

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 12th January, 2010

Present: Cllr. D. Manning (Chairman) Clerk
Cllr. D. White PCSO Melanie Platt
Cllr. J. Gregory Cllr. M. Whiting
Cllr. P. Robb
Cllr. P. Hyde
Cllr. J. White

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. P. Wilks, Cllr. P. Baker, Cllr. A. Hurrell and Borough Councillor B. Stokes

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None

3. **Minutes of the previous Meeting**

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

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Sponsor a roundabout – Cllr. Robb advised that she had a meeting with a representative from ‘Swale in Bloom’ and it looks as though this project is possible. Kemsley Mill has agreed in principle and she will endeavour to talk to Morrisons.

5. **Visitors/Public Time**

Parishioners – none in attendance.

Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes – Unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

County Councillors – nothing to report.

Community Warden – the Chairman advised Councillors that Julia Warner had resigned. Members were saddened by this news as she had been very proactive in the village. Clerk has written to K.C.C., commending her and asking for the Parish Council’s thanks to be passed on to Julia for all her hard work during her short stay with Iwade.

PCSO Melanie Platt – advised that the next meeting of PACT will be on the 10th February, at 7.00 p.m., in Iwade Village Hall.

6. Finance

Precept 2010/11 – It was proposed by Cllr. Manning and seconded by Cllr. Gregory that the Precept for 2010/11 remain as it was for 2009/10 – agreed by all Members. It was proposed by Cllr. D. White that £10,000 be transferred from the Current Account to the Deposit Account, to go towards replacing the missing money (fraud case) earmarked for the bus shelter – agreed by all Members.

School Lane Playing Field – Clerk ordering new chains for the older children’s swings.

Action: Clerk

Appointment of External Auditor – Audit Commission – no objection.

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Chq.	Date	Details	Amount
1269	12.01.10	Iwade Village Hall (9 months hire of the hall for meetings)	£189.00p
1270	12.01.10	Wages – December	£403.82p
1271	12.01.10	Stiddard Forbes Preparation of wages and tax for December	£5.88p
1272	12.01.10	Inland Revenue (December Tax)	£109.97p
1273	12.01.10	Crusader Packaging Ltd (Dog Waste Bags)	£32.20p
1274	12.01.10	Peyto Law (Solicitors)	£437.00p
1275	12.01.10	Amanda Hurrell (Flowers for Lynda McGowan for opening up the Church)	£7.98p
1276	12.01.10	Steve Wakeling (Handyman)	£72.00p
Eight cheques in total			

7. Broadband

The Broadband Committee has narrowed the list of companies down to two - VFast and Openreach; both offer a good solution to the Broadband problem within the village. The Committee have placed a link on the village website, for villagers to have the opportunity to vote on the company of their choice, based on what is offered by each. This information will then be placed before the Broadband Committee at its meeting on Monday 25th January, 2010, when a final decision will be made. The outcome will then be taken to the Parish Council meeting on the 9th February, for ratification.

8. Rising Crime in Iwade

Members again raised their concern about rising crime in the village. PSCO Platt mentioned smart water, which can be purchased from the Police but costs about £45 for a small bottle. She is talking to Neighbourhood Watch about carrying out a campaign in the area.

9. Highway Conditions

Following the appalling weather conditions this month and the non clearance of snow from our roads and footpaths it has become apparent that there is a need for more grit bins in the village.

K.C.C. has a new assessment procedure for allocating these bins (they are not taking any more requests for the current year, which ends on the 31st March). Clerk to investigate further.

Action: Clerk

10. Risk Assessments

Clerk to contact KALC regarding risk assessment training for the Handyman and LCP concerning inspections of parish lighting.

Action: Clerk

11. Consultation Draft: Community Infrastructure Provision Service Strategies in Kent 2009

Cllr. J. White to study document and report back to the next Council meeting.

Action: Cllr. J. White

12. Parish/Town Council – Consultation regarding Electoral Arrangements

The proposed change from ‘elections by thirds’ to ‘whole council elections’ was agreed in principle by Members.

13. Planning

SW/09/0755 – provision of temporary haul road (3 years) whilst land to the west of Woodpecker Drive/Helen Thompson Close is developed – this application was approved at Swale Borough Council’s Planning Meeting held on the 11th January. The request by the Parish Council for the haul road to become the permanent access to this site was refused.

SW/09/0756 – Erection of 98 dwellings – Land East of Woodpecker Drive and Helen Thompson Close Iwade – this application was approved at Swale Borough Council’s Planning Meeting held on the 11th January, with specific conditions relating to the Great Crested Newt habitat and the play trail.

SW/08/1127 – development land adjacent Coleshall Farm, Sheppey Way, Iwade – this application was approved at Swale Borough Council’s Planning Meeting held on the 11th January, 2010.

A letter has been received from Swale’s Major Projects Officer in connection with the Coleshall Farm development and maintenance of the recreation ground in School Lane. Clerk instructed to invite the Planning officer to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss this issue.

Action: Clerk

14. Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.