

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2010

**Present:** Cllr. D. Manning (Chairman) Clerk, Lynda Fisher  
Cllr. P. Wilks Temp. Community Warden  
Cllr. P. Hyde 3 Parishioners  
Cllr. A. Menzies  
Cllr. J. White

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors. B. Stokes, J. Gregory, P. Robb and A. Hurrell.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None declared. The Unchanged Councillor's Interest Form was circulated to members present.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Agreed by Members and signed by the Chairman as a true transcript.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**School Lane Playing Field** – Clerk has received a Notice to Determine from the Solicitor acting on behalf of the landowner, stating that the Parish Council is required to quite and deliver up possession of the field on the 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2010. Clerk approached Hillreed Homes to see whether villagers can use the field once it has been handed over to the company, up to the time development commences. A promising response was received (subject to some form of contract being drawn up) and the matter is now with the developers and the Solicitor.

**Broadband** – following advice received from Lyndon Gurr of Kent County Council, the Chairman signed the BT Openreach contract.

**Village Hall** – Insurers confirmed cover for the garden area; Clerk pursuing the change of wording on the Village Hall deeds with Land Registry.

*Action: Clerk*

5. **Parish Council Vacancy; Vice Chairman and Committees**

The Chairman advised that Cllr. D. White had resigned; Clerk to post the necessary notices.

Cllr. Hurrell has withdrawn as Vice-Chairman, due to family commitments.

Planning Committee: Cllr. Wilks (Chairman), Cllr. Manning; Cllr. Menzies  
Finance Committee: Cllr. Robb (Chairman), Cllr. Manning, Cllr. White

Village Hall Committee: Cllr. Hurrell  
Open Spaces Committee: Cllr. Hurrell, Cllr. Hyde

## 5. Visitors/Public Time

**Parishioners** – A resident advised the Parish Council of a possible future planning application in respect of the Speedway.

The building work appears to have ceased on the new ‘Waterway’ development and concern was raised at the continued closure of the public footpath which runs through this site. Clerk to write to Amicus Horizon to ascertain the current situation.

*Action: Clerk*

**County Councillors and Borough Councillor** – None present, although Cllr. Stokes advised the Clerk prior to the meeting that the sickly smell that has been invading the village comes from Countrystyle’s meat processing plant. The firm has advised him that action is being taken to remedy this.

**Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)** – advised Members on action taken regarding fly-tipping in Old Ferry Road; litter in Budgen’s car park and Fans Lane, and the hole in the road in front of the Woolpack. He also mentioned the vandalised telephone box in front of the Village Hall, which now has no door, and B.T. won’t replace it due to the vandalism it has suffered. It was suggested the Clerk write to B.T. to see if they will relocate the phone box to the village centre, where it can be monitored by the centre’s security cameras.

*Action: Clerk*

**PCSO** – Not present.

## 6. Finance

**Village Newsletter** - Request received from the Village Newsletter’s editorial team for a donation to assist with printing costs, (in the past this has been free) which could be in the region of £220 per month for black and white copies. Proposed by Cllr. Manning and seconded by Cllr. Hyde that the Parish Council grants a ‘one off’ payment for this year of £500.

**The Progressive Council** – Agreed Clerk to attend this conference on the 19<sup>th</sup> June, at a cost of £70.50p (which includes V.A.T.)

**Plant up the Village** – Agreed the Handyman to obtain bulbs and colourful perennial plants for planting around the village – costs to be ascertain. Clerk to liaise with the Handyman.

The Chairman would like to instigate a ‘Plant up the Village’ competition, with a plaque being awarded for the prettiest street and residents being encouraged to grow plants to bring more colour into the village.

*Action: Clerk*

**Standing Orders for Local Councils/Parish Council Toolkit** – Agreed to purchase these two booklets at a cost of £35.

Cheques raised at this meeting:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
09.06.10	1306	MPLC (For Youth Group)	£146.88p
09.06.10	1307	Inland Revenue	£86.40p
09.06.10	1308	Wages	£345.52p
09.06.10	1309	Steve Wakeling	£230.18p
09.06.10	1310	K.A.L.C. – ‘Progressive Council Course’	£70.50p
09.06.10	1311	K.A.L.C. – Standing Orders for Local Councils & Parish Council Toolkit publications	£35.00p
<b>Six cheques in total</b>			

**9. Correspondence**

**Local Engagement Forums Grant Scheme** – noted

**K.C.C. Environment, Highways & Waste Directorate: Statement of Community Involvement: Draft consultation** – letter circulated to all Councillors with recommendation that they view the document through the website link; this item to be placed on the next Agenda.

*Action: All Councillors*

**Appointment of New Chief Constable of Kent Police** – noted

**10. Planning**

SW/10/0588 – Change of use of open amenity land to private amenity space and the erection of a 6ft high fence – 16 Woodpecker Drive, Iwade – A previous planning application was refused by Swale B.C; an appeal was then lodged and the Council’s decision was upheld by the Planning Inspector. Members agreed to object because the proposal would erode the high quality of design which is evident in this locality and would therefore be harmful to the character and appearance in the area.

**12. Next Meeting**

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

**The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.**