

## IWADE LOCALISM LIVE PROJECT

### NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014

<u>Present:</u>	Swale Borough Council:	Borough Cllr. Mike Whiting, Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes John Reason (Parks), Peter Hinckesman (Enforcement) and Sophie Taylor
	Kent County Council:	Alan Blackburn (Highways)
	Iwade Parish Council:	Cllr. James Hunt, Les Mitchell, Cllr. Matt Gale and Lynda Fisher (Clerk)
	Persimmon:	Andrew Shankster, M.D.
	Resident:	Roger Clark

Councillor James Hunt, Iwade Parish Council, agreed to chair the meeting, he welcomed one and all and asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

#### **1. The Environment Agency and Stream/Medway Swale Estuary Partnership and Swale Borough Council not helping with the S.106 Money**

Cllr. Hunt commented that some money has now been made available so that this plan can now go to the Landscape Architects and go forward. There is a need to make sure there is support from Swale Borough Council.

Relating to the Village Park, the Parish Council has been pushing for an extra lifebuoy and repairs to the gateway entrances on health and safety grounds, but it would appear that the procurement procedures at Swale Borough Council are holding this up.

Appertaining to the School Lane development site, Borough Cllr. Stokes mentioned the stream and that silt screens had not been put in place. The Environment Agency is looking into this.

#### **2. Planning Enforcement – residents' complaints**

Cllr. Hunt opened by stating that the Parish Council had made several complaints to planning regarding issues within the village and felt they were not being listened to. Residents are complaining to the Parish Council, which in turn forward these details to the Borough Council; he referred to numerous e-mails going back over several months. Peter Hinckesman asked for all such e-mails to be sent to him as it would appear there has been a breakdown in communication between him and Development Control. Peter mentioned the 30 houses and the haul road; this is not as clear cut as written in the planning conditions. He also added that there are wheel washing facilities on site which are being used. He confirmed his officers are monitoring the School Lane site.

Reference was made to Ward's Haul Road; this should have been taken out by December 2012 or within 3 months thereof and the road surface in All Saints Close has not been completed. Peter Hinckesman commented that the haul road is being looked into and Alan Blackburn (KCC) commented that he would investigate All Saints Close. Borough Councillor Stokes suggested adding penalty clauses but Peter Hinckesman commented that this is not possible on a planning condition.

**Acton: Peter Hinckesman/Alan Blackburn**

At this point Andrew Shankster, the Managing Director of Persimmon, arrived and Cllr. Hunt updated him on the conversation so far regarding his company. He confirmed that he has a meeting with Swale's Planners this coming Wednesday and agreed to attend the Parish Council meeting on the same date to discuss the outcome.

Cllr. Gale referred to work commencing earlier than 7.30 a.m. and that the Parish Council had no contact details for the Site Office at School Lane. Andrew Shankster agreed to send details to the Clerk. Cllr. Gale also referred to the problem of Lorries at School dropping off/picking up times; Andrew agreed to look into this and the issue of work commencing earlier than permitted.

Cllr. Hunt asked Andrew Shankster about the football pitches and pavilion and reminded him that they had to be handed back by the time the 100th house was occupied and that they hadn't even submitted the reserved matters application yet. He agreed to look in to it.

### **3. Highways**

Alan Blackburn, had already promised to look into the non-completion of the road in All Saints Close and will ask one of his Engineers to look into the matter. He will also ask the appropriate Engineers to look at the drainage issue in Grovehurst Road and the query raised about a give way sign on the gateway entrance located in Grovehurst Road.; KCC won't adopt this until the work is finished.

The Parish Council has had problems with contractors appearing in the Village without any notification; Alan recommended checking on the Elgin website; this gives details of all planned work.

### **4. Any other Matters Arising - None.**

Cllr. Hunt thanked everyone for once again coming to what had been a productive meeting and it was agreed to organise a further meeting of the Iwade Localism Live Project group. He also thanked Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes doing the entire organisation.

The meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.