

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13th October, 2010

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. D. Manning (Chairman)	Clerk, Lynda Fisher
	Cllr. P. Wilks	Temp. Community Warden
	Cllr. J. White	Co-opted Parish Council Planning member Mrs. J. Exley
	Cllr. J. Gregory	21 Parishioners
	Cllr. P. Hyde	Cllr. B. Stokes
	Cllr. S. Plumb	Ray Foster - Env. Agency
	Cllr. A. Menzies	Debbie McNamara - Env. Agency
	Cllr. J. Hunt	

Prior to the opening of the Parish Council Meeting the Chairman welcomed Ray Foster (Team Leader) and Debbie McNamara (Lead Team Member) from the Environment Agency. They are stationed at Cambray Depot, Stickfast Lane, Bobbing and are the team responsible for maintaining the stream that flows through the village.

The guests answered questions on cleaning the stream and banks; the bridge located near Coleshall Farm (which was erected by the developers) and expressed a desire to see trash screens located at Coleshall and Springvale, to prevent debris entering the culverts and causing a blockage. They also agreed to look at the change that has been made to the way the stream hits the wall before it enters the culvert under Ferry Road (School Lane side).

The Chairman thanked Ray and Debbie for attending and proceeded to open the Parish Council meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Parish Cllr. Hurrell, Cllr. A. Willicombe and PCSO Mel Platt.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs. D. Manning declared an interest in Item 12 – 2 Swaysdown Game Farm; Cllr. Gregory declared an interest in Item 9 – New Iwade Allotments.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Members approved the change to the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th August; agreed the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th September and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 5th October (with an amendment to show the Internal Auditor's surname as 'Buckett') - all three were then signed by the Chairman as true transcripts.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Disabled parking bay at the village centre – Clerk has had no response to her letter.

Cllr. Wilks moved that Item 9 be brought forward to Item 5 – agreed.

9. New Iwade Allotments

If ten residents make an application for allotments in an area Swale Borough Council has a duty to try to obtain land for this purpose; this criterion has been reached in Iwade. The Allotment Committee explained that Swale Borough Council has been trying to obtain land for allotments for quite a while and on several occasions offers have fallen through. A farmer came forward and offered land to the rear of Elm Tree Avenue approximately ten days prior to the letter going out to residents. The decision to take up this offer was made by the Borough Council. Cllr. Gregory asked for it to be placed on the Parish Council Agenda as soon as details became known.

Residents opposed to the siting of allotments to the rear of their properties expressed concern that they had received no notification prior to receipt of the letter dated 6th October and therefore had no opportunity to put forward their views. They were worried about the amount of traffic; possible blocking of driveways; vandalism/crime and financial implications to the properties.

It appears that most of the plots have now been allocated; 25% have been requested by residents in the two roads closest to the allotments; residents present at the meeting who had applied for a plot were more than happy to walk to the area and not use their cars.

The Allotment Committee are keen to work with residents to ensure this project is successful and problem free. It was suggested that residents had an input into the tenancy agreements and it was also put forward that an area within the allotments site will be used for car parking.

There being no further questions the Chairman closed the debate and returned to item 5 on the Agenda.

5. Visitors/Public Time

Parishioners – asked what is happening to School Lane Playing Field – response – at the present time, with the knowledge of the owner's Solicitors, this is still being used by villagers.

County Councillors and Borough Councillor – apologies received from County Councillors. Cllr. Ben Stokes referred to the foul smell within the village and stated that a meeting had been held with Countrystyle, the Environment Agency, Swale Borough Councillor and two contractors. Most of the smell comes from the processing of food waste. They hope to reduce the amount of food waste, which in turn will reduce the smell.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt) – report read out to Members; issues dealt with, included fly-tipping in Ferry Road and Bramblefield Lane; graffiti in Fans Lane.

PCSO – sent apologies – could not attend.

6. Finance

Audit – 2008/09 and 2009/10 Accounts – Clerk confirmed a letter has been received from the bank advising that it will be reimbursing the shortfall in the money sought from the previous Clerk as part of the Proceeds of Crime Act Hearing.

Bollards – Woodpecker Drive/Monins Road – Agreed to install bollards on the corner of Woodpecker Drive (the grassed area containing the village plan), to stop vehicles parking on this land. Installing bollards in Monins Road could create a problem an access problem if vehicles are poorly parked.

Trees - Clerk to contact Graham Tuff at Swale Borough Council asking for mature trees to be planted in the Village Park when replacing damaged ones. Furthermore to also point out that when contractors strim around the base of trees they are causing damage to the bark.

Action: Clerk

ROSPA Report – School Lane Playing Field – Due to the current situation with the lease, Clerk to obtain temporary laminated signs for various locations in this area, as suggested in the ROSPA Report.

Action: Clerk/Village Handyman

Victim Support – Request for Donation – Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure – proposed by Cllr. Wilks and seconded by Cllr. White, a donation of £100 to Victim Support.

Village Hall Car Park (Added by Addendum) – The cost for refurbishing the car park is £42,000. The Village Hall Committee is seeking a donation of £17,000 from the Parish Council to help meet this cost.

Agreed Clerk to obtain copies of quotations and associated paperwork from the Committee and the item to be placed on the November Agenda.

Action: Clerk

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Date	Cheque	Details	Amount
13.10.10	1344	C. Galvin	£252.24p
13.10.10	1345	P. Hyde	£35.42p
13.10.10	1346	Stiddard Maidstone Ltd	£23.50p
13.10.10	1347	K.R.A.G.	£200.00p
13.10.10	1348	Inland Revenue	£94.40p
13.10.10	1349	Wages	£378.01p
13.10.10	1350	Peyto Law	£82.25p
13.10.10	1351	L. Fisher	£80.55p
13.10.10	1352	Iwade C.P. School	£15.47p
13.10.10	1353	Steve Wakeling	£296.83p
Ten cheques in total			

7. **Broadband** – Agreed Iwade residents wishing to claim back the installation fee (for fibre optic broadband only), up to £75, including V.A.T., must write to the Parish Council and include the following documentation:

1. Council Tax bill for current year
2. Invoice and receipt showing installation charge and address of installation.
3. Stamped addressed envelope for return of documents.

8. **'Bad Smell' in Iwade** – see Cllr. Stokes' comments in 5. above. Clerk instructed to write to K.C.C. asking why this is allowed and why the 30,000 tonnes of hotel food waste is 'open composted' when it should be in a sealed container to alleviate this problem.

Action: Clerk

10. **Parking at School Lane Junction** – bungalows are finding their driveways blocked by cars – Clerk instructed to write to K.C.C. Highways about installing bollards to prevent this.

Action: Clerk

11. **Correspondence**

Street Names – Agreed to write recommending the following street names for Ward's Phase 8 development:- Fulmar, Bittern, Swallow, Redwing, Bewick.

Action: Clerk

K.C.C. Minerals & Core Waste Strategy – Deadline for consultation 19th November – Cllr. Plumb agreed to look at this and report back to next meeting

Action: Cllr. Plumb

Formal Consultation – Future of Older People's Provision in Kent – Agreed Cllr. Gregory to attend the Roadshow at Phoenix House, Sittingbourne.

Action: Cllr. Gregory

12. **Planning**

SW/10/1122EE - Replacement of existing mobile home with a two storey detached dwelling -2 Swaysdown Game Farm, School Lane, Iwade – Agreed to object on the grounds that it is outside the area designated for housing; in a Local Landscape Area and contrary to Planning Policy EC6.1

SW/10/TEMP/0023 – Biomass Power Plant Ridham Ltd., Biomass Combined Heat and Power Plant, Ridham Dock, Iwade – agreed to postpone this item until the next meeting.

13. **Next Meeting**

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 10th November, 2010, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.