

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13 September 2017

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Cllr. M. Gale – Chair	Cllr. P. Horner
	Cllr. J. Hunt – Vice Chair	Cllr. R. Langham
	Cllr. S. Cheeseman	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
	Cllr. L. Mitchell	County Cllr. M. Whiting
	Cllr. S. Plumb	Borough Cllr. Stokes
	Cllr. P. Hyde	6 Parishioners
	Cllr. A. Dollimore	

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllr. Clark and the Community Warden.

#### **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; he will withdraw from the meeting at that point.

#### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Hunt, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12 July 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript but with the amendment that Cllr. Mitchell did not attend.

Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Horner, the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 18 July 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Cheeseman, the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 9 August 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript

#### **4. Visitors/Public Time**

1. **Visitors** – Residents attended regarding the Mansfield Drive Bridge and associated issues including motorbikes using it as an access from the Persimmon development, anti-social behaviour, drugs and teenagers congregating in the small play area at night playing loud music. The Chair advised that the PCSO and Community Warden have both been informed and also advised that the Parish Council, Police and Swale Borough Council were against the bridge being opened up for pedestrians, but the Environment Agency (EA) overruled this on the grounds of health and safety. The EA has been contacted but will not change its stance. The EA informed that the bridge belongs to Swale Borough Council; the Clerk is awaiting a response from the Council as to whether this is true. Agreed the Clerk to post a letter through residents' doors giving contact information for the PCSO, Community Warden and the EA. Another resident mentioned litter on the footpath from Sheerstone to Springvale, Clerk to report. **Action: Clerk**

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting has been dealing with home/school transport complaints and broadband coverage. He noted that there are still issues with flooding in Grovehurst Road. He mentioned the M2 Junction 5 improvements consultation and urged everyone to respond; he does not believe the current proposal will have the capacity for the future, bearing in mind the expansion of the Eurolink Park, Kent Science Park proposals and the new Thames Crossing. Borough Cllr. Stokes had a meeting with the DMC'S Head of Primary Care at the Iwade Medical Centre; they will be bringing a number of staff and will be meeting with the PPG. He has had a

number of complaints about trees on the banks of the stream in Sheerstone; the Environment Agency only deals with the stream itself, not the banks.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – The Warden tried to speak to residents in Mansfield Drive concerning ASB issues in the play area/bridge. Dealt with a complaint about dog fouling; has arranged with SBC Environment Warden to deliver some letters on the topic of helping to report any dog owners etc. the letter has a Stop dog-fouling poster on its reverse, which can be displayed on windows - the message might sink in! Talked to an elderly resident about ASB issues in Iwade, she'd been spooked by young boys on bikes in School Lane, they laughed afterwards, this could be same group which is being monitored by the PCSO. She reported that there was an incident with airguns in Woodpecker Park, youths shooting at the pigeons, also someone had thrown the wooden crocodile into the pond. The Warden will talk to the local PCSO and the CSU about these ASB incidents. He monitored a group of boys on bikes around the village.

## 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Linkway and outside School Parking Issues** – A design for the lines now drawn up and according to KCC, the project is proceeding. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Shed Project** – No residents have expressed an interested in this project.
3. **Iwade Medical Centre** – Received a letter of thanks from the PGG for the donation towards start-up costs. Cllr. Horner advised that the PPG are meeting with Doctors and some of the staff next week. IMH took all the fridges, trollies and smear testing equipment when they left and the DMC has to replace these. Cllr. Horner to report back next month. **Action: Cllr. Horner**
4. **KFRS/KALC Fire Hydrant Initiative** – Clerk is still awaiting a response from Kent Fire Brigade relating to updating the maps and bringing a vehicle into the village to assess access. **Action: Clerk**
5. **Cycling Clubs** – Clerk has received a response from some of the Clubs; agreed to set up a meeting with Medway Velo and Sheppey Volo to discuss future events. **Action: Clerk**

## 6. Planning

1. **17/504017/FULL:** Proposed single storey rear extension, attached garage with alterations to existing drive and conversion of existing integral garage to dining room: 2 Pintail Drive Iwade ME9 8QW – no objections.
2. **17/504075/FULL:** Demolition of existing sunroom and erection of a single storey rear extension: 62 Mallard Crescent Iwade ME9 8TJ – no objections.

## 7. Correspondence

1. **Kent Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Policing Survey** – noted.
2. **Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2017-2023** – Clerk delegated to respond. **Action: Clerk**
3. **M2 Junction 5 Improvements - Public Consultation** – See above comments under Item 2.2; Clerk delegated to respond and to put forward that the Parish Council does not support the traffic lights and instead would wish to see a flyover. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Environment Agency Bridge in Mansfield Drive** – See item 2.1 above.
5. **Sheds Kent & Medway** – See Item 5.2 above.
6. **Parish Councillor Resignation** – Letter of resignation received from John White, who has served on the Parish Council for 15 years. Clerk asked to write acknowledging the resignation and to thank John for the time and expertise he has given to the Council during the years he has been a Councillor. It was proposed by Cllr. Cheeseman and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore; all agreed to buy a gift of thanks for John the £20, this to come out of the Chairman's expenses. **Action: Clerk**

7. **Mansfield Drive Stream** – Cllr. Hunt raised the issue of ownership of trees on the banks of the stream and gardens subsiding that abut the watercourse; the area causing concern is from the Bridge in Mansfield Drive through to the Water Way. The Environment Agency is not interested; they only maintain the streambed; Clerk to write to Swale Borough Council to ascertain who owns the banks.

**Action: Clerk**

## 8. **Finance**

1. **Cairn for WW1 Memorial** – Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk are visiting ARC, the company that designed some of the equipment in Woodpecker Park to look into designing a Cairn to commemorate the seven Iwadians who died during WW1. **Action: Cllrs. Gale/Hunt and Clerk**
2. **Donation of Screen to Iwade Barn** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Langham; agreed to donate £300 for the 65” screen for the Barn and £75.64p for LED Bulbs.
3. **Christmas Tree** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Cheeseman, all agreed up to £400, plus V.A.T. for a Flagpole Christmas Tree. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Grass cutting contract** – Cllr. Hunt met with Alan Marolia, Swale Borough Council, to look at several areas in the village. At the end of Colson Drive a hedge has not maintained. To add this area will cost £198.22 and retail price index (RPI) from 2018-19. However, if remedial works were undertaken Swale could maintain as a hedge keeping the height to 2.1 m; the annual maintenance cost for this will be £186.98 plus RPI per year from 2018-19. To cut the Blackthorn down to a standard 2 metre height is going to cost £1215 plus VAT if Blenwood undertake the work. It was agreed to go back to KCC and ask why they have not maintained this properly (it is down as a shrub bed but is over 6/7 metres high) asking them to take the necessary remedial action. In the meantime the Clerk to obtain another quote for this work and bring back to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

Members agreed not to take on the Laurel Hedge in Grovehurst Road as this is believed to be under private ownership and not to take on the grassed area outside Hazel Lodge as this too is private land.

5. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr. Langham; agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 31 August 2017:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
08.08.17	1958	B&K Masters	Two Planters	£770.00p
08.08.17	1959	Steve Wakeling	Handyman Fees July	£174.00p
08.08.17	1960	Playsafety Limited	ROSPA Inspection – Hall Garden	£79.80p
13.08.17	1961	Clerk’s Expenses	Expenses – Telephone, Use of Office, - June and August	£31.54p
13.08.17	1962	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due September	£139.16p
13.08.17	1963	C.B. Masters	Supply & fit Gateways to Grovehurst, Ferry Roads & School Lane	£3552.00p
13.08.17	1964	One Stop Promotions Ltd	Two sets of keys (4 keys in total) for flagpoles	£23.88p
13.08.17	1965	Mr. J. Shannon	Electrical refurbishment – The Barn (re. KCC Broadband Grant)	£1182.31p
13.08.17	1966	J. Hunt	Reimbursement re cable ties; LED bulbs & Large Monitor – The Barn (Re. KCC Broadband Grant)	£375.64p
13.08.17	1967	Steve Wakeling	Work carried out for August and purchasing 4 wooden bollards	£418.80p
<b>Ten cheques in total</b>				

### Plus:

Clerk’s Wages	September 2017	£789.73p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting – July		53.29p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle: Hire of 110 Litre bin – July		£34.28p	Paid by Direct Debit
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**9. Projects/Project Updates**

Poppies – As part of the village park project two strips of poppies are to be sown either side of the seven Hornbeam Trees in the Meadow part of the Village Park. The Handyman will install the street lighting poppies two weeks before the 11<sup>th</sup> November and leave them up for a week after this date.

Village Park – Work is progressing well; footpaths and bridge hopefully being installed soon.

The Barn – Plasterwork finished, thanks to Matt. Second fix of the electrics has started, now getting quotes for tiling.

**10. Reports from Representatives**

Hall – New kitchen door now fitted with new front and side doors going in soon. A new hirer has come forward to provide a School Holiday Club; this starts in October. The quiz Night was very successful, a Halloween event is planned and there will be a Boot Fair on the 24<sup>th</sup> September.

KALC – Cllr. Langham attended the KALC presentation on CCTV, he will circulate details to all Councillors.

MEASS – Cllr. Hunt attended a meeting of this group on Tuesday to discuss the flooding strategy for the next 100 years. This includes the area of coast within the Parish from Raspberry Hill to Ridham. The plan for Ridham is to maintain it as it is for the next 15 years and after to increase the defences in height. The area from the bridge to Bedlam Bottom will be maintained as it is for the next 20 years and then not do anything after this period. No action will be taken as regards the bottom of Raspberry Hill; however, Cllr. Hunt advised that something should be done because of the road. This will go out for public consultation in February 2018.

**11. Any Other Matters Arising**

The Chair asked the Clerk to arrange for Cllrs. Cheeseman and Langham to become bank signatories.

**12. Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 11 October 2017, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.**