

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13th May, 2015

Present:

Cllr. J. Hunt – Chair	Cllr. D. Wastall
Cllr. M. Gale – Vice Chair	Cllr. S. Cheeseman
Cllr. S. Plumb	Cllr. L. Mitchell
Cllr. J. White	Cllr. C. Jakins
Cllr. D. Gale	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Cllr. P. Hyde	4 Members of the public
Cllr. R. Clark	

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes and Kelly Upson, from Swale Borough Council, who was going to give a talk on refuse collection; she is hoping to attend the June meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

No declarations. Clerk agreed to new Dispensations for the following

The Barn: Cllrs. James Hunt and Les Mitchell.

The School: Cllrs. James Hunt, Matt Gale and Stephen Plumb.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Plumb, the Minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 22nd April, 2015, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – No comments.

2. **County and Borough Councillors – Borough Cllr.** None present.

3. **Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** - The Community Warden's report had been circulated. Nick has dealt with graffiti; fly-tipping incidents, vandalism of the Woodpecker bus shelter, youth nuisance, etc.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Twinning** – No update; keep on the Agenda.

Action: Clerk

2. **Parish lighting possible adoption by KCC** – Clerk still awaiting a response from KCC.

6. Planning

1. **15/502753/FULL** - Erection of an additional building, referred to as Terminal 3, for the storage and distribution of imported cement – Brett Ridham Docks, Kemsley Fields Business Park, Ridham Dock Road Iwade Kent – No objections.

2. **15/502742/FULL** - Erection and use of 3 cement storage silos for the storage and distribution of imported cement - Brett Ridham Docks, Kemsley Fields Business Park, Ridham Dock Road Iwade – No objections.

3. **15/502570/FULL** - Change of use of land to a single gypsy pitch and associated development -Land Far East Of Plantation Lodge School Lane Iwade ME9 8QH – Cllrs. Hunt and Clark did not vote nor take part in this discussion, remaining Members objected on the following grounds:
 - Unacceptable high density and over-development of the area.
 - Effect on the character of the surrounding area.
 - Scale dominating the nearest settled community.
 - No backing of the Gypsy Council or reference from them.
 - Iwade Parish Council has supported the Traveller community wholeheartedly over the years but we now feel that this is now an over-development of sites in one area. We already have 11 pitches from the Junction of Basser Hill to the corner of School Lane, Near Culnells Farm and further pitches at Raspberry Hill and near Orchard Farm. The Parish Council feels it has more than contributed to the need for sites in Swale. Relating to School Lane, in the Parish Council's letter to Swale Borough Planners dated 5th August 2011 we wrote: "the Parish Council does wish to place on record its deep concern that with a second application following this one (SW/11/0917), it will not open the floodgate to similar development and that the area of high landscape value and the strategic gap will be protected and not eaten away. We requested written confirmation of this from the Borough Council." Written confirmation was never received.
4. **15/503154/LBC** - Listed building consent: Demolition of side extension; Erection of new single storey extension to side, including internal and external alterations - Coleshall Farm Ferry Road Iwade Kent ME9 8QY – No objection.
5. **15/502844/FULL** - Erection of a rear conservatory - 2 Redwing Avenue Iwade Kent ME9 8FT – No objection.
6. **15/502681/OUT** - Outline application for residential development (approx 55 dwellings) with associated access & parking, creation of footpath link to the Saxon Shore Way and formation of a reptile and invertebrate reserve - Funton Brickworks Sheerness Road Lower Halstow ME9 7EG – Members had no objections to this application.
7. **KCC/SW/0118/2015** – A 2 year temporary application to cover the placement of 2 single story port cabins, installation of 2 bunded fuel tanks and the regularisation of a 2 story port cabin. These are to be located within the lorry park adjacent to the MRF building and provide support to the existing waste operations on site – Countrystyle Recycling Ltd., Ridham Dock Road, Iwade, ME9 8SR – Council to query why a two year temporary application and what happens at the end of the two years?
Action: Clerk
8. **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, ME10 2FE – Members do not wish to add anything further and agreed that their previous comments/objections still stand.

7. Correspondence

1. **My Community Rights Programmes 2015-16** – Noted.
2. **Coastal Access - Whitstable to Iwade** – Clerk to set up a separate informal meeting between Natural England and Councillors.
Action: Clerk
3. **Notice of Submission of Bearing Fruits 2031: The Swale Borough Council Local Plan – Part 1 to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government** – Noted.

4. **Pilot Local Warden Support Officer Scheme** – Members agreed to respond that the principle is good but more information is needed. If the Parish Council is to pay out £400 what guarantee is there that the volunteer doesn't disappear; the Parish Council needs an idea of future costs as this will be coming out of public funds. **Action: Clerk**

8. **Finance**

1. **Scooter Training** – To place on the June Agenda. **Action: Cllr. Gale/Clerk**
2. **Woodpecker Park Bus Shelter Quotes** – Now have details of location of underground services and concerned about the gas supply pipe; place back on the June Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Annual Village Clean Up** – Agreed areas to be cleaned; Road signs to be washed, reinstall missing posts; creosote new planters, wooden bollards and fencing. Clerk to draw up the necessary forms (including Health and safety instructions). Handyman to assist. **Action: All Cllrs/Clerk**
4. **Village Garden Competition** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Clark; agreed the sum of £80 for shields. Suggested the new Recreation, Arts and Cultural Committee look to organising this and resident Amanda Hurrell has asked to be involved.
Action: Cllrs. Jakins, Wastall, Hyde, Hunt, Mitchell and Dawn Gale; Pamela Horner
5. **Parish Lighting Columns Quotes** – County Cllrs. Truelove and Burgess have agreed to put £4000 each towards the cost of 4 new columns, which will then leave 10 columns to be replaced. Parish Council to investigate the cost of having these 10 columns replaced in one go. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Parish Precept 2015/16** – Clerk advised that the first half of the Precept and Lighting grant has now been credited to the current account.
7. **New Councillor Induction – KALC** - Members agreed to look to arranging induction training in September for all Members and to include Bobbing, Borden and Tunstall Parish Council Members, at the quoted reduced price of £20 per head. Clerk to arrange with KALC. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Salt Bin** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Clark, agreed to purchase the Glasdon Orbistor Grit Salt Bin at a cost of £341.84p, excluding V.A.T; before purchasing Cllr. Gale to obtain Village Hall Committee's approval for siting it on their land. **Action: Cllr. Gale/Clerk**
9. **Cheques raised and Accounts** – Members agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 30th April, 2015:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
13.05.15	1766	Clerk's Expenses	Telephone; use of Home as office, Stationery (inc VAT)	£33.96p
13.05.15	1767	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due April	£77.60p
13.05.15	1768	Citizens Advice Bureau in Swale	Donation 2015/16	£50.00p
13.05.15	1769	K.A.L.C.	Subscription 2015/16	£877.63p
13.05.15	1770	Steve Wakeling	Handyman duties and materials and repairs to damaged Fingerpost - April	£538.00p
13.05.15	1771	Broker Network Ltd.	Insurance Premium Renewal 2015/16	£994.39p
Six cheques in total				

Plus:

Clerk's Wages - April 2015	£558.08p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon - Energy Supply - April	£47.27p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle - Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – April	£26.04p	Paid by Direct Debit

Credited to Bank Account:

Parish Precept and Lighting Grant 2015/16	£21310.00p	Automated Credit
Toby Transport (damage to Fingerpost)	£280.00p	Cheque

9. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

1. The Barn – Still chasing Swale Borough Council/Ward Homes to sort out the electricity. The Trustees need to meet to discuss the Solicitor's recommendations and then proceed with Swale Borough Council.
2. Neighbourhood Plan – Ward Homes are chasing for a meeting. Suggested approaching Locality to see what their views are.

10. Reports from Representatives (Village Hall and KALC)

1. Hall – Nothing to report. To look at risk assessments for users of the hall garden; check with Jenny Bradbury, Action for Communities in Rural Kent regarding this. **Action: Clerk**
2. KALC – Next meeting 1st June.

11. Any Other Matters Arising

1. Cllr. Gale reported that Vodafone went around the village yesterday; everything is fine to go ahead and the representative will do a report which will go to the company for a decision.
2. Clerk advised that the insurance is due on the 1st June but that paperwork had arrived too late to put the renewal on this month's Agenda. Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Clark; Members were minded to agree to renew with Hiscox and to take advantage of the three year long-term agreement at a cost of £994.39p for 2015/16. Clerk to place this on the June Agenda for formal approval. **Action: Clerk**

12. Next Meeting(s)

The next monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th June 2015, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.