

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**Present:** Cllr. J. Hunt – Chair  
Cllr. M. Gale – Vice Chair  
Cllr. S. Plumb  
Cllr. P. Hyde  
Cllr. D. Wastall

Cllr. J. White  
Cllr. R. Rook  
Lynda Fisher, Clerk  
County Cllr. Roger Truelove  
6 Members of the public

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from County Cllr. Burgess, Borough Cllr. Stokes and Nick Mayatt, Community Warden.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr. Plumb declared an interest in Item 6.4; Cllr. Hunt in Item 10.1.

#### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hunt, the Minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2015, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Rook, the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2015, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

#### **4. Visitors/Public Time**

1. **Visitors** – Residents raised concerns regarding the planning application for a thermal conversion and energy facility at the Kemsley Fields Business Park; they were worried about toxins and carcinogens released as a result of the process and asked were the cumulative impacts taken into account? This will increase lorries on an already busy highway and they could not understand why yet another ‘incinerator’ is being planned for the Ridham area.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Truelove commented on the application; the cumulative impact is taken into account and traffic is also a concern. He stated that KCC is setting its budget tomorrow; its having to save 90 million pounds on top of the 80 million last year; about 300 million over a period of time. Council Tax will go up by 1.99%, an increase of about £21 per Band D property. The Borough Council sets its budget next week and Council Tax will be frozen. The Borough Council has now adopted a Local Plan and Iwade it not earmarked for any further housing allocations. Once the Plan goes to the Inspector the Borough Council might have to find more housing in Swale.

3. **Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** - The Community Warden’s report had been circulated. He has dealt with fly tipping incidents; neighbour disputes, parking issues and other problems in the village over the past month.

The PCSO sent a written report; there have been some complaints regarding the manor of vehicles parking in Chetney View and School Lane; he will look into this. The crime summary for Iwade since 01/01/2015 until now: 18/01 – Burglary, Red Admiral Crescent; 08/02 – Assault, A249 – Sheppey way -a road rage incident in a layby.

#### **5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

1. **Twining** – Cllr. Hyde has drafted a letter and Elspeth Baecke will advise of the name of the Chiefs to whom this should be addressed; she will give these details to Cllr. Rook. **Action: Cllr. Rook**

2. **Persimmon Development** – Agreed to wait till the March meeting and then if no response received from Swale Borough Council to take it to Stage 2 of the Complaints Procedure. *Action: Clerk*
3. **Electric Shocks, Sheppey Way** – Cllr. Wastall has now met with the National Grid. They measured the electrical field strengths on Old Ferry Road but as these are below the guidelines they cannot do anything. Cllr. Wastall to circulate the report to Members. *Action: Cllr. Wastall*

## 6. Planning

1. **14/504557/REM** - Reserved Matters permission including details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 43 dwellings pursuant to outline application SW/08/1127 - Iwade South West Development Site School Lane Iwade Kent – Agreed to respond that the Parish Council's previous objections still stand; however we understand that revised drawings are to be/have been submitted yesterday, 12th February, and are pleased to see that the flats have now been removed and there are increases in parking provision as requested by Kent County Council.
2. **KCC/SW/0010/2015** – 4Evergreen Technologies is proposing to install an advanced thermal conversion and energy facility at the Kemsley Fields Business Park to produce energy and heat a project known as the Garden of England Energy Project. The project will involve: construction of new buildings to house the thermal conversion and energy generation plant and equipment; construction of associated offices; erection of external plant including storage tanks; and the erection of a discharge stack – Land off Barge Way, Kemsley Fields Business Park, Kemsley, ME10 2FE – Agreed to respond as follows:
  - The Parish Council objects on the grounds that there already four similar facilities in the Ridham area and there is real concern about the cumulative impact this is having on the important neighbouring Ramsar/SSSI site and nearby residents.
  - The main concerns are roads; on the Transport Statement there are 10 lorry movements per day; worst case scenario 20 per day; then add to this additional cars at one per hour. There will be a lorry every 15 minutes, plus a car every hour.
  - This will result in more traffic going on to the Grovehurst roundabout, which is already at capacity as stated in Swale's Local Plan. If this application goes ahead we would ask that a condition is included in the approval to limit the lorry movements to 10 per day, which is stated in the report.
  - Funding has not come forward for improving the Grovehurst roundabout; the Head of Planning and KCC Highway Officers are aware of concerns as they attended a meeting at Knauf, with the presence of our M.P., when these worries were put forward by the companies at Ridham and the surrounding area.
  - If approved we would ask that silencers be put on the safety valves to reduce noise.
  - The Parish Council and residents want to see monitoring of emissions and air quality in the area, due to there being the Biomass plant within a two mile radius and monitoring and also noise levels should be checked regularly. Both Iwade and Kemsley Field residents have real concerns regarding this.
3. **14/506868/FULL** - Single storey side kitchen extension - 38 The Street Iwade Kent ME9 8SJ – no objections.
4. **14/506167/OUT/MAEV** - Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 42 dwellings, with all matters reserved for future consideration - Floplast Ltd Howt Green Sheppey Way Bobbing Kent – Agreed to respond as follows:
  - The site is not in the emerging or current Local Plan.
  - It lies within an important gap between settlements and as such will reduce this gap.
  - It will open up the way for more development in this gap.

- It will have an impact on the roundabout at Grovehurst Road; this roundabout is already at full capacity.
  - The traffic survey was only carried out on the North side; it was not done on the South side.
  - The entrance/exit is on a blind corner.
  - Visitor cars will spill on to the blind corner on Sheppey Way, especially as visitor parking is located to the rear of the site.
  - The site is not in use at the moment (only for storage), so this application will increase traffic on the Sheppey Way.
  - There are no nearby services; the nearby footpath crossing the A249 to Kemsley is not lit at night so will not be used; there are no footpaths to Iwade or Bobbing; this will mean residents will use their cars to access facilities.
  - There should be 35% affordable housing, not 10% as shown.
  - There are too many houses on the site and insufficient parking for residents; quite often homeowners and their children have more than one car.
  - Referring to item 2.7 in the Design and Access Statement; this is not true, the Parish Councils present did not favour this proposal.
5. **14/504785/FULL** - Proposed replacement dwelling and garage - 2 Swaysdown Game Farm School Lane Iwade ME9 8QH – Members instructed the Clerk to write to Swale’s Head of Planning asking why this was approved when the Planning Inspector’s comments in the planning appeal decision dated 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014, stated that the allowance of 60% (this application was 113%) generally is allowed for extensions in rural areas set out in the Council’s guidance ‘Designing an Extension’ (SPG) and he goes on to further expand on this, were ignored?

## 7. Correspondence

1. **Consultation on future delivery of Library, Registration and Archive services in Kent –KALC - Lorry Parking** – Agreed to respond that these are vital community services; changing to trusts raises concerns that these services will eventually disappear. Clerk to place on village website for residents to respond. *Action: Clerk*
2. **Swale Automatic Number Plate Reader (ANPR) Camera Project** – Locations of Cameras noted; the Parish Council supports this project.

## 8. Finance

1. **The Barn – Donation** – Proposed by Cllr. Rook and seconded by Cllr. Hyde; agreed the donation of £1050.28p; £695.01p of this will be met by funds already held by the Parish Council which are grants in respect of The Barn received from Borough Councillor’s Localism Fund, the sum of £355.27p coming from Parish Council funds.
2. **Scooter Training** – Bring back to March meeting. *Action: Cllr. Gale/Clerk*
3. **Flowers Beds Quote** – One quote received, agreed to obtain two further quotes. *Action: Clerk*
4. **Iwade Herons request for financial assistance** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; agreed the donation of £1795 for the 2015/16 financial year.
5. **Iwade W.I. request for financial assistance** – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Gale; agreed the donation of £241.50p for the 2015/16 financial year.
6. **Mother & Toddler Group request for financial assistance** – Members thought that the requested sum was quite high in view of the bank balance, but have been informed that this is due to outstanding

hall hire fees and awaiting an invoice. It was proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Plumb, all agreed that the requested sum of £850 be donated for the 2015/16 financial year but if the balance is high again the following year then the Parish Council will require an explanation.

7. **Woodpecker Park Bus Shelter Quotes** – Two quotes received. Clerk to check whether planning permission is required and whether any services run below the shelter because of the necessity of footings for the brickwork and whether we can do this. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Trees** – Cllr. Hunt advised that via an organisation he can obtain 30 trees for the village, with the Parish Council only having to pay 20% of the cost. Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Wastall, agreed to take up this option at a cost of £12.12p. **Action: Cllr. Hunt**
9. **Annual Village Clean Up** – Looking at May time; Clerk to look into Morris Dancing. Agreed to look at dates and ideas and bring back to the March meeting. **Action: All Councillors/Clerk**
10. **Cheques raised and Accounts** – Members signed the following cheques and agreed the accounts to the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015:

| Date                         | Chq. | Details                |  | Amount    |
|------------------------------|------|------------------------|--|-----------|
| 11.02.15                     | 1746 | Clerk's Expenses       | Telephone; use of Home as office, - Jan 2014 | £12.83p   |
| 11.02.15                     | 1747 | H.M. Revenue & Customs | Tax due Jan 2014                             | £82.40p   |
| 11.02.15                     | 1748 | Steve Wakeling         | Handyman duties and materials Jan 2015       | £379.50p  |
| 11.02.15                     | 1749 | Iwade@theBarn          | Donation – re Insurance fee                  | £1050.28p |
| <b>Four cheques in total</b> |      |                        |  |           |

**Plus:**

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|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Clerk's Wages | January 2015                         | £558.08 | Paid by Standing Order |
| Eon:          | Energy Supply, Street Lighting - Jan | £49.05  | Paid by Direct Debit   |
| Countrystyle  | Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – Jan     | £26.04  | Paid by Direct Debit   |

**9. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)**

1. The Barn – Work done to the outside and all the paperwork is ready for the transfer. There has been some problems with UK Power Network, electrical work that should have been carried out by them has all been done by Wards contractors; it means that there could be a cost of £1000 involved to connect to the electrical supply. The Trust won't go ahead with the transfer until Swale Borough Council has sorted this out. The Trust would like to install glazed doors at the front of the building but will need listed building consent.
2. Neighbourhood Plan - difficult to know whether to go with a Neighbourhood Plan, but if the Local Plan is rejected by the Inspector we could be wide open to developers and it might help. Agreed Cllr. Hunt to set up a meeting with Ward Homes and the Clerk to contact James Freeman, Head of Planning at Swale to meet to discuss creating a Neighbourhood Plan. **Action: Cllr. Hunt/Clerk**

**10. Reports from Representatives (Village Hall and KALC)**

1. Hall – Agreed to consider putting forward Cllr. Plumb as a representative.

**11. Any Other Matters Arising**

1. Chairman to contact Wards regarding the new pond in the nature reserved.

**12. Next Meeting(s)**

The next Monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 10.35 p.m.**