

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 9th June, 2009

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. D. Manning (Chairman)	Clerk
	Cllr. D. White (Vice Chairman)	Community Warden Julia Warner
	Cllr. P. Wilks	Community Warden Jerry Cox
	Cllr. P. Fearn	Parishioners - none
	Cllr. J. Gregory	
	Cllr. P. Hyde	

1. Apologies

Cllr J. White due to work commitments and Cllr. A. Hurrell due to a knee injury.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Fearn declared an interest in the Handyman vacancy and stated he would take no part in the discussion.

3. Minutes of the previous Meetings

- a) **Annual Parish Council Meeting** held on the 12th May – agreed with an amendment on page 2, paragraph 4 ‘could only supply one due to’.
- b) **Parish Meeting** held on the 15th May – agreed, with an amendment on page 1, paragraph five should read ‘commenced in 1998’
- c) **Planning Meeting** held on the 22nd May – agreed with the amendments on page 2, first paragraph ‘are what the developers are bringing forward now’; and third paragraph ‘Policy AAP9’.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) **Village Centre - Provision of Vehicular Barrier or Bollards across the Entrance to Public Footpath at Rear of Car Park** – Clerk has spoken to Wards Homes, who are in the process of arranging to have a contractor install the bollards.
- b) **R.O.S.P.A. Report on School Lane Playing Field** – due to a knee injury Cllr Hurrell was not present to report on this matter.

- c) **Bus Shelter, Grovehurst Road/Seat** – It looks as though the remedial work has been carried out, although the Clerk has not been notified of this by Wards. Wards have, agreed to the Parish Council’s request not to install the seat in the shelter, and will place it in a location of the Council’s choice, provided we supply a concrete base. Councillors asked the Clerk to contact Swale Borough Council to see if they are willing to have it installed in the children’s play area in the village centre park.

Clerk was also asked to approach Travel Link to see if they would be happy to stop at the Grovehurst Road Bus Shelter and for her to ask Highways to refresh the white lines on this corner.

Action: Clerk

- d) **Gate/Sign at Village Entrance** – Clerk has contacted a Highways Engineer who is willing to have the gate and sign reinstated. He has requested a photo of the gate so that he can replace like with like. Cllr. Hyde suggested he look at the gate at the entrance near Pond Farm, which is identical to the one taken away by Highways.

Action: Clerk

- e) **Dog Waste/Litter Bins** – Clerk has contacted the Dog Warden/Anne Ryman to ensure that the dog waste bin in the village centre is emptied. Anne Ryman has informed the Clerk that there are 8 litter bins within the village (Clerk has asked for a site plan showing their location) – Councillors would like to know the frequency of emptying these bins.

Action: Clerk

- f) **Southern Water** – Clerk has had discussions with the Environment Agency regarding the discharge of sewage into the stream. She contacted Southern Water for an update on the incident reported by Cllr. Fearn and was informed that there was no sign of pollution. Having insisted that there was a problem she was then put through to Ken Guest, a Field Investigation Technician who promised he would get back to her regarding a meeting with the Parish Council – to date this has not happened. During the course of her conversation with this gentleman the Clerk also mentioned the subsidence on the area of land on the corner of School Lane/Ferry Road. Councillors asked the Clerk to write seeking a meeting regarding the stream and the expressing concern over the lack of response and to invite the Environment Agency to this meeting.

Action: Clerk

5. Visitors/Public Time

Borough or County Councillor - neither attended the meeting.

PSCO Update – apologies has been received from PSCO Lyndsey Woods, who was not present. Lyndsey Woods has been informed by Anne Ryman that we no longer qualify for the graffiti buster in the village. Clerk to write to Anne Ryman to see if this is correct.

Action: Clerk

Community Warden – Julia Warner was welcomed by the Chairman to Iwade. She has been in the village since the 12th May and already has addressed such issues as fly tipping incidents, dog waste, rubbish bins and car vehicle tax issues. She has also made contact with playgroups

and mother and toddler groups, carried out holiday house watches and made reassurance calls to residents in the area. We look forward to working with her in the future.

Cllr. Fearn queried maintenance of the grassed 'footpaths' and questioned ownership. It was suggested that it would be appropriate for parishioners to contact the developers/highways to ascertain who maintains these areas.

6. Correspondence

The Chairman advised the Parish Council of a letter he had been handed from Brian Groves, who had tendered his resignation as Councillor. Cllr. Wilks commented that he was very sorry to see that he had resigned and added that Brian Groves has given long service to the Borough Council (he was a former Mayor) and the Parish Council. He was also a member of the Iwade Action Group. The Clerk was requested to write to Brian Groves thanking him for his service to the village and commenting how sorry the Councillors were to see him resign.

Action: Clerk

It was also noted that Roger Truelove was not re-elected as County Councillor for Iwade. Clerk was requested to write to him thanking him for all the work he has carried out for the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk

KCC Emergency Planning – Cllrs. Gregory, Hurrell and the Clerk to attend the training course on the 3rd October, 2009.

Action: Clerk

7. Village Lighting Update

Clerk to contact PFL requesting that they take over the lighting maintenance, on a Responsible Maintenance contract, for a period of one year.

Action: Clerk

8. Planning

SW/09/0424 RDM - First Floor Extension, 54 Wigeon Road, Iwade, Kent, ME9 8WQ – no objection.

APP/225/A/09/2103274/NWF – Appeal – variation of condition (8) of planning permission SW/02/0639 to extend opening hours by 30 minutes to 10.00 p.m., 1 School News, School Lane, Iwade, ME9 8UW – the Parish Council's previous comments will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate.

9. **Kent Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Adoption of revised Kent Minerals and Waste Development Scheme** – noted and Clerk to obtain copy.

Action: Clerk

10. Village Handyman

Following a discussion on the applications received, the Clerk was instructed to write to those shortlisted inviting them to attend for interview. The Chairman, Cllr. Hurrell and the Clerk will be present at the interviews.

Action: Clerk

11. Iwade Broadband Committee – request for loan to cover Survey Expenses pending receipt of K.C.C. Grant

Cllr. Gregory informed Members that at the last meeting of the Broadband Committee it was agreed to survey villagers to ascertain their views on broadband and requirements. The cost to print a survey, to be circulated to 13,000 homes, is £50, and she asked if the Parish Council would be willing to loan this money to the Committee, pending receipt of the grant. The Chairman proposed the motion and it was seconded by Cllr. Derek White – loan agreed.

12. Finance

Internal Auditor – agreed to pay the outstanding account to Stephen Parkins and Clerk to write expressing concern that he had not raised queries relating to the accounts.

Lamplighters – agreed to pay for the hire of the school hall on this occasion, but to request Reverend Webb to look at subscriptions.

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Chq.	Date	Payable to	Amount
1214	09.06.09	Society of Local Council Clerks	£94.00p
1215	09.06.09	Stiddard Forbes Ltd.	£11.50p
1216	09.06.09	Peter Wilks (Printing)	£4.20p
1217	09.06.09	Lynda Fisher (Wages May)	£323.08p
1218	09.06.09	Inland Revenue (May Tax)	£80.80p
1219	09.06.09	Swale Borough Council (Printing)	£18.00p
1220	09.06.09	Lynda Fisher (Stationery)	£10.00p
1221	09.06.09	C.P.R.E.	£212.50p
1222	09.06.09	Kent County Council (Lamplighters)	£380.00p
Nine cheques in total			

Cllr. Hyde requested that in future Finance be placed as an earlier item on the Agenda.

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council takes place on Tuesday 14th July, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 09.50 p.m.