

**IWADE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**AND MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2010**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Cllr. D. Manning (Chairman)	Clerk, Lynda Fisher
	Cllr. P. Wilks	Temp. Community Warden
	Cllr. J. Gregory	Cllr. Alan Willicombe
	Cllr. J. White	Cllr. Ben Stokes
	Cllr. P. Robb	6 Parishioner

**Annual Meeting**

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. B. Stokes, County Councillors and Councillors D. White and A. Hurrell.

**2. Election of Chairman, and upon election signing of Acceptance of Office**

Nominated by Cllr. Wilks and seconded by Cllr. Gregory, Cllr. David Manning was elected as Chairman and duly signed the Acceptance of Office.

**3. Election of the Vice-Chairman and upon election signing of Acceptance of Office**

In her absence, Cllr. Manning proposed the election of Cllr. Hurrell as Vice-Chairman – agreed, but Acceptance of Office will need to be signed at next meeting.

**4. Election of Members of Committees**

As all Councillors were not in attendance, it was agreed to carry this item forward to the next monthly meeting.

**Monthly Meeting**

**5. Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs. Manning and Gregory declared an interest in item 13 - St. Regis Paper Company Limited and EON Energy from Waste U.K. Limited.

**6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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

7. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Broadband – Clerk to take this matter up with K.C.C., following the response received from KALC regarding the contract.

*Action: Clerk*

8. **Visitors/Public Time**

**Parishioners** – residents asked whether there will be a cricket pitch on School Lane Playing Field. The Chairman responded that it is hoped that this will become a facility, but not for a few years yet. He suggested putting a strip in-between the two football pitches for the summer months.

**County Councillors and Borough Councillor** – Borough Councillor Ben Stokes has visited Knauff regarding the dust problem. School Lane Patrol Person has been given the go ahead. He has also spoken to Swale Borough Council regarding the fly tipping in the parish.

Cllr. Willicombe reported that he has e-mailed Cllr. Wilks regarding the Biomass Burner and the residue ash; emissions from this facility will be checked by the Environment Agency. Highways are looking at the two roundabouts on the A249. He suggested that the Parish Council write to K.C.C. Highways to make our views known

**Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)** – Members noted the written report from the Community Warden.

**PCSO** – Apologies received.

9. **Finance**

**Insurance** – Members agreed to accept the quote for the renewal of the policy with AON, in the sum of £1235.63p. Clerk instructed to ensure the land owned by the Parish Council – the garden area to the side of the Village Hall – is covered by the insurance policy and to request R.O.S.P.A. to undertake a risk assessment on this piece of land; the cost for this ‘Out of Sequence’ report would be £198 + vat and £5 for the Risk assessment.

Whilst discussing the Village Hall, the Clerk was instructed to write to Land Registry to ensure that the deeds to the Hall record that the Parish Council is holding the land in trust for the charity, with the details of the charity included on the registration.

*Action: Clerk*

**Handyman** – Members agreed to increase the Handyman’s hourly rate to £10 and his hours by an additional 3 per month to carry out risk assessments and the necessary paperwork.

**Clerk’s Annual Increment** – Agreed Clerk to progress to SCP.23, with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010.

**Precept 2010/11** – The first instalment of the Precept and Lighting Grant, amounting to £16,050 has been received from Swale Borough Council.

Youth Group – Mr. and Mrs. Galvin are seeking to form a youth group in the village, for children/teens in the age range 11 to 16 and asked the Parish Council for assistance with the start-up costs and hire of the hall – the sum requested was £1197. Members agreed the donation of £1197 – payment to be made upon receipt of invoices – expenditure agreed under S19 1976LG(MP)A: the Parish Council’s power to support recreational activity.

Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) Subscription 2010/11 – proposed by Cllr. Gregory and seconded by Cllr. Wilks; the Parish Council continue with its membership of this body and pay the annual subscription fee for 2010/11 of £29.

Cheques raised at this meeting:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
12.05.10	1295	PFL Electrical Ltd	£440.63p
12.05.10	1296	Aon Limited (Insurance)	£1235.63p
12.05.10	1297	Stiddard Forbes	£99.88p
12.05.10	1298	Inland Revenue	£89.60p
12.05.10	1299	Wages	£359.11p
12.05.10	1300	Stiddard Forbes (Feb Payment)	£5.88p
12.05.10	1301	Kent County Council (Lamplighters)	£380.00p
12.05.10	1302	C.P.R.E.	£29.00p
12.05.10	1303	L. Fisher – postage, ink cartridge, car park fee	£37.31p
12.05.10	1304	N.A.L.C. – Localism in Action Course	£105.75p
12.05.10	1305	Steve Wakeling	£196.33p
<b>Eleven cheques in total</b>			

**10. School Lane Playing Field**

The Chairman referred to the meeting he and the Clerk attended with the Chief Executive and officers of Swale Borough Council. The Borough Council, as owners of the Pavilion and playing field, are open to the Parish Council managing these facilities on their behalf and are prepared to negotiate on a mutually agreeable way forward. The Parish Council has since received notification from Swale that K.C.C. (as part of the Section 106 Agreement) wish to use the Pavilion for 2 days and 1 evening during the week, at no cost to them.

The Chairman would like permission to attend another meeting with Swale Borough Council to continue this conversation and then report back to the Parish Council – agreed.

*Action: Chairman and Clerk*

**8. Standing Orders and Chairmanship**

The new Standing Orders and Chairmanship draft was discussed, revised where necessary, and agreed by Members. Clerk to now update details and circulate new document to all Councillors.

*Action: Clerk*

**9. Correspondence**

None

## 10. Planning

SW/09/894 – Bioflame Ltd., Biomass Power Plant, Ridham Dock, Iwade – KCC Planning Committee – Members noted that permission has been granted by K.C.C.

Proposed development of a sustainable energy plant to serve Kemsley Paper Mill - planning application reference SW/10/TEMP/0016: St. Regis Paper Company Limited and EON Energy from Waste U.K. Limited. – Members agreed to object on the following grounds:

- The applicant states that the source of the waste has yet to be determined.
- The proximity principle, the Best Practical Environmental Option (BEPO) has not been clearly demonstrated
- The mass burning of municipal waste does not meet the standards for recycling required by the Government's waste strategy 2006.
- The cumulative traffic effect of other recent planning permissions on J5 of the M2 and Grovehurst Rd junction with the A249.
- The cumulative effect of several incinerator emissions on Ridham Road and Barge Way on the local population and on the Swale SSSI Ramsar Site.
- There has been no survey to establish whether great crested newts are present on the site.

Further agreed that Cllr. Wilks, as Chairman of the Planning Committee, sends this letter out in his name.

*Action: Cllr. Wilks*

## 12. Next Meeting

Agreed meetings of the Parish Council will take place on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7.30 p.m., in the village Hall. The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

**The meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.**