

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10th July, 2013

Present: Cllr. J. Hunt - Chair
Cllr. P. Hyde
Cllr. D. Wastall
Cllr. R. Rook
Cllr. L. Mitchell
Cllr. J. White

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
County Cllr. L. Burgess
Borough Cllr. B. Stokes
PCSO, Matthew Link and Colleague
5 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed Parishioners to the meeting. Apologies were received from Parish Cllrs. Jennings and Plumb, County Cllr. Truelove and the Community Warden, Nick Mayatt.

2. Declarations of Interest – None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 12th June, 2013, were proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Mitchell; agreed by all and signed as a true transcript.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Secondary School Transport – Bullying Issues** – Report from Cllr. Gale and response from Westlands School noted.
2. **School Lane Playing Field and Search for new Temporary Field** – Clerk has written to Oliver Doubleday, Ted Ledger and Wards Homes and has received no response to her request for the temporary use of land for a football pitch. The Chairman has approached the owners of Pond Farm and again has had no response.

The Chairman has a meeting with the Executive Headteacher of Iwade School to investigate the possibility of using the school field; the football pitch at the Speedway site was also mentioned. Clerk requested to put this matter on the August Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

3. **Youth Council** – Cllrs Wastall has been to the Village Park and met with Miranda from the CATs Project; she also mentioned the loss of the playing field. He spoke to youngsters present who appeared to be interested in the Youth Council, but none have turned up this evening.
4. **Neighbourhood Watch – Neighbourhood Watch** – The PCSO, Matthew Link, who was present at the meeting, commented that John Haddaway from Medway will be dealing with this. Clerk to e-mail Cllr. Jennings contact details to Matthew so that they can discuss this matter. **Action: Clerk**
5. **Neighbourhood Plans** – Cllr. Mitchell and other representatives from the Parish Council met with James Freeman, at Swale Borough Council last Wednesday and spoke about this and future applications for development for Iwade. At the end of an hour it seemed sensible to put this on hold for the time being because it will have no effect on any development within the next couple of years;

however it would seem practicable to cover Ridham Dock in any Neighbourhood Plan. One good thing that came out of the meeting is that the Planning Department will work closely with the Parish Council.

6. **Village Logo** – Members decided to hold a competition to design a village logo; perhaps splitting it into age groups 4-7; 8-11; 12-18, with a prize for each group and then to choose an overall winner. Cllr. Hunt agreed to ascertain the appropriate format for creating the logo and will discuss the competition with the Executive Headteacher of Iwade School. **Action: Cllr. Hunt**
7. **Iwade School Academy Status** – Members received a response to their original letter sent to the Governing Body; have replied and are awaiting any feedback.
8. **Iwade Health Centre** – Clerk advised that she had received a positive letter from Malling Health, welcoming an initial meeting. She tried to contact Mr Finnegan, the Regional Manager, to make arrangements but he did not get back to her. She then telephoned the group and was informed that they would get back to her with some dates but this did not occur. As a final resort she e-mailed the group concerning the meeting but to date has had no response.

The Chairman commented that he attended the recent meeting of the PPG at the Medical Centre, when details of the way forward were outlined by Malling Health. Cllr. Rook and the Clerk agreed to sit on the PPG, taking alternate turns to attend the meetings. **Action: Cllr. Rook/Clerk**

9. **Medway Swale Estuary Partnership and Iwade Nature Reserve** – The Chairman had a meeting with a representative from the Partnership, who are drawing up details of the Reserve for a planning application. The Partnership is keen to work with the Parish Council to discuss details and requirements.

Other news; the Beetle Survey was not very good this week. Keystone is supposed to be doing surveys on the Newts; this is being looked at. Pippa Palmer has submitted her application for the Community Orchard. Clerk requested to check with Graeme Tuff, Swale Borough Council to see if there is any update on the pathway at the end of Woodpecker Drive being opened up. **Action: Clerk**

10. **Village Clean up Day** – Agreed the event to take place on Sunday 22nd September, 2013, commencing at 10.00 a.m., finishing at 2.00 p.m., with a BBQ at 12.00 for all the helpers. Members agreed they would like to make this a community event; perhaps if ready opening the Pond Dipping Station, competitions for the children? It will need to be advertised in the Iwade Observer and on the website. Clerk to check on budgetary matters with KALC. **Action: Clerk**

3. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Parishioners** – Suggested planting wild flowers around the pond and stream; the grass is longer on the sides of the stream because of the Water Voles. Chairman agreed to check with Graeme Tuff, Swale Borough Council and the PTS regarding cutting the grass in the park, in an area that could be used for playing football. **Action: Cllr. Hunt**
2. **County Councillor and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Burgess very generously offered the Parish Council £4000 from his grant funds, to be used for purchasing two new replacement lamp columns, as part of the Parish Council's lighting programme.

He mentioned planting Poppies, which many areas are doing as part of the forthcoming World War I commemorations and commented that the seeds have more of a chance of taking if the ground is disturbed before they are planted.

Borough Councillor Ben Stokes commented that he is waiting for a reply from Wards concerning the Barn, and will chase if he has not heard by this coming Friday.

3. **Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** - Nick's report has been circulated to Members and contents noted.

Matthew, the PCSO, understood that there had been some issues with youths in the village. He commented that if villagers are facing problems they need to telephone Kent Police on 101 so that an Officer can attend; he clarified that 999 should be used only for emergencies.

6. Finance

1. **WWI Commemorative Trees, 2014-2018** – Agreed to look at a possible site for commemorative trees to the side of the Church, adjacent to the new Graveyard. It was also suggested that Poppies be planted around the base of the trees. Cllr. Mitchell to ascertain names of people within the village who served in World War I. **Action: Cllr. Mitchell**
2. **Cheques signed at this meeting** - Members agreed that the following cheques be signed and the accounts to the 30th June, 2013 be accepted.

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
10.07.13	1632	L. Fisher – Expenses	Telephone/Broadband/Use of Home as office; Refreshments Parish Meeting; Stationery	£29.53p
10.07.13	1633	McCabe Ford Williams	Wage Preparation Quarter ended 30.06.13	£39.00p
10.07.13	1634	Steve Wakeling	Handyman duties June 2013 and Materials	£214.50p
10.07.13	1635	Iwade Village Hall	Hall Hire April 2012 to June 2013	£315.00p
10.07.13	1636	Royal Mail group Ltd	P.O. Box & Delivery - Annual Fee from July 2013	£303.60p
Five cheques in total				

The following payments were made by Direct Debit: Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting - £56.70p; L. Fisher, June Wages - £581.62p

7. Correspondence

1. **Consultation on the Council's (Swale) Draft Local First Policy** – Clerk to ask Cllr. Plumb if he will look at this document and report back to the August meeting. **Action: Cllr. Plumb**
2. **Invite to briefing on the Swale Borough Local Plan Part 1: Revised Consultation Draft, July 2013** – Cllrs. Hunt, Rook and Plumb to attend. **Action: Cllrs. Hunt/Rook/Plumb**

8. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

1. **10 Point Plan** – Agreed to defer until the August meeting when more Councillors will be present to discuss the report.

Members agreed there is the need for another Localism meeting and Clerk requested to contact Cllr. Stokes to see if he is happy to take on arranging something for September. **Action: Clerk**

2. **The Barn** – No details of further progress; to be placed on August Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

9. Village Hall

A meeting has been arranged for the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee representatives to get together with Persimmon and Swale Borough Council Planners on the 17th July to discuss any other options and how to now take this project forward.

10. Planning

1. **SW/13/0733: Replacement of existing open wire line with aerial bundled conductor – Avocet Cottage, Chetney Lane to Willow Bank Industrial Estate, Old Ferry Road, Iwade, ME9 8SN –** No objection.
2. **Appeal – APP/V2255/D/13/2199189 – Change of integral garage to hobby room replace garage door with brickwork to height of existing and window unit to match existing: 6 Pintail Drive, Iwade, ME9 8QW –** noted; Members to look at reasons for refusal.

11. Other Matters Arising

Residents have been complaining that at the bell mouth end of All Saints Close the tarmac surface has not been finished; Members wondered if there has been some problems in this area because the drains have sand banked up around them. Clerk to chase Wards Homes to get this work completed. ***Action: Clerk***

12. Next Meeting

The next Meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th August, 2013, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.