

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11th May, 2011

Present: Cllr. S. Plumb
Cllr. J. Hunt
Cllr. J. Gregory
Cllr. A. Hurrell
Cllr. J. White
Cllr. P. Hyde
Cllr. R. Phillips

Clerk, Lynda Fisher
Community Warden
County Cllr. M. Whiting
13 Parishioners

ANNUAL MEETING

1. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Duly elected Councillors to Iwade Parish Council signed the Acceptance of Office.

2. Election of Chairman, and upon election signing of Acceptance of Office

Nominated by Cllr. Gregory and seconded by Cllr. White, Cllr. Stephen Plumb was elected as Chairman and duly signed the Acceptance of Office.

3. Election of the Vice-Chairman and upon election signing of Acceptance of Office

Nominated by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Hunt, Cllr. Gregory was elected as Vice-chair and duly signed the Acceptance of Office.

4. Co-option of Members following Elections (2 vacancies)

Clerk advised that a further vacancy, making 3 in total, had arisen as a newly elected Member had declined to take up the post. Mr. Phillip Hyde and Mr. Robert Phillips were co-opted onto the Parish Council and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Clerk requested to advertise the remaining vacancy. *Action: Clerk*

5. Election of Members of Committees

The Finance and Planning Committees, Kent Association of Local Councils, Parks and Greens and Village Hall Committee need representatives. Members requested to decide which they would like to sit on and report back at the next meeting. *Action: All Councillors/Clerk*

6. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcome Members and Parishioners to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr. A. Menzies and Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes

MONTHLY MEETING

7. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs. Gregory declared an interest in Items 12 and 15 (Allotments).

8. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Extraordinary Meeting 25th March – proposed by Cllr. Gregory and seconded by Cllr. Hunt - agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

Monthly Meeting 13th April – proposed by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Gregory – agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript, with the following amendment:

Feedback from Planning Meetings at Swale Borough Council and K.C.C. - SW/10/TEMP/0016 – Sustainable Energy Plant, Land to the East of Kemsley Paper Mill, Kemsley – County Cllr. Mike Whiting voted but was not present at the meeting.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Bus Shelter/Yellow ‘No Parking’ Lines – Still awaiting response from utilities. Cllr. Hyde is following up details of a possible contractor to install a new shelter. Transportation Committee have yet to meet to discuss the yellow lines.

Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields – as the Parish Council does not own School Lane Playing Field it cannot take part in this initiative.

Insurance - Clerk had a meeting with the Claims Handler, who has approved the claim to recover the cost of the extra audit fees relating to the fraud by the previous Clerk.

10. Visitors/Public Time

Parishioners – Landowners came forward with a proposal to place two caravans on an area of land near Plantation Lodge. Councillors recommended that they obtain guidance from Swale Borough Council’s Planning officers.

A Parishioner asked if it was possible to extend the zigzag lines outside the school, to stop at the traffic calming adjacent to Meadow Close, to stop cars parking in this area. This causes an obstruction and blocks sightlines. Cllr. Whiting to investigate.

County Councillor and Borough Councillors – County Cllr. Mike Whiting mentioned that he had paid a visit to the Youth Club and was very impressed with it. The skate park had been mentioned and he is trying to get some grant money for the Youth Club. The allotments are still going ahead. He will check with K.C.C. to see if Roland Duke is one of their approved contractors; to possibly be used for installing the new bus shelter. He will also look at the ‘missing’ zigzag line near Evergreen Close. He also reported that Transportation Committee will next meeting in June, when it is hoped the request for parking restriction in School Lane will be discussed.

Action: County Cllr M. Whiting

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – Warden’s report was circulated and noted by Members. During the past month he has dealt with problems with the stream; footballers in Stangate; increase in parking in School Lane; speeding along Ferry Road and the increase in fly-tipping.

PCSO did not attend. It has been reported that the Police no longer expect her to attend Parish Council meetings.

11 **Village Hall Updates**

Cllr. Hunt confirmed that outline planning permission is being sought for ten houses on the existing Village Hall site. A valuation will be carried out on the site; if outline permission is granted this will increase that valuation and the money raised will then be ploughed back into building the new hall.

At the present time Villagers’ views are being sought on the possibility of a building new hall on the School Lane Playing Field site. It is hoped that this land will be passed ‘freehold’ to the Parish Council, in order that the Council can hold it as ‘Custodian Trustees’ for the Village Hall Committee. Parishioners asked if details of the number of houses could be mentioned in the next Iwade Observer and Cllr. Gregory suggested publishing the plan of the proposed housing at the same time. *Action: Cllr. Hunt*

12. **Finance**

Insurance – agreed to renew the existing policy at a cost of £1382.54p

Iwade Parent and Toddlers Group – representatives from the Group requested a grant of £315 to assist with the hall hire charges. Proposed by Cllr. Gregory and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; expenditure of £315 agreed under S19 1976LG(MP)A: the Parish Council’s power to support recreational activity.

Allotment Funding – request for assistance with connection of water main – Representatives from the Allotment Committee requested assistance with a ‘one off’ payment for the connection of the water main to the site. Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Phillips – agreed payment of the sum of £2013.56p.

Fingerposts – Cllr. Hurrell has obtained two quotes for new fingerposts; of preference is the Oak posts which costs £294 each. County Cllr. Whiting agreed to investigate possible funding for this street furniture. *Action: County Cllr. Mike Whiting*

Prettiest Garden in the Village Competition – Cllrs. Stokes has volunteered to act as judge; closing date for entries end of June; further article to appear in Iwade Observer in June. Item to be placed back on next Agenda *Action: Cllrs. Hunt, Stokes and Clerk*

Village Handyman – agreed no increase in pay rate at the present time; to be reviewed again in six months. *Action: Clerk*

Precept 2011/12 – Clerk reported that the first instalment of £16,060 (this amount includes part of the Lighting grant) has been received from Swale Borough Council.

2010/2011 Audit – Accounts and Audit forms to be discussed at an Extra Ordinary meeting to be held on the 25th May, 2011.

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Date	Cheque	Details	Amount
11.05.11	1416	Gemma Hunt	£335.00p
11.05.11	1417	Michael Rogers LLP	£900.00p
11.05.11	1418	K.A.L.C.	£790.14p
11.05.11	1419	Aon Limited	£1382.54p
11.05.11	1420	Stiddard Maidstone Ltd	£123.00p
11.05.11	1421	H.M. Revenue & Customs	£86.60p
11.05.11	1422	Wages	£347.04p
11.05.11	1423	Mrs. C. Donnelly	£25.00p
11.05.11	1424	Mrs. A. Mills	£25.00p
11.05.11	1425	Ms. J. Milligan	£25.00p
11.05.11	1426	Mrs. Y. Ekezie	£25.00p
11.05.11	1427	Mrs. P. Collingwood	£25.00p
11.05.11	1428	Mr. D. Smith	£25.00p
11.05.11	1429	Steve Wakeling	£249.61p
11.05.11	1430	Iwade Allotment Association	£2013.56p
Fifteen cheques in total			

13. Core Strategy Meeting

Clerk to ascertain dates when the hall is free for a meeting and write inviting Parish Councils who have expressed an interest. *Action: Clerk*

14. Correspondence - None.

15. Planning

Sustainable Energy Plant, Land to the East of Kemsley Paper Mill, Kemsley – Matter still under debate.

11. Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th May, 2011, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 8th June, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.