the funding of footway lighting may be withdrawn or reduced to a standard level based on an agreed formula. At the moment no firm decision has been made but I anticipate a recommendation coming forward as part of the Budget Report in February 2008 to be effective for the financial year 2009/10. However, there may be a proposal to cap lighting costs payments in 2008/09 to a maximum of the 2007/08 grant level This will mean that any actual cost incurred above this capped level has to be met by the parish council. I will obviously let you know as soon as a decision has been made to give you the maximum time to consider the implications for your council.

Since 1974 the IPC and a number of other PC's have received an annual grant to cover cost of lighting and repairs. However, our Current Parish Precept Letter states that because of financial difficulties caused by the Government the Swale BC intends to make the rural residents pay a discriminatory Council Tax for lighting.

It was agreed that Iwade Parish council would ask the Financial Services Committee to reconsider and reverse any decision they have made to 'withdraw or reduce' The Footway

[street] Lighting Grant given to the Parish Councils. Such an additional council tax on rural resident Parish Council felt would be a discriminatory tax.

6. Correspondence/ Notices

6.1 Complaint from Resident regarding noise of Children at play

The Parish Council noted the letter and Chairman to respond.

7. Finance

Sarah George	Clerk fee, phone/ fax, stationary	£720.00
Iwade Village Hall	Hire for WI	£120.00
Iwade Village Hall	Hall Hire for Beavers and Cubs	£456.00
Iwade Village Hall	Hall Hire for Mother and Toddler	£432.00
Iwade Village Hall	Hall Hire for Parish Council meetings for 2006/07 and 2007/08	£720.00
Graham Chambers	Handyman fees for December	£128.00
Peter Wilks	Chairman's Expenses	£20.00
Swale Borough Council		£44.00
CPRE	Donation for work/ support to the Parish Council	£200.00
Kent Wildlife Trust	Donation for work/ support to the Parish Council	£100.00
Office Technical Solutions	Photocopier printing costs and toner	£66.21

7.1 Precept for 2008/09

Parish Council received new Tax Base for 2008/09. New Tax Base of £1075.93 if Band D Tax remains at £26.00. It was agreed that the Precept would be £27,974 an increase of £1,988, and increase of 7.6%.

This was proposed by Cllr Phil Hyde and seconded by Cllr Sue McGoldrick. All Councilors were in agreement

Meeting Closed 8.50pm

Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th February 2008