

Village Garden Competition:

prior to the meeting prizes were awarded to the winners of the following 2016 categories:

Best front garden:	Ron Harknett; Sheerstone
Junior gardener:	Ruby Miall; Swallow Avenue
Best hanging basket:	Dale Wells; Church Mews
Edible garden:	Paul Holowczycki; School Lane
Tallest sunflower:	Matt and Louise Wade; Pintail

Well done everyone.

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 14th September, 2016

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. M. Gale – Chair	Cllr. P. Horner
	Cllr. J. Hunt – Vice-Chair	Cllr. R. Langham
	Cllr. S. Plumb	Cllr. L. Mitchell
	Cllr. J. Rook	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
	Cllr. J. White	13 Parishioners
	Cllr. P. Hyde	

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Parish Cllrs. Cheeseman and Clark; Nick Mayatt Community Warden, County Cllr. Truelove and Borough Cllr. Dewar-Whalley. No apologies were received from the other County Councillor.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School. Cllr. Hunt declared an interest in Item 6, Planning, and will withdraw from the discussion on the applications. Cllr. Plumb declared an interest in Item 8.2 and Cllr. Gale in Item 7.5

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr Horner, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 13th July 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr. Langham; the Minutes of the Local Plan Working Party held on the 15th July 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr. White; the Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 26th July 2016, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Noted that the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 5th August 2016, was inquorate.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – The owner of the Speedway is holding a special fund raising event on the 9th October and asked if the Parish Council wants to nominate who to give a donation to; it must be something associated to youths. A resident advised that there will be a site meeting, with KCC and Virgin Media present, to look at the issues relating to the recent work. Another resident raised concerns regarding the junction at the top of School Lane; he and others in the village have grave concerns about the

obstruction of the sight lines, parking and the general layout of this junction. The Parish Council and Roger Truelove have been trying to get something done about this over the past year. Clerk to contact County Cllr. Truelove to push for progression. **Action: Clerk**

A resident from School Lane attended to again raise the issue of school traffic and associated problems. The Chair advised that a meeting took place between the Parish Council, School and KCC before the summer holidays. The Parish Council has already agreed to put signage up but is looking for something visual so that the Police can take action, e.g. zig zag lines. KCC were going to do a study on this and report back unfortunately, the KCC Officer involved has now left the Council but in the meantime Gordon Henderson M.P. and Mike Whiting, his Constituency Manager, have got involved. The Parish Council and the School were willing to contribute to the funding for any works.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – None in attendance.

1. **Community Warden/PCSO** – The Warden’s report had been circulated. He has dealt with numerous fly tipping incidents; dog fouling, parking and ASB issues. He also reported that 4 bicycles were stolen during a garden shed burglary in Springvale, Iwade; there was a theft of toilet rolls at All Saints Church in The Street at Iwade and several power tools were stolen from a construction site on Holly Blue Drive, Iwade.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

1. **Linkway and outside School Parking Issues** – Still nothing heard; Clerk to chase. **Action: Clerk**

6. **Planning**

1. **16/506051/FULL** - Conversion of integral garage to play room - 2B Coleshall Cottages Sheerstone Iwade ME9 8RJ – no comments.

2. **APP/V2255/W/16/3154385 (15/508144/FULL)** - Notification of Appeal Lodged with the Planning Inspectorate - Erection of attached dwelling, creation of garden and associated landscaping: 6 Sheerstone Iwade Kent – Appeal noted.

7. **Correspondence**

1. **Waste Disposal Strategy Consultation** – Cllr. Mitchell to look through the documentation and delegated to forward details to Clerk to form a response. **Action: Cllr. Mitchell/Clerk**

2. **KCC Local Transport Plan Consultation** – Although the A249 and roundabouts are mentioned there is no reference to rail. KCC have stated that they cannot do anything about rail because it is not down to them, however they can still lobby for this. It was agreed that Cllr. Hunt be delegated to complete the questionnaire and to suggest pushing more towards rail than roads. **Action: Cllr. Hunt**

3. **Highways England consultation - Managing freight vehicles through Kent** – Noted; again it was felt that rail should be utilised more.

4. **School Lane Recreation Ground and Pavilion** – There appears to be movement on this; Persimmon will carry out the remedial works and Swale’s Cabinet met last week to approve the draft Heads of Term for Transfer. Clerk to approach Solicitors, Pope and Co. sending them a copy of the Heads of Terms and outlining the proposal for the Iwade Herons to take on the Pavilion under a separate lease and to request an indication of possible costs for this work. **Action: Clerk**

5. **AGM for Orchard Community Energy and New Bond Launch** – The Chair mentioned the release of bonds; details of which can be found at <https://www.ethex.org.uk/Orchard>. He is more concerned that the village has a community benefit, which for 2016 possibly equates to £10,000; the criteria for applicants is anything to do with the environment. This information will be posted on www.iwadevillage.co.uk, for interested residents.

6. **Iwade Garage** – Members will have seen the e-mails sent by a resident regarding Iwade Garage. There is a dispute as to who owns the tarmacked area to the right hand side of the garage. The Parish

Council has asked KCC Highways to confirm ownership; but this could take some time as maps show differing information. Depending on the outcome of County's investigations it will be down to them to take action should it be proven that the land is under their jurisdiction. The Parish Council has forwarded various information to try and assist the owner of the adjacent property but this really is a neighbour dispute and nothing can be done until ownership of the land in question is confirmed.

8. Finance

1. **School Aware Signs and Flashing Beacons** – See comments under 4.1 above. Agreed to ask KCC for the all-inclusive costs for the wig wags and to bring back to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Parking in The Street** – The letter to residents seems to have helped; agreed to take off the Agenda.
3. **Grass Cutting Contract 2016/17** – No further updates; Clerk to chase KCC. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Christmas Tree Quote** – Agreed the quote of £299 from Kingswood. Cllr. Hunt mentioned a group that assist with marshalling events and has First Aiders; he will approach them regarding the 2016 Tree Lighting event in the village **Action: Cllr. Hunt/ Clerk**
5. **Replacement Commemoration Tree Village Park** – Proposed by Cllr. Mitchell and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; all agreed £150 to cover the cost of a replacement tree and compost. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Damage to Tinkerbells Equipment and debris in garden following hire on 27th August 2016** – The chair referred to an Engagement Party held on this date, which left behind it £250 of damage to Tinkerbells' fencing, the play area had a huge amount of rubbish left in it, a bin was broken, the sheds were opened and it appears it was used by children attending the party; despite the conditions sent out to the hirer stating that this section of the garden was not to be used. The fencing has now been fixed. There was also a lot of rubbish left in the rest of the garden and car park area and a massive scratch on the hall floor where something had been dragged across it. The hirer paid a £100 security fee and the Hall Committee agreed that this would be retained to cover the majority of the cost of cleaning the hall and other areas; nothing was left over for the damage to Tinkerbells equipment. Cllr. Hyde suggested raising the security fee in case this happens again. Agreed to look at recouping the cost of repairing the fencing from the hirer. Clerk to discuss this matter with KALC. **Action: Clerk**
7. **Purchase BBQ for future Village Events** – Agreed not to go ahead with this.
8. **ANPR Camera** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. White; agreed the £8000 cost to go ahead with this project; this covers installation; camera life and revenue costs.
9. **Donation, Sittingbourne Christmas Lights** – Grant form not yet received, agreed to place on the October Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
10. **2015/16 Year End Internal Audit Report** – Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr. Langham; the contents of the report were noted and accepted.
11. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr. Plumb; agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 31st August, 2016.

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
14.09.16	1870	Cancelled	Cancelled	-
14.09.16	1871	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax August (Cheque raised 5.8.16)	£141.66p
14.09.16	1872	Clerk's Expenses	Telephone (July & Aug); use of Home as office (July & Aug); Armed Forces Day Flag, Remembrance Day Flag, 2 Draper Young Gardner Tool Sets; 12 ink Cartridges (one third share of cost)	£76.11p
14.09.16	1873	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due September	£141.46p
14.09.16	1874	Steve Wakeling	Handyman duties for July & August	£470.00p
14.09.16	1875	Iwade Village Hall	Hall Hire 13 April to 8 June 2016	£76.50p
14.09.16	1876	Bobbing Parish Council	One Third Reimbursement SLCC Subscription	£55.67p

14.09.16	1877	Stockwood Timber Ltd	Damaged fencing repair village hall garden	£250.00p
14.09.16	1877	David Paine Architects	Iwade Barn – Building Control	£1000.00p
Nine cheques in total				

Plus:

Clerk's Wages	August 2016	£798.43p	Paid by Standing Order
Clerk's Wages	September 2016	£777.06p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon:	Energy Supply, Street Lighting – August	£41.96p	Paid by Direct Debit
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Countrystyle	Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – July	£34.28p	Paid by Direct Debit
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9. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

1. The Barn – Now have Building Regulations approval and are ready to start work on the Barn. Still need to go through agreements with Swale Borough Council, particularly regarding the car park; at the moment there is no formal use agreed for the Church. Swale will be using it for burials possibly by the end of the year. The Architect has forwarded an invoice for £1000 relating to the Building Regulations work, would the Parish Council agree to a donation to pay this? Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Hyde; agreed to donate the sum of £1000.

Agreed to re-name this section The Barn as the Localism Project has now ceased.

10. Reports from Representatives (Village Hall and KALC)

1. Hall – Cllr. Gale advised a new key box for the garden will be installed; the boiler has been serviced and the electrics tested and new 'space age' hand dryers have been installed in the toilets. There will be a Race Night in October and a table top sale next weekend. The Christmas Grotto will appear in December and the event will be the same format as last year as it was so successful. Sittingbourne Lights' Sleigh is being included. The car park is being marked out and there will be a disabled bay. There will be signage stating that the maximum stay is one hour except for hall users.
2. KALC – Nothing to report.
3. Cllr. Langham agreed to sit on the Finance and Planning Committees.

11. Any Other Matters Arising

1. Members agreed to look at purchasing a better quality George Cross flag; Clerk to obtain prices and place on the October Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
2. When the Christmas Tree is erected the flag pole will be moved to the village hall site.
3. Cllr. White mentioned smells; Cllr. Mitchell to look at Countrystyle. **Action: Cllr. Mitchell**

12. Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th October, 2016, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.