

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2010

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Cllr. D. Manning (Chairman)	Clerk
	Cllr. J. White (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr. M. Whiting
	Cllr. P. Wilks	Temp. Community Warden
	Cllr. J. Gregory	4 Parishioners
	Cllr. A. Hurrell	
	Cllr. J. White	
	Cllr. P. Hyde	
	Cllr. P. Robb	

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. B. Stokes

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. P. Wilks declared an interest in Item 7 – 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**

Change of Meeting Day - to assist the Village Hall Committee with the hire of the hall it was agreed that the monthly meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesdays as from April.

Broadband – It was clarified that up to £75 subsidy towards installation costs will only be available to residents having fibre to the cabinet (FTTC) high speed broadband installed once BT Openreach has carried out the necessary work; this subsidy in the main to assist those on low income. There are restrictions – only £15,000 from K.C.C. will be available to fund the subsidies and this money must be spent within twelve months. Discussions around how the installation subsidy would be administered to be carried forward.

*Action: Members/Clerk*

Phase 8 – Playtrail – Members agreed to ask Swale Borough Council to use the contribution towards exercise equipment for adults, to be located near to the children’s play area in the village park.

Countrystyle Heat & Power – Cllr. Wilks informed that whilst responding to K.C.C. regarding the additional information in relation to this application, an officer from the Environment

Agency had queried the white dust pollution in the village. As a result of the conversation, and as the officer was interested in following up this problem, Cllr. Wilks has asked for an article to appear on [www.iwadevillage.co.uk](http://www.iwadevillage.co.uk) asking villagers to contact the website if they experience this nuisance.

## 5. Visitors/Public Time

A parishioner asked if the Parish Council was aware of the proposed horse fair at Raspberry Hill. The Chairman responded that this information had only filtered through within the last couple of days and that the Parish Council will contact Swale and Kent County Councils and the Police to determine the situation.

**County Councillors** –Cllr. Whiting reported that the costings are through for moving the zigzag lines outside the school.

## 6. Finance

Iwade Scouts, Cubs and Beavers – a representative did not attend the meeting. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council agree the donation of £624 in principle, to pay for the use of the hall for their meetings – expenditure agreed under S19 1976LG(MP)A: the Parish Council’s power to support recreational activity.

*Action: Clerk*

Mother and Toddlers Club –members of the Group who addressed the Parish Council and requested assistance with the cost of the hire of the village hall. The Chairman proposed and Cllr. Wilks seconded that a donation of £312 be granted - expenditure agreed under S19 1976LG(MP)A: the Parish Council’s power to support recreational activity

CiLK request for donation – Members were unable to agree to a request for a donation.

Lawn Mower – Clerk advised that she had received an offer of £250 for this equipment. Acceptance was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. D. White – agreed.

### Risk Assessments

Members agreed PFL test and inspection of each of the 25 parish lighting columns, at the quoted price of £15 per column. A certificate of testing will be issued at the end of the exercise.

*Action: Clerk*

Cheques raised at this meeting:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
09.03.10	1282	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.	£113.15p
09.03.10	1283	Iwade Womens Institute	£105.00p
09.03.10	1284	Inland Revenue – Feb. Tax	£81.40p
09.03.10	1285	Wages	£326.52p
09.03.10	1286	Steve Wakeling (Handyman)	£139.59p
09.03.10	1287	Stamps/Ink Cartridges/Phone Expenses	£154.75p
<b>Six cheques in total</b>			

7. **School Lane Playing Field**

Clerk instructed to write to Swale Borough Council with the proposal that the Parish Council manages the pavilion and playing field on behalf of the Borough Council.

*Action: Clerk*

8. **Standing Orders and Chairmanship**

Agreed the revised Standing Orders be circulated to all Councillors, for consideration and comments to be brought back to the next meeting

*Action: All Councillors*

9. **Correspondence**

- Letter from resident concerning previous Clerk read and noted.
- Letter regarding winter damage pothole repairs from K.C.C. noted.
- E-mail regarding the Parish Map noted – Members were also pleased to see that the Parish Map cabinet has now been installed on the piece of land on the corner of Woodpecker Drive.

10. **Planning**

SW/10/0164 RDM – Change of use of former grain store to B1 light industrial with associated parking -- Culnells Farm, School Lane, Iwade – no objection.

12. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.**