

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 12 February 2020

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| <u>Present:</u> | Cllr. S. Cheeseman - Chair | Cllr. P. Hyde |
| | Cllr. A. Dollimore – Vice-Chair | Cllr. B. Smith |
| | Cllr. B. Whiting | Lynda Fisher, Clerk |
| | Cllr. S. Lancashire | Borough Cllr. C. Woodford |
| | Cllr. R. Langham | Community Warden, Adam McKinley |
| | Cllr. R. Clark | 2 Residents |

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllr. De Fede; no apologies from Cllr. Boniface and the PCSO.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr. Langham and Dollimore declared an interest in Item 10.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Langham, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8 January 2020 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

- 1. Visitors** – A resident advised that he had registered with Speed Watch, after reading the article in the Iwade Observer. He was advised that Cllr. Langham is the Co-ordinator for the Iwade Scheme. Another resident attended and again raised the issue of car drivers ignoring pedestrians when crossing into/out of the School vehicle entrance. The resident himself had been hit by a vehicle and this was reported to the Police. A small sign has been erected just inside the gate advising drivers to take care as regards pedestrians, but the sign is only on one side and not very visible - the Community Warden will speak to the School. The Community Warden has been chasing KCC to erect warning signs on the footpath but getting nowhere. Clerk to contact an Officer within KCC. **Action: Clerk**
- 2. County and Borough Councillors** – Cllr Woodford had the Dunlin Walk application withdrawn from Swale’s Planning Committee meeting.
- 3. Community Warden/PCSO** – the Community Warden reported - Free Bike marking in Iwade, looking to have one during the Easter holiday on the 2nd of April. Had a meeting with Optivo and boys to men (djproject) to see if it’s possible for a 6-week program in Iwade. Will update at next meeting and look at possible locations for it to take place. Been working late Tuesday and making a presence around Iwade shops and areas in Iwade. Working with PCSO on local issues and information sharing. Also meeting with youth engagement officer next week on progress. School vehicle entrance, have updated Iwade school on response from Kent highways but not had a reply nor no sign has gone up; will make more inquires.

The PCSO written report – Crimes of note: A young male was assaulted in the village by people known to him. A crime report has been filed. Report of people in a garden late at night. Patrol attended, but no access gained. Crime report submitted. Burglary of a unit in an industrial estate, and a Transit van was stolen. Police are investigating. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: A male was spotted with a bow and arrows in a field near Iwade. Male was spoken to and he has permission to practice in the farmer’s field. Further issues with parking around school times. Patrols

will be stepped up when possible to counteract these. After a report of a young person causing anti-social behaviour in the village, a home visit was conducted by the PCSO and strong words of advice were given. Updates of previous reported issues: More patrols have been in the Ridham Dock area, after reports of nuisance vehicles. The PCSO attended a meeting with the companies in that area to discuss ways to tackle the problem. In the last two weeks, there have been no reports of further issues.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Drains, School Lane** – KCC are still awaiting an update from the Officer dealing with this matter. Keep on Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
2. **New Councillor** – Barry Smith was welcome to the meeting, co-opted on to the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
3. **School Entrance** – See comments under 4.1 and 4.3 above. Clerk to contact KCC and look at possible signage. **Action: Clerk**
4. **20 mph Zone** – Remove from Agenda.
5. **Consultations – Minerals and Waste/Swale Heritage Strategy** – Following the January meeting, Clerk advised that Councillors put forward no comments as regards and Minerals and Waste; she did send a response regarding the Heritage Strategy as follows:

It is disappointing that neither Iwade nor Bobbing are included as Conservation areas. The only reference in the report to Iwade appears to be the Heavy Anti-Aircraft gun site.

It speaks about future discoveries of sites of archaeological interest but there is no mention of the Iwade Henge which has already been identified. See:

<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/sittingbourne/news/iwade-neolithic-henge-unearthed-22497/>
<https://www.ancient-origins.net/news-history-archaeology/6000-year-old-neolithic-henge-and-barrow-uncovered-kent-002003>
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2725043/Stonehenge-discovered-KENT-Sacred-path-leads-Neolithic-circular-ditch-discovered-Sittingbourne.html>

There does not appear to be any mention of All Saints Church which is a grade I listed building or Coleshall Farmhouse which is a grade II listed building. The Council also feels that the local creeks and Heritage walk routes should get greater emphasis.

Another bit of interesting history not mentioned - On the west bank at the far end of the Swale is Deadman's Island. Sailors who died from deadly diseases while in quarantine were buried here.

Chetney Hill - an isolation hospital (lazaret) for potential plague carriers from abroad was started here in the 18th century but not finished, the soft mud put paid to it! Foreign vessels were also held in nearby Stangate Creek under quarantine restrictions.

6. Planning

1. **19/506159/FULL:** Erection of carriage house outbuilding: 22 Teal Way Iwade Kent ME9 8QU – no comments.
2. **19/505215/FULL:** Land Off Sheppey Way Iwade Kent: Erection of 14 bungalows and chalet bungalows, which will provide age restricted general market accommodation for those over the age of 55, together with 21 communal car park spaces and amenity space – no comments.
3. **KCC/SW/0008/2020:** Construction and operation of an Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA) recycling facility: Plot 6B Ridham Dock Estate, Iwade, Kent ME9 8FQ – Agreed to respond as follows:

Parish Council Members expressed concern that, yet another facility of this type will be located at Ridham Dock. However, we note that most of the material for processing will be generated by

Kemsley SEP and Wheelabrator Kemsley North so the HGV movements will be via Swale Way and Barge Way and the export of processed material will be by barge. If the development doesn't go ahead the bottom ash generated by both plants will need to be transported via the A249/M2 adding to an already overloaded network. Members asked for further information relating to the following, as this is not contained within the Planning paperwork:

We assume that extracted metals from the ash will need to be transported for further processing so what are the expected traffic movements?

Our main concern is dust from both unprocessed and processed ash. In the past Iwade village has suffered badly from dust from the Ridham Dock area and you are aware that Ridham sits on the edge of the SSSI/Ramsar site with highly protected species; therefore -

- a) How will unprocessed ash be stored?
- b) Will there be dust suppression facilities on site?

According to the Bottom Ash Fact Sheet, processed ash needs to age and stabilise before use so will this aging take place on site?

4. **20/500119/FULL:** Conversion of attached garage into a habitable space and storage space: 25 Ringlet Grove Iwade Kent ME9 8XE – agreed to respond - There is a need to ensure there is sufficient parking (no caravans), at least two spaces for car use. The Parish Council has no other objections.
5. **20/500029/FULL:** Raising the roof height to provide first floor accommodation and erection of a two-storey front extension: 9 School Lane Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8RS – no comments.
6. **19/501332/FULL:** Erection of 70 dwellings accessed from Grovehurst Road; public open & amenity space; with associated landscaping & ecological enhancement works; drainage; utilities; and internal access roads, footpaths, cycleways & parking: Land at Pond Farm Grovehurst Road Iwade Kent - agreed to respond – The Council's objections/comments lodged with you on the 13 June 2019, still stand. Furthermore, Councillors have grave concerns over the lack of infrastructure, i.e. roads, Doctors, etc. Members also wished to add that no construction should take place until work has commenced on the Grovehurst Interchange, Key Street Roundabout and hopefully Junction 5 of the M2. Furthermore, it is noted that although the plans state that the flats will be 2.5 stories the elevations definitely show 3 stories and as they are to be built in blocks of 2 they will dominate the skyline as you enter the village. Elsewhere in the village flats are 2.5 stories high so that they do not impose on the skyline and merge more with surrounding properties. Can this important point be borne in mind when considering the amended plans?

7. Correspondence

1. **Swale Borough Council corporate plan 2020-2023** – Noted.
2. **Foxchurch Development, Bobbing** – Agreed to work with Newington and Bobbing Parish Councils should this development arise in the future.

8. Finance

1. **Bank Mandate** – Clerk, Cllrs. Whiting and Lancashire have taken the Mandate forms into the Bank, Cllr. Cheeseman still to do so. **Action: Cllr. Cheeseman/Clerk**
2. **Websites** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire; agreed to go with Hugo Fox; package Gold – Starter cost £399, then £29.99 per month. Hugo Fox offer a 20% discount if Bobbing and Iwade's new websites are created together. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Financial Regulations** – Copy of latest adopted Regulations circulated to each Member.
4. **Snow Machine** – Looking at a possible cost of £1036 plus VAT. Proposed by Cllr. Cheeseman and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore, agreed Cllr. Dollimore to obtain firm costs and bring back to the March meeting. **Action: Cllr. Dollimore**

5. **Community Warden Request for financial Assistance** – If the Village Hall charges to hire the site for this free bike marking event, then the Parish Council will assist with the cost. Cllr. Dollimore suggested utilizing the garage site as a free of cost alternative. **Action: Cllr. Dollimore/Clerk**
6. **Grounds Maintenance – Grass/Shrubs** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Whiting; agreed to take on this work, utilizing Swale Borough Council/Blenwood. The cost for this for 2020/21 will be £6903.63 (excluding VAT) and the grant from KCC will be approximately £2818.55p. **Action: Clerk**
7. **Request for Donation – Timu Academy Trust** – Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore; agreed £500 donation (out of the 2020/21 budget) to assist with the cost of bringing a full-size space rocket to the School, to tie in with the curriculum. **Action: Clerk**
8. **The Great British Clean Up/Village Clean-up Day** – Agreed, to see if the Environment Agency will assist with cleaning Woodpecker Park Pond and installing a new Duck House; hopefully on the 5 April and to hold the annual Village Clean Up event on 6 September. **Action: Clerk**
9. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Whiting agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 31 January 2020:

| Date | Chq. | Details | | Amount |
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| 12.02.20 | 2167 | Clerk's Expenses | Tele, Office Use, Mileage, AVG Subscription (50%) – January | £54.52p |
| 12.02.20 | 2168 | H.M. Revenue & Customs | Tax due for January | £302.77p |
| 12.02.20 | 2169 | Steve Wakeling | Handyman duties and Materials January | £338.00p |
| 12.02.20 | 2170 | McCabe Ford Williams | Quarterly Payroll Preparation | £40.68p |
| 12.02.20 | 2171 | Swale Borough Council | Election Costs re May 2019 | £198.05p |
| 12.02.20 | 2172 | David Buckett | Internal Audit Fee 2028/19 | £304.95p |
| 12.02.20 | 2173 | Kent Association of Local Councils | Website Accessibility Workshop – Cllr Langham & Clerk (50% of her cost to be recouped from Bobbing Parish Council) | £144.00p |
| Seven cheques in total | | | | |

Other outgoings:

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| Staff Wages: January | £1219.54p | Paid by Standing Order |
| Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting | £74.78p | Paid by Direct Debit |
| Countrystyle: Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin | £34.27p | Paid by Direct Debit |
| Invicta IT Solutions: 12 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes: | £54.72p | Paid by Standing Order |

9. Projects/Project Updates

1. Festive Lights – Clerk and Cllr. Dollimore to meet with a representative from Gala Lights on the 10 February, to discuss this year's project. **Action: Cllr. Dollimore/ Clerk**
2. New Projects 2020/21 – To look at planting Hornbean Trees along the footpath that leads up to the Cairn. **Action: Clerk**

To look at installing a Village Sign on the Gateway entrance, Sheppey Way (Sandling Road end) – Clerk speaking to KCC regarding this. **Action: Clerk**

10. New Village Hall

A new Village Hall forms part of the Grovehurst Development (contained within Swale Borough Council's current Local Plan). The Hall Committee and the Parish Council have been invited to and have been looking at plans for the new building and had input in its design and requirements for the village. Members agreed to sign the Heads of Terms and that Whitehead Monckton (Solicitors) will be engaged to act on the Parish Council's behalf. **Action: Clerk**

11. Reports from Representatives

1. Hall – Charity quiz night on the 29 February; Fashion Show on the 7 March.
2. KALC – nothing to report

12. Any Other Matters Arising

1. Cllrs. Langham and Clark attended the Community Safety meeting last month, where there was a presentation by Kent Police. Swale has one of the lowest knife crimes in Kent. The Community Safety Partnership is concentrating on domestic abuse crime, ASB, and working with the Police, Borough Council, County Council, Probation Officers and Housing Associations. CCTV is going to be reduced in some areas as it has to be in areas of ‘evidence of need’.
2. Village Hall Car Park repairs, place on March Agenda.

13. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 11 March 2020, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.