

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 14 November 2018

Present: Cllr. S. Cheeseman – Chair
Cllr. P. Horner
Cllr. A. Dollimore
Cllr. R. Mills
Cllr. J. Dicker

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
M. Drury, Agent representing developers
26 Residents

1. Welcome and Apologies

The following were read out:

Statement from Matt Gale - In the light of yet more unpleasant conjecture on Iwade Chatter I am compelled to explain my resignation. It has absolutely nothing to do with the issue at the Woolpack Public House, although unlike the vast majority I do know the facts and am disgusted, as is the Church representative, with the posts and comments about the Woolpack's actions on Sunday. The sole reason for my decision was a political post (not the one regarding the Parish Council's work) relating to the Iwade WW1 Memorial Cairn. In the light of this, I felt I could no longer use my time to benefit and enhance the village for residents and instead will concentrate on my family, business and other charitable organisations. I stand by my decision and wish all my former councillors the best.

Statement from Iwade Parish Council - The Parish Council was informed on Sunday 11th November 2018 that the chair Mr Matt Gale was resigning with immediate effect. Iwade Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mr Gale for his dedication and commitment to the Parish Council during the last six years that he has served on the council. Iwade Parish Council will not be making any further statements or discussing the resignation of Mr Gale at this evening's meeting.

Simon Cheeseman was then duly elected Chair, Jamie Dicker elected Vice-Chair. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Clark, Hyde, and Langham, County Cllr. Whiting and Nick Mayatt, Community Warden.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School. Cllr. Cheeseman declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.2.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr. Dicker, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 10 October 2018 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

- 1. Visitors** – Mick Drury introduced himself as the agent acting on behalf of the landowner relating to the Land North of Sanderling Way application. Residents attending put forward their concerns regarding this application; these included access, both immediately to the site and Sanderling Road, flooding (KCC's Water Management Officer has expressed concern), the junction Sanderling/The Street/Ferry Road – this needs to be remodelled; health provision, education, other infrastructure; Wintering Bird Survey, Public Rights of Way – see full comments under Item 6.2 below.
- 2. County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting reported via letter, Highways England (HE) is being very clear that it will put a holding objection to any housing development application

that adds to traffic along the A249 corridor. Has asked for bollards to be placed on Sheppey Way where Lorries regularly park near the bridge, damaging the land and leaving mess and detritus behind. Has had requests for yellow lines in Cormorant Drive and had site meetings with officers from KCC and Swale. Their advice is that it is not possible to put bollards or yellow lines in the area. We know there is not enough parking on any of the estate roads, and the officers' view is that restricting it further will make lives more difficult.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – no reports.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** – None.

6. **Planning**

1. **18/505113/FULL:** Second storey addition over Garage to side elevation with pitched roof to match existing (Resubmission of 18/502317/FULL): 30 Ferry Road Iwade Kent ME9 8RR – no comments.
2. **18/505157/OUT:** Outline application with access and layout matters sought for residential development of up to 65 dwellings including details of vehicular and pedestrian access. Illustrative layout to demonstrate the adequacy of emergency and service access together with parking and indicative mix of house types, together with principles of landscaping ecological enhancement and surface water management. Matters of appearance, landscaping and scale are reserved for future considerations: Land North Of Sanderling Way Iwade Kent ME9 8TJ – Taking into account residents and input from Councillors, agreed to respond as follows:

Iwade Parish Council objects to this Planning Application on the following grounds:

Access to the site – the Local Plan clearly shows this as coming out on Ferry Road. The proposed new access takes construction traffic through a dangerous narrow junction, causing significant issues for residents and those already using this road.

The junction where Sanderling Way, Ferry Road and The Streets meet needs to be remodelled to cope with the increased traffic from the new development, it is a dangerous junction at the present time and has had accidents and many near misses due to its narrowness, sharp bends and traffic calming. This remodelling should be included as part of this development and should not be ignored.

Flooding is a huge issue within the village; properties in Sanderling Way, Mallard Crescent and Stangate Drive already suffer with their gardens frequently under water; the Parish Council would refer the Planning Officer to a letter on the Planning Portal dated 6 November 2018 from KCC's Flood and Water Management's Officer expressing various concerns. The Borough Council needs to ensure that this time it gets the issue of flooding addressed as so frequently in the past the village has been left with development but no adequate flooding protection.

Concern over health provision – please see the Swale Clinical Commission Group's letter of the 30 October 2018. Iwade has had many issues with health provision and at the present time residents often find it difficult to obtain a Doctor's appointment; this development will add further stress to the Iwade Medical Centre.

Educational provision. Iwade School is virtually full and cannot/should not (because of the stress on the existing highway infrastructure) be extended further. We have been informed that a new Secondary School will be built on the Bramblefield development, but as so often happens in the past this is promised but never comes to fruition.

Concern about general lack of infrastructure – buses do not run after 5.30 p.m. and are every half hour, Grovehurst Junction is already jammed packed with queuing work traffic during the morning and afternoon periods.

The Wintering Bird Survey shown on the Planning Portal is not for this site?

On the site plan, PROWs ZR93 and ZR91 look to be in the wrong location. As the weekly Iwade

Health Walks and other residents regularly use many of the footpaths in this area, we would ask that none are removed and are indeed protected in their current location.

The shown access to the site is across block paved roads, which will not stand up to the weight of frequent construction traffic – if this access remains the same a clause needs to be included in the conditions that the developer must put right any damage.

If the developer insists on sticking to the shown site access a Banksman needs to be employed to make sure all traffic goes towards the above junction and then exits the Village via Ferry Road and then on to the A249 – this must be written into the conditions.

Lorries should not be entering the site during School hours 8.30 to 9.00 p.m. and 3.00 to 3.30 pm as many the children walk from this area – this is for health and safety reasons and should be written into the conditions.

All vehicles should not wait in the roadway/on site prior to the actual agreed working times (normally 7.30 a.m. weekdays); this is because in the past, residents have suffered from noise from vehicles with their engines running/being unloaded on site at least 30 minutes before the working time – this needs to be written into the conditions.

3. **18/502717/FULL: Kemsley Fields Business Park** – Members noted the Transport Statement and agreed to respond as follows:

The Parish Council notes the documentation but would like to comment that it is aware Highways England are stopping developments that affect the A249 (County Cllr. Mike Whiting has advised of this) and as this application will increase traffic, are H.E. aware and have they put a stop on it?

7. Correspondence

1. **Community Champions (KALC Community Awards)** – Clerk has placed this in the Iwade Observer, Iwade Village Facebook page and Parish Council Facebook Page, no response as yet.
2. **Dog Fouling - Dog Waste Bag Dispenser Stations** – Noted.
3. **Lower Thames Crossing Consultation** – Agreed to respond the Parish Council has concerns over the impact on the M2, the whole of this area is clogged up with traffic due to development and lack of infrastructure. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Budget consultation 2019-2020** – Clerk has placed this on the village and Parish Council Facebook Pages, so that residents can forward their views.

8. Finance

1. **Storage Unit Rental** – Agreed to defer this.
2. **South East 4x4 Response, support for Xmas Tree Lighting event and donation** – proposed by Cllr. Horner and Seconded by Cllr. Dollimore agreed to donate £100 under S.137.
3. **Purchase of Bollards and Barriers for Lighting Event** – not required.
4. **Finance Meeting** – Cllr. Dicker to sit on the Finance Committee. Agreed to meet immediately after the 12 December Council meeting.
5. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Dicker agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 31 October 2018:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
14.11.18	2066	Clerk's Expenses	Telephone, Office Use, 12 ink cartridges, Remembrance Sunday Wreath – October	£73.32p
14.11.18	2067	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due November	£299.81p

14.11.18	2068	Steve Wakeling	Work carried out in October	£456.31p
14.11.18	2069	Shanlec Services Limited	PAT Testing of Christmas Tree and assoc. equipment	£60.00p
14.11.18	2070	McCabe Ford Williams	Quarterly Payroll Preparation	£39.00p
14.11.18	2071	1 st Iwade Rainbows	Donation 2017/18 (replaces cheque No. 2063 made out with an erroneous payee name – Brownies instead of Rainbows)	£100.00p
14.11.18	2072	Carers' Support	S.137 Donation	£200.00p
14.11.18	2073	Iwade Village Hall	Hall Hire July, August and September 2018	£43.00p
14.11.18	2074	Swale Borough Council	Refundable Deposit - loan of barriers, etc. for Xmas Tree event	£50.00p
Nine cheques in total				

Plus:

Staff Wages: November	£1183.25p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting – October	£60.56p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle: Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – October	£34.27p	Paid by Direct Debit

Paid In:

Swale Borough Council, Bus Shelter & Installation – S.106	£11796.00p	Paid by BACs
Swale Borough Council Grant (Snow Machine)	£200.00p	Paid by BACs

9. Projects/Project Updates

Christmas Lights Project – Progressing. Proposed by Cllr. Cheeseman and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore, agreed £1235 for the installation of Double Isolators, as requested by KCC.

The Cairn Project – The dedication ceremony went well, with favourable comments regarding the Cairn.

10. Flooding

Take off the Agenda until further updates received.

Action: Clerk

11. GDPR

Still awaiting quotes on setting up e-mails with a .gov or .org prefix. Cllr. Dollimore to speak to an IT specialist he has dealt with in the past.

Action: Cllr. Dollimore/Clerk

12. Reports from Representatives

1. Hall – Christmas Market this coming Sunday. Tickets for Disco sold out.
2. KALC – nothing to report.
3. PPG – Cllr. Horner reported there was a lack of attendees at the recent meeting. She advised 109 patients did not turn up for their appointments last month.

14. Any Other Matters Arising

1. Clerk advised Cllr. Mitchell has resigned; she will advertise this and Cllr. Gales vacancy.

15. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 12 December 2018, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.