

IWADE LOCALISM LIVE PROJECT

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th JANUARY 2014

<u>Present:</u>	Swale Borough Council:	Borough Cllr. Mike Whiting, Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes Kerrie Houghting and Sophie Taylor
	Iwade Parish Council:	Cllr. James Hunt, Cllr. Andy Jennings, Cllr. Stephen Plumb, Cllr. Les Mitchell, Cllr. Matt Gale and Lynda Fisher (Clerk)
	KCC Community Warden: Iwade PCC	Nick Mayatt Graeme Horner and Pamela Horner

Borough Cllr. Mike Whiting, Swale's Cabinet Member for Localism, agreed to chair the meeting and asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

1. Section 106 Agreements

Cllr. Hunt opened by stating that the Parish Council had requested details of the S.106 money for Iwade; there is quite a lot that has not been spent and the Parish Council would like to see if this can be put towards other things in the village?

James Freeman referred to the Community Infrastructure Levy and stated that the S.106 money can only be spent on the items specified within the agreements; the ability to move away from items is quite limited. If a relationship is shown to the development then there is the possibility of an amendment to the S.106 allocated money, but this needs to go through the developers. He suggested a meeting between Swale officers and the Parish Council to discuss S.106 money and remaining the; he will ask the relevant Officer to arrange this with the Parish Clerk. **Action: James Freeman**

As regards sums in the agreements for the management of SUDS and balancing ponds, KCC has responsibility for this and James Freeman suggested meeting with KCC Officers to look at this.

2. Parking problems within the village and School

Parking issues have already been identified in the '10 Point Plan' and the school expansion proposal is very likely to have an impact on the current situation. On the positive side the new Road Crossing Patrol Person being at the school during pick up and drop off times has helped; on the negative side the proposed access at Sanderling Way/Dunlin Walk has caused concern amongst residents. Cllr. Hunt estimates an additional 250 cars will come from outside the village due to the school expansion.

Cllr. Whiting suggested inviting an Education Officer to the next Localism Live meeting; the Parish Clerk to invite Marisa White. He added that Kent County Council (KCC) use a pupil product number to calculate the pupil population/school spaces. **Action: Lynda Fisher**

Cllr. Hunt queried whether the funding for the Patrol Person was only for one year? Would the school then have to fund this service or KCC? The Parish Clerk to ask KCC's David Adams to clarify the situation. **Action: Lynda Fisher**

3. Speed limit and speeding problems within the village

There have been problems within the village and the Parish Council has been pushing for a 20 mph speed restriction throughout Iwade but as yet has not been able to make any progress with this. There is some 20 mph restrictions within the village but this has been self-enforcing.

Cllr. Plumb stated that there is no priority system near the pinch-points; lighting is very dull and at times it is impossible to see the build-outs at night. Borough Cllr. Stokes referred to the pinch point near the A249 as you come into Iwade. He has asked for the road markings to be re-painted but has been told this is not a priority. The Old Ferry Road is another problem area. He suggested holding a meeting with Alan Blackburn, the District Manager for Swale at KCC Highways and Transportation Department, to look at these and other issues. **Action: Lynda Fisher**

When the A249 is closed all traffic is diverted through Iwade, speeding often occurs on these occasions and speed humps have been suggested but not permitted. The village has a Speed Watch team, but sadly their members have depleted. This is being looked at again and perhaps joining with Bobbing, Borden and Kemsley.

4. The Old Barn

Graham Horner from the PCC stated that good progress is being made with this project and at present the Heads of Terms are being looked at. The Barn Committee is advising on what it would like to do with this building. The snag is that it still belongs to Ward Homes and Swale Borough Council will not take it over until certain remedial repairs have been carried out; it looks as though all the exterior boarding needs to be re-done (recommended by the Conservation Officer, Peter Bell) and some missing roof tiles replaced. Several attempts have been made to approach Wards, but there has been no movement as yet. Kerrie Houghting has sent the firm a letter regarding these repairs and enclosed a copy of the S.106 Agreement. As the matter is getting complicated Swale have asked for a meeting on site; Len Mayatt (Swale Borough Council) to push. Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes will also e-mail Wards, who are now asking for a schedule of works. It was agreed that the site meeting include the Parish Council and the PCC.

James Freeman mentioned that Swale Borough Council's Legal Department will be looking at this; he will check the relevant S.106 Agreement to see what it contains. It was also agreed that Kerrie Houghting and James Freeman will give advice on what is enforceable.

Action: Kerrie Houghting/James Freeman

5. Any other Matters Arising

Cllr. Plumb mentioned social housing and asked about the criteria for this on the new Persimmon development at the top of School Lane. James Freeman stated that the criterion is determined by Swale Borough Council; nothing is black and white. Amicus is expecting to have some homes in the new development; James Freeman commented that it is mentioned in the S.106 Agreement that a proportion is included in the site.

Cllr. James Hunt referred to Swale Borough Council's grant scheme to assist with new boiler installations; a resident is having problems with the contractor and has approached him. Details of the scheme appeared on Swale Borough Council's website, but are no longer on there. A complaint has been put through to Swale's Customer Services but nothing has been heard. Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes asked for the resident's contact details to be passed to him and he will look into the matter.

Borough Cllr. Mike Whiting thanked everyone for coming to what had been a productive meeting and it was agreed to organise a further meeting of the Iwade Localism Live Project group.

The meeting closed at 11.35 a.m.