

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 14th September, 2011

Present: Cllr. J. Gregory - Vice-Chair
Cllr. J. Hunt
Cllr. R. Phillips
Cllr. R. Jones
Cllr. T. Avron-Cotton
Cllr. S. Harris
County Cllr. M. Whiting
Community Warden
1 Parishioner

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Vice-Chairman welcomed Members and Parishioners to the meeting. Apologies were received from Lynda Fisher, Clerk, who was absent due to an accident and Cllr. J. White.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs. Hunt and Gregory declared an interest in the Newsletter item under the Finance section.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Proposed by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Phillips; the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 10th August were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Gregory; the Minutes of the Finance meeting held on the 17th August were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Phillips and seconded by Cllr. Gregory; the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on the 17th August were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Phillips and seconded by Cllr. Jones; the Minutes of the Core Strategy meeting held on the 17th August were agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Bus Shelter – Cllr. Whiting confirmed funding for this has been agreed and KCC are sourcing a contractor to install the new shelter.

Yellow Lines – School Lane – Cllr. Whiting confirmed that yellow lines have been recommended on both sides of School Lane, adjacent to the Village Centre – double on the South side and single opposite with parking restrictions between 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

7a. Parish Councillor Resignations

With Members' agreement this item was brought forward. Two candidates have come forward for the two vacancies. Councillor Terri Avron-Cotton and Councillor Steve Harris were duly appointed and welcomed to Iwade Parish Council. The two new Members signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and then took part in the Council meeting.

Cllr. James Hunt agreed to become one of the Members responsible for Parks and Play Areas; Cllr. Steve Harris agreed to be the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

5. Visitors/Public Time

Parishioners – Rev. Partridge commented on the Queen's Jubilee Beacon – see item 9.

County Councillor and Borough Councillors – County Cllr. Whiting congratulated the new Members on their appointment to the Parish Council and wished Lynda well.

He stated that both SITA's planning applications at Ridham Dock have been approved by KCC; the permission restricts movement of lorries.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – The Warden's report was circulated and noted by Members. There have been problems between allotment holders and residents; one incident was serious enough for him to advise the victim to report the matter to the Police. He has also spoken to the Gypsy Liaison Officer concerning an illegally camped caravan and transit lorry near the Sheppey Crossing.

6. Finance

ROSPA Report – School Lane Playing Field – The report and Risk Assessment have now been received. Two areas highlighted as 'medium' risk; a bolt needs to be replaced and a small patch of safety matting needs repairing. The Handyman will be replacing the bolt and has obtained a quote for the materials for the matting, which will cost £80.88p. It was proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Roberts that this expenditure be agreed. Clerk to instruct Handyman to obtain the necessary materials. *Action: Clerk/Village Handyman*

Village Newsletter – There could be VAT implications on the advertising. Clerk to clarify with H.M. Customs and Revenue and report back to the next meeting so that a final decision can be made on this matter *Action: Clerk*

Problem with Street Lamp located o/s 30 Sheerstone – this lamp is on during the day because the sensor is being affected by nearby branches which need to be cut back. The land does not come under the Environment Agency and there is no riparian owner. Clerk to instruct the Village Handyman to prune back relevant branches. *Action: Clerk*

Grass Cutting – Cllr. Hyde proposed that the Parish Council monitor the situation until March/April and then make a decision on the way ahead; seconded by Cllr. Hunt. *Action: Members/Clerk*

K.A.L.C. Finance Conference 2011 – Cllr. Jones to check date and see if he can attend. Proposed by Cllr. Phillips and seconded by Cllr. Gregory that one Councillor attends the Conference and that David Buckett (Internal Auditor) is approached regarding financial training for all the Parish Council. *Action: Cllr. Jones*

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Date	Cheque	Details	Amount
14.09.11	1459	PFL Electrical Ltd	£88.80p
14.09.11	1460	Audit Commission	£480.00p
14.09.11	1461	L. Fisher	£346.84p
14.09.11	1462	H.M. Revenue & Customs	£86.80p
14.09.11	1463	L. Fisher	£26.75p
14.09.11	1464	Steve Wakeling	£269.61p
14.09.11	1465	Island Leisure Products	£80.88p
14.09.11	1466	Swale RAHM	£50.00p
Eight cheques in total			

7b. Swale RAHM (Core Strategy) – Request for Funds

Cllr. Phillips updated the Parish Council on the first meeting held by the newly formed Committee, comprising members of 10 Parish Councils, supported by C.P.R.E.

Leaflets have been delivered to residents (this also includes non-Parish areas in Swale) and an article will be appearing in the newspaper today. A large meeting involving members of the public is planned for the future. Each Parish Council has been asked to donate towards the printing costs for the leaflets. It was proposed by Cllr. Phillips and seconded by Cllr. Jones that the Parish Council donates £50 towards this cost – agreed.

8. Village Hall Updates

Cllr. Hunt commented that this is still being held up with planning; the flood risk assessment is being done and once submitted hopefully things will start moving again

9. Correspondence

The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons – The Parish Council will not be lighting a beacon as there is insufficient land on which to do so. The Reverend Partridge mentioned earlier, during the public session, that a beacon could not be erected on the church due to insurance implications.

Consultation on KCC’s Countryside Access Improvement Plan - Review 2012 – Cllr. Hyde to look at. *Action: Cllr. Hyde*

Rural Homes: supporting Kent's Rural Communities – noted.

Enforcement Strategy and Service Charter – Cllr. Phillips to look at. *Action: Cllr. Phillips*

Age Concern invitation – 30th September – Cllr. Avron-Cotton might be able to attend.

Action: Cllr. Avron-Cotton

Countrystyle Recycling – ‘Odours’ – Clerk to respond to e-mail from the Chairman of Parham Village Hall suggesting he contact Cllr. Ben Stokes, who has been dealing with this problem.

Action: Clerk

10. Planning

SW/11/0804 – Single Storey side extension – 66 Sanderling Way – granted

SW/11/0850 – Single storey rear extension and new boundary wall section – 45 Cormorant Road – withdrawn.

SW/11/0856 – Garage conversion to habitable room – 6 Greenshanks – approved.

SW/11/0818 – Garage – 19 Meadow Rise – granted.

SW/11/0376/APP/V2255/D/11/2155717 – extension of driveway across front of property – 10 Kingfisher Close – appeal dismissed.

11. Next Meeting

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 12th October, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 09.15 p.m.