

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 10th November, 2009

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. D. Manning (Chairman)	Clerk
	Cllr. D. White	3 Parishioners
	Cllr. P. Wilks	Cllr. Alan Willicombe
	Cllr. P. Robb	Cllr. Mike Whiting
	Cllr. J. Gregory	Cllr. Ben Stokes
	Cllr. J. White	PCSO Melanie Platt
	Cllr. P. Hyde	

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Hurrell and from Cllr. Hyde, who will be joining the meeting later on.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the previous Meetings

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

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Clerk advised that matters are in hand with regard to obtaining a K.C.C. grant to purchase a Parish Map.

5. Visitors/Public Time

Parishioners – reference was made to the parking situation in School Lane. Cllr. Whiting stated that the Transport Committee is looking at moving the zigzag lines outside the school and that, together with the proposed junction change (no decision has been made on the preferred layout), could ease the situation for residents.

The dog waste bag dispensers are empty. Members commented that these disappear quickly every time the dispensers are filled. Parishioners suggested charging dog owners for the bags.

Action: Clerk/Cllr. Hurrell

Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes – reported that the Headteacher of Iwade School would like a school crossing person and needs support from the Parish Council. Members unanimously agreed to support the school in its effort to obtain a school crossing person.

Cllrs. Stokes was pleased to report that Iwade Herons have obtained a grant of £400 and Cubs £400.

County Councillors – Cllr. Willicombe will be walking around the village with CSPO Platt to look at any trouble spots. He will also be attending the Biomass Fuels’ meeting at Kemsley.

Cllr. Whiting reported that funding for the Village Hall car park and Parish Map is currently being looked.

Community Warden – sent her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. A report on the work she had carried out over the last month was circulated to Members.

PCSO Melanie Platt - The Chairman welcomed our new PCSO to the village and the Parish Council looks forward to working with her. Melanie informed that there will be a PACT meeting at Iwade Village Hall on the 10th February at 7.00 p.m.

6. Statement Relating to Police Investigation

The Vice-Chairman referred to articles in the local press concerning the previous Clerk. At the beginning of the year two members of the Parish Council, whilst auditing the books of accounts, picked up the financial irregularities in the accounts. These irregularities resulted in the previous Parish Clerk being charged with fraudulent activities. As a result of the outcome of the court case the Parish Council has written to NatWest Bank and the Police to ensure the recovery of the funds in full. Once this is completed the Parish Council will be in a position to prepare the necessary financial accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2009 and to repay outstanding sums wrongly claimed. The new Parish Clerk has informed the Audit Commission accordingly as to the reasons why it is late in submitting the full set of accounts.

The Parish Council recognises what has happened and would like to re-assure Parishioners that strenuous measures have been put in place to prevent this from occurring again.

7. Finance

Laptop – Clerk reported that an order has now been placed with Dell; the cost of the laptop, Microsoft Office and Anti-Virus software, external hard drive for backing up, mouse and bag came to £560.72, this includes V.A.T. which is recoverable.

Parish Map – The Clerk has forwarded details and costs for a Parish Map to Cllr. Whiting and is now awaiting the outcome of the request for this grant.

Repairs to Lamp Columns – Clerk reported that to completely replace the column near 60 Sheerstone would cost £620, plus the disconnection/reconnection fee from EDF Energy. She has therefore instructed LCP to go ahead with repairing this column (£300 for a new lamp plus £75 to straighten the column) and the one outside number 5 Springvale (£300 to replace the lamp).

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Chq.	Date	Details	Amount
1253	10.11.09	Land Registry – Copy of Register & Title Plans	£16.00p
1254	10.11.09	Dell Products – Laptop, software, etc.	£560.72p
1255	10.11.09	Wages	£326.32p
1256	10.11.09	Inland Revenue – Tax	£81.60p
1257	10.11.09	Stiddard Forbes Ltd – Accountants	£5.75p
1258	10.11.09	J. Gregory – car mileage	£30.40p
1259	10.11.09	Steve Wakeling – Village Handyman Expenses	£223.63p
Seven cheques in total			

8. Correspondence

Policing Kent 2010/13 Survey - noted

9. Police Briefing For Parish Councils 2nd December, 2009

Agreed, Cllrs. Robb and Hurrell to attend. Cllr. Wilks also volunteered to attend if Cllr. Hurrell was unable to go.

10. Planning

SW/09/0755 – the provision of temporary haul road (3 years) whilst land to the west of Woodpecker Drive/Helen Thompson Close is developed – At Swale Borough Council’s Planning Committee meeting on the 5th November, this item was deferred until after a site meeting which will take place on Monday 30th November, at 9.30 a.m.

SW/09/0756 – Erection of 98 dwellings – Land off Grovehurst Road, Iwade – At Swale Borough Council’s Planning Committee meeting on the 5th November, this item was deferred until after a site meeting which will take place on Monday 30th November, at 9.30 a.m.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 8th December, 2009, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.