

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 8th September, 2009

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. D. Manning (Chairman)	Clerk
	Cllr. P. Fearn	Community Warden, Julia Warner
	Cllr. P. Wilks	8 Parishioners
	Cllr. P. Robb	
	Cllr. J. White	
	Cllr. P. Hyde	
	Cllr. A. Hurrell	

1. **Apologies**

Received from Councillors. D. White (due to illness) and Gregory.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs. White and Hurrell declared an interest in planning application SW/09/0756.

3. **Minutes of the previous Meetings**

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

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Proposed sustainable energy plant, Kemsley Paper Mill – Cllr. Wilks has spoken to RPS concerning the 1999 bird survey.

5. **Visitors/Public Time**

Parishioners – Residents from Helen Thompson Close expressed concern that their close was being opened up to take traffic from the new development, which comprises of 98 new homes. They have already sought the advice of a Solicitor and Members suggested residents contact Swale Borough Council's Democratic Services and request that they be allowed to address Swale's Planning Committee when it meets to discuss the application.

A resident raised the issue of cars going in and out of Happy Days' car park in a hazardous manner – at times pulling out without due care and attention and at other times blocking the highway. Members agreed that the Clerk should write to Happy Days seeking the assistance of the management to try and resolve this issue; failing which the Council will take the matter up with Swale Borough Council's Enforcement Team.

Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes – was not able to attend due to a prior commitment.

County Cllrs. Mike Whiting and Alan Willicombe – were not able to attend to due to a K.C.C. meeting.

Community Warden – Appraised the Council of work she had carried out in the village to date and Members thanked her for her hard work and input into the village.

PCSO Lyndsey Woods – did not attend.

6. **Finance**

Green Waste Bin – The Clerk reported that an 1100 litre bin can be obtained at a weekly cost of £10.50p, plus V.A.T. As the village hall's refuse container is supplied by the same company it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Hall's Treasurer to gain his views on the cost.

Action Clerk

Village Hall Roof – Village Hall Committee to obtain a quote from the Village Handyman to seal the damaged areas, the Parish Council will then consider the matter.

ROSPA Report July 2009 – School Lane Playing Field – four new swing seats have now been installed and the top of the frame repainted. Members agreed to work being undertaken on other equipment. The Handyman now carries out a weekly check on the whole area.

Action: Clerk

Parish Council Address – Members agreed to apply for a P.O. Box for Parish Council mail, the cost being £62.85p for renting the box for 12 months, plus £62.90p to cover delivering the mail for the same period; service to be reviewed at the end of this period.

Action Clerk

Parish Council Laptop – Clerk to obtain quotes for a laptop, software and associated peripherals and quotes for upgrading the memory of her existing machine and obtaining Excel software for the accounts.

Action: Clerk

Community Project Funding – Clerk to check with Councillor Stokes as to the actual amount of funding available for a Village Map.

Action: Clerk

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Chq.	Date	Details	Amount
1239	17.08.09	GE Capital Equipment (this cheque was raised at the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on 17.08.09)	£777.50p
1240	08.09.09	Playsafety Ltd	£75.90p
1241	08.09.09	Wickstead Leisure	£346.38p
1242	08.09.09	Office Expenses – Wages	£363.25p
1243	08.09.09	Stiddard Forbes	£11.50p
1244	08.09.09	Inland Revenue	£90.80p
1245	08.09.09	Steve Wakeling (Handyman)	£210.44p
Seven cheques in total			

7. **Correspondence**

Street Cleaning – the website link has been posted onto the Village website.

Swale Open Spaces Strategy – document noted.

Swale B.C. Revenue Budget – Concern was expressed that £30,000 was shown in the Revenue Budget for the maintenance of the stream, but the comment was made: 'Originally, this was created by a developer's contribution to maintain the stream, but subsequently the Environment Agency has taken over responsibility for this. The Head of Amenities is investigating whether the balance has to be paid to the Environment Agency or if the Council can use it for other purposes. If the Council can use it, then it is proposed that the balance be transferred to the General Fund.'

Members felt that this money should not be allocated elsewhere and the Clerk was instructed to write to Swale Borough Council requesting that this money be earmarked for the maintenance of the stream, as was originally intended.

Action: Clerk

8. **Creation of New Committee**

In light of the current situation, and until such times as investigations are complete, it was agreed to form an Emergency Committee, comprising of the following Members: Cllrs. Dave Manning, Phil Fearn, Derek White, Peter Wilks and Amanda Hurrell

9. **Parking near Sheerstone**

The Chairman expressed concern at the dangerous situation caused by cars parking around the green to the front of Sheerstone. Many of these cars belong to customers and staff of nearby businesses. The Clerk was instructed to write to K.C.C. Highways asking if they can do anything about this.

Action: Clerk

10. **Planning**

As the time had reached 10.15 p.m., it was agreed to defer the following two items and to place them on the Agenda for the Planning Meeting, which will take place on the 23rd September, 2009, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall:

SW/09/0755 – the provision of temporary haul road (3 years) whilst land to the west of Woodpecker Drive/Helen Thompson Close is developed.

SW/09/0756 – Erection of 98 dwellings – Land off Grovehurst Road, Iwade

11. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 13th October, 2009, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.