

## Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 1 July 19:45 •  
Meadowcroft Residents Association  
(See article on page 3 for full details)
- Thursday 3 July 11:15-11:30 | Mobile Library•  
Every other Thursday at the end of Sheerstone.
- Saturday 5 July 19:00 •  
Summer Brass Band Concert  
(See Church article for full details)
- Wednesday 9 July 19:30 •  
Iwade Parish Council Meeting  
In the Village Hall with time for residents' questions.
- Monday 14 July 17:00-18:00 •  
Iwade Mobile Police Station  
In Sheerstone, to talk to members of the public about the local area and answer any questions about policing.
- Wednesday 16 July | July W.I. Outing•  
Visiting the Abbey and Gatehouse and Tea.
- Thursday 17 July 11:15-11:30 | Mobile Library•
- Tuesday 22 July | Last Day at School•  
Last day at school for Iwade pupils  
(until 4th September 2014 for most of the school.)  
Enjoy the school run free roads!
- Tuesday 22 July 10:30•  
Iwade Reading and Book Group  
(See article for full details)
- Saturday 26 July 12:00-22:00 | Iwade Rock•  
THE event of the year, Iwade Rock, this year in Iwade School grounds.  
Tickets on sale from Keith Reynolds on 07921 151974
- Monday 28 July 17:00-18:00•  
Iwade Mobile Police Station
- Thursday 31 July 11:15-11:30 | Mobile Library•
- Sunday 3 August 10:45 •  
World War I Commemoration Service  
(See Church article for full details)
- Sunday 10 August 10:00-13:00| Iwade Market•  
Iwade Village Hall and grounds  
If you'd like a stall contact Rachel Rook on 07854 765 511 or email iwademarket@outlook.com
- Wednesday 13 August 19:30 •  
Iwade Parish Council Meeting
- Thursday 14 August 11:15-11:30 | Mobile Library•
- Wednesday 20 August | August W.I. Meeting•  
The August Meeting will be Four Craft Corners. Intrigued?  
If you would like to join the Iwade W.I. or find out more contact their Secretary Glenn by telephone on 01795 436515 or by email at gk.charisma@sky.com
- Tuesday 26 August 10:30•  
Iwade Reading and Book Group
- Thursday 28 August 11:15-11:30 | Mobile Library•



The man on the hill



All Saints Church provided the venue for the Iwade Bake Off..... Mmmm...cake.... Thank you all! £596.98!



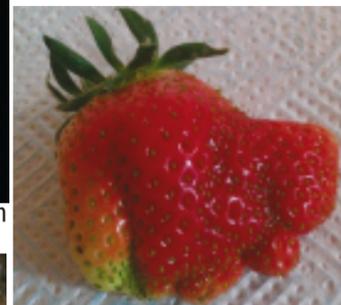
Delicious fruit available at Iwade's fabulous relaunched Market!



Lily Rose Baker was baptised by Reverend Ron Partridge on Sunday 8th June 2014 at All Saints Church Iwade. Proud parents Craige Baker and Laura Stoddart were delighted and the church was filled to the brim with over 100 people.



June's full moon over Iwade with thanks to Carl Waldie



What summer would be complete without comically shaped fruit?



Keeping School Lane construction lorry free during the school run.



View from Mansfield Bridge

### Editors Note

We are really pleased to have two new volunteers all set to get involved with the next issue in September, Rynn and Ben. As always we would love contributions from residents: a story or a simple photo. Send them to us at [the.iwade.observer@gmail.com](mailto:the.iwade.observer@gmail.com) or if there is a story you think we should report- let us know. So until September- Happy Summer!!

# Iwade Observer

## July/ August 2014

Iwade Health Centre is to welcome a new GP  
by Andy Gray [agray@thekmgroup.co.uk](mailto:agray@thekmgroup.co.uk)



Dr Neil Poplett will join the surgery in October and becomes the first full-time physician appointed by contractors, Malling Health.

It will end months of frustration for residents who have complained of long waiting lists for appointments, problems with the centre's telephone lines and a high number of locum doctors.

Dr Poplett, 48, said: "I'm aware that the recent history at the practice has been rather turbulent.

"I'm hopeful that my experience and patient-centred approach will provide the stability and leadership that this developing area deserves.

"With time, I'm hopeful this could develop into a flagship practice in the Swale area."

Chatham-born Dr Poplett grew up in Sittingbourne, attending Westlands and Borden Grammar schools. In 1990 he graduated from King's College, London.

Since 2009 he has been a partner in general practice in Aylesford, and for the past 15 years at Charing.

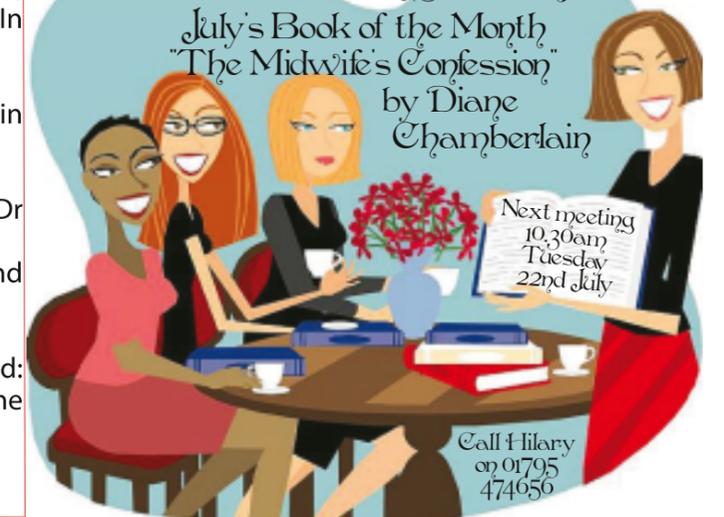
Dr Poplett lives in Chilham with three children. Dr Poplett's partner, Katie, works for Age UK. He is a keen cyclist and enjoys walking the dog and gardening. His other passion is classic cars.

Iwade Parish Council chairman James Hunt said: "Hopefully, it'll mean things will settle down at the surgery and patients will see improvements."

Many thanks to the KM Group for allowing us to publish their article. Ed

### Iwade Reading Group

July's Book of the Month  
"The Midwife's Confession"  
by Diane Chamberlain



Next meeting  
10.30am  
Tuesday  
22nd July

Call Hilary  
on 01795  
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MARKET**  
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**SUNDAY**  
10am-1pm  
10th August  
12th October  
14th December

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call Rachel on 07854765511  
twitter@iwade\_market - facebook/iwademarket  
iwadevillagehall.org.uk - iwademarket@outlook.com

## Notice of Iwade School Expansion Planning Application

### How to Comment on the application

**Deadline:** Preferably by 11th July 2014 but comments will be taken into account up to the point the decision is made (not yet known) so if you miss 11th July and want to comment, please do.

**How:** By online form (link on [IwadeVillage.co.uk](http://IwadeVillage.co.uk)), by email to [planningrepresentations@kent.gov.uk](mailto:planningrepresentations@kent.gov.uk) or by post to Kent County Council, Planning Applications Group, Fourth Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Quote reference: KCC/SW/0189/2014  
You can view the application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT or KCC, Planning Applications Group, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX

### Revised Plans

The Planning Application relating to the extension of Iwade School has now been received by the Parish Council and some of the plans (particularly those relating to vehicle access into and out of the School) have been revised since the public consultation at Iwade Village Hall on 23rd April 2014. Parish Councillors will be available for an informal discussion on the application (prior to the Planning Committee Meeting, which commences at 8.35 p.m.) and the Plans will be on display for residents to view on Monday 30th June, 2014 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm at All Saints Church, Iwade

### Extract from the Planning Statement May 14.pdf which forms part of the planning application

"2.1.1 As part of the Kent Basic Needs Programme it has been identified that the expansion of Iwade Community Primary School from a two form entry primary school (intake of 60 children into the Reception class) is required.

2.1.2 Iwade Primary School is popular and oversubscribed with 122 applications for a Reception place in 2013. Currently the school is full to capacity and families moving into the village are unable to get a place at the school. Further new housing is proposed in Iwade and children coming forward from the development may have to travel out of the village for their education should this proposal not go ahead.

2.1.3 To accommodate the increased pupil roll, it is proposed to construct a new two storey extension to the north east corner of the existing School building. The proposal also incorporates new hard and soft landscaping around the new built form.

2.1.4 The proposal also seeks permission to relocate an area of hard formal play space to the west of the new extension, together with the creation of a linear grass playing area to the north which will house some of the relocated play structures.

2.1.5 Some alteration of the internal access road and existing car park are proposed. A new vehicular entrance will be created from School Lane which will take cars north through the site with a turning circle provided to allow on site pick-up and drop-off. Land ownership constraints mean that the two access points from School Mews will not continue to be used. Pick up and drop off of children is currently not allowed on site so the introduction of a new access from School Lane will allow for this, taking cars away from the roads surrounding the school.

2.1.6 The creation of a larger car park extension to the north will accommodate 42 car parking spaces in total - an additional 14 spaces. This will include 4 drop-off bays to be located to the east of the school near to the main entrance.

2.1.7 The existing informal cycle provision is removed from the north eastern corner of the site but is replaced by a more formal arrangement to the east of the new extension. The new cycle parking area offers 24 no. cycle hoops providing secure parking for at least 48 no. bicycles.

2.1.8 Further details of the design of the proposed development can be found in the accompanying Design and Access Statement."



Proposed Site Plan as at 24th June 2014

## Would you like to get on your bike?

by Dave Wastall

This year's Ride and Stride event is happening on Saturday the 13th September 2014 and in line with the last few years, Iwade will be organising a team to ride their bikes round the local churches to raise money in support of All Saints church in the village. Last year's event raised over £130 000 across the country and with ongoing projects such as roof renovations and public amenities required at All Saints, what could be better than spending a late summer Saturday touring round the pretty North Kent lanes, raising money for a worthy cause.



In an effort to visit different churches and provide a greater diversity of cake suppliers, this years route is slightly longer than the previous version, totalling around 40 miles in all. It doesn't stray far from the village though, so if the mind is willing but the body is weak, riders can always take a short cut home. The villages to be visited are: Lower Halstow, Upchurch, Hartlip, Borden, Bredgar, Milstead, Doddington, Newnham, Oare, Teynham and Murston.

If you'd like to join the team, please e-mail Dave Wastall at [kirstyanddave@the-wastalls.net](mailto:kirstyanddave@the-wastalls.net) to be put on the mailing list for further updates and details of the event. If you'd like to sponsor the team, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/iwaderideandstride> and help keep our church serving the local community.

Venue: Iwade Primary School (Playing Field) Large Capacity

Date: 26th July Time: 12 Noon - 10pm

Tickets: £5 Adults (16 Plus) Children Under 15 Free On sale from 07921 151974

Bands Confirmed...

- Common Outlaw • Rokoko-Crashgate • Ashes • Kings Amongst Men • The Kulpritts • Marylebone Jelly • Zero Tolerance • The Charlie Monroe Band • Deepwater Horizon •

PA, Lighting, DJ and Compare being provided by Sound Experience Disco & PA Hire

Kids Entertainment:

Bouncy Castles, Kids Quad Bikes, Face Painting, Sand Art, Fire Engine Display, Pastie Wagon, Cupcake Stall, Licensed Bar in the Marquee, BBQ, SFM Radio Roadshow 106.9FM, Small Funfair, Football Shoot Out Competitions, Celebrity Footballer Appearance Autograph Signing Session

Raising Money for:

Iwade Village Hall, Iwade School, Iwade Herons FC

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# Tinkerbells Early Years



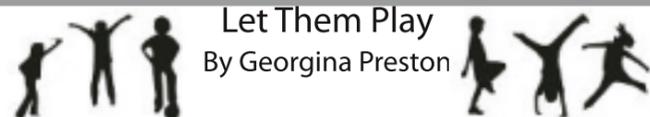
This terms topic at Tinkerbells has been about 'Healthy Living'. The children have been making their own Fruit kebabs giving them the opportunity to try different fruits and have gained knowledge on healthy living through our weekly Yoga sessions.

The children have also been very busy this term at our allotment tending to our very own fruit and vegetables. The children have enjoyed seeing the process of fruit and vegetables develop over time which will very shortly be due for harvesting.

We also recently had our sports day which was a really enjoyable event for all involved and our school leavers have also been busy preparing going to school. Our school leavers are still yet to have their leaver's assembly and leaver's day out which they are really

looking forward to and I'm sure both events will be fun and emotional for all involved.

We would also like to take this opportunity to let parent/carers know that Tinkerbells in Iwade has now only got very limited spaces for afternoon sessions available, although Tinkerbells at the Clocktower at Adisham green in Kemsley, still have some morning and afternoon sessions available. If you would like to put your child's name down for sessions at either of the nurseries, please feel free to contact Donna via email at [enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk) or by telephoning 07966 762239.



## Let Them Play

By Georgina Preston

Children have a right to play, but exercising this right is becoming quite difficult and frustrating for the children of Iwade. Since the closure of the School Lane Park children have found some residents being very resistant to them playing in other open spaces. They have found themselves being shouted at, sworn at and even threatened with the police, just for playing. One young Iwade resident said "people just think we are going to cause trouble, we're only 11, I know there are some kids who cause trouble, but that doesn't mean we all do" another told me "I just want to be able to play outside with my friends, but wherever we go we're not wanted, some people have been quite rude" and another "I don't want to be stuck indoors bored, with nothing to do but wherever we go we get moaned at". Another young lad stated "I would like there to be a place where everyone and anyone can go and play and have fun".

Come on Iwade! These kids need to play! They are appealing to the community to give them a chance to. We've submitted this article to the Iwade Parish Council for the July agenda kids so let's see what we can do. Why not go along if you can and tell them how you feel. Wednesday 9th July 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall - Ed

## Iwade WI By Val Pugh

Hello again,

2014 is half way through & our June meeting has taken place with an interesting talk by Penny Harris on Memoirs of a Kent Character. We are now looking forward to our July Outing. We are going out to the Abbey & Gatehouse on the Isle of Sheppey for a tour... The tour is being arranged by Minster WI and two of their members are showing us round. So we are all looking forward to finding out more about the lovely buildings so near to us. After the tour we are being treated to a homemade tea in keeping with the tradition of the WI also being provided by the members of Minster WI...

Before we know it August will be here with our in house meeting of Four Craft Corners. Giving members a chance to have a taster of four different crafts during the evening...

Has this interested you enough to give us a try... Come along one evening. It will give you a chance to make new friends & have an interesting night out very near where you live in the Village Hall... Give our secretary Glenn a ring to find out more on 01795 436515... Go on, don't be shy give us a try...

## Iwade Reading Group

By Hilary Foulds  
June's book was One Step Too Far by Tina Seskis, why not give it a try! Ed

We received so much encouragement from the Iwade Does Facebook web page to the idea of a reading group, it is with thanks to Laura Stoddart, Lianna Colburn and Tina Appleton we were able to make it happen. You may have seen our little poster on the noticeboard outside the post office announcing our Book of the Month or heard about us on Iwade Does Facebook.

Many of us enjoy reading but some of us need the push to get motivated. Joining a reading group gives us clear deadlines on a regular monthly basis. Also, by reading other people's choices we get to read a wide variety of styles and genres which we may not otherwise have picked ourselves. Reading alone is wonderful and making new friends is always good for the soul. Sharing a book with others brings a whole new perspective on the experience. And it's fun.

We plan to meet once a month, 10.30 am on the 4th

Tuesday of the month. The idea is to chat over a coffee about what we've been reading, what we liked and what we didn't, and learn what will be our next Book of the Month. Don't worry though. You don't have to say anything if you prefer not to. Our next 2 meetings are on Tuesday 22 July and 26 August. Until the Barn is available we are taking turns to host the meetings and the host gets to choose the next book!

If you are interested in joining us you would be very welcome. Please telephone me on 01795 474656 for more information or details about the next meeting.

Our Laura has set up the wonderful Iwade Reading and Book Group on Facebook where we can post and later review our Books of the Month and we hope those of you who are unable to join us at the meetings may join us on line and post your own views. We'd love to hear your recommendations too about anything you have read which you have particularly enjoyed.

## Iwade Church

SUMMER BRASS BAND CONCERT - UK PAPER BAND  
Come and join us in the grounds of All Saints Church  
Saturday, 5th July at 7.00 p.m. (Bring a rug or chair)  
Tickets - £5 each Children under 12 - free  
(including light refreshment)

Phone Pamela 01795 437026 to book a ticket or tickets available at the gate (If wet - in church)

### WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATION SERVICE

August 4th is the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I. All Saints Church will be holding a special service of commemoration on Sunday 3rd August at 10.45 a.m. ALL ARE WELCOME

If you wish to pay a personal tribute to a loved one, you are invited to bring a flower or flowers, or a photo, a letter, a card, a poem or other tribute in memory of a member of your family to the church on Saturday 2nd August between 10.30 a.m. and 12.00 noon. We will place the item on a table of remembrance.

### Iwade Parish Council Vacancy

NOTICE is hereby given that a vacancy has occurred in the membership of Iwade Parish Council. Persons wishing to be considered for this appointment should apply in writing to the Clerk to the Parish Council as soon as possible but no later than 3rd July 2014. Written applications should be made to the Clerk at the following address: Iwade Parish Council, P.O. Box 588, Sittingbourne Kent ME10 9ET or by email to [iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk)

## Meadowcroft Residents Association Iwade Village Hall Tuesday 1st July 2014 7.45pm

Calling all Freehold Residents of Sanderling Way, Dunlin Walk and Mallard Crescent! Please come along for our 1st AGM where we will introduce the Residents Association committee and discuss plans and actions to work towards sacking OM Property Management.

Did you know that you need to pay OM for permission to get a conservatory; that you need to pay OM to remortgage your property; that you need to pay OM when you sell your property; that OM only maintain 2 small areas of land on the development; that the front garden should be maintained as originally landscaped otherwise OM could charge you for replacing shrubs and trees etc.?! To be able to replace OM we need the support of at least 51 % of the residents.

Email [Meadowcroft\\_ra@yahoo.com](mailto:Meadowcroft_ra@yahoo.com) to get in contact with the committee for more info or go along to the AGM to show your support and make up that 51%.

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on Wednesday 28th May, 2014

### REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR ON THE PREVIOUS YEAR

The Chair, Cllr. James Hunt, commented that after being thrown in at the deep end as Chair last year, and having never actually chaired any meeting in his life, he had a lot to learn!

He's looked back over the past year to see if the Parish Council (P.C) has achieved what it said it would and all he can say is that certain issues take so long to sort out! There have been some big issues in the village that the P.C has been working on constantly; namely the Village Hall, The Barn and problems with developers. It would have been nice to have stated that everything had been dealt with, but this is not the case. However he is confident that we will soon be having some good news soon on many of these; the Barn transfer has been agreed with the Borough Council and we're waiting on Ward Homes to finish some remedial work prior to the hand over. The new Village Hall is an ongoing project and the Parish Council is committed to making a reality. There has been some success with developers; the Parish Council ensured that the haul road on the Ward Homes development was removed, as per the planning condition; have continued to work with residents on issues with the nature conservation land and heard today that agreements are now in place for the Borough Council to take this on so that the residents of the development don't pay for the upkeep as they have been doing. We've been successful in finally getting All Saints Close finished and the road has now had the tarmac laid. The biggest issue over the last year has been with the Persimmon development. This is still ongoing but the Chair is confident that residents will see some sort of action soon. We have been working closely with the developer and Swale Borough Council, but unfortunately the action that needs to be taken is out of the control of the Parish Council.

Other items the Parish Council has dealt with have been:

•Street Lights – Thanks to our County Cllrs. Lee Burgess and Roger Truelove for donating £4000 each towards new lights in Sheerstone. With the Parish Council putting another £4000 in the pot it means that we have now replaced nine of the old columns since 2012.

•Christmas Tree – This was a great success and the Chair is still amazed at the amount of residents that come to see the lights switched on. It was great to see the community coming together to make it happen.

•Donations – The Parish Council has supported a

number of events and groups in the village – Halloween, the Church, Toddler Group, Iwade Herons, W.I. and Scouts.

•Planning Applications – We've had just over 20 applications to deal with during the year and the P.C's campaign against some are now being heard – the Planning Departments at both KCC and Swale are listening more to us.

I enjoyed being Chairman this last year and it's been helped by having a great team of Councillors who are all proactive and get involved. A lot of people don't realise how much work goes in to the Council, other than the monthly meetings and the Chair would like to thank all the Councillors for their work over the last year and Lynda, our Parish Clerk, who has made sure we all behave ourselves!

When speaking to other Parish Councils and Councillors and Officers at Swale and KCC, it's good to hear that Iwade Parish Council has a very good reputation. The Chair is proud of Iwade as he is sure everyone else is.

### PRESENTATION BY GRAEME HORNER ON 'THE BARN@IWADE'

Graeme gave a brief history of this former farm building, explained that it was Grade II Listed, although before restoration it had been repaired externally with some modern materials, although three of the main frames are old, as are many of the other timbers in the building.

Wards took the building over and as part of a S.106 agreement have re-roofed and re-cladded (with green timber which has shrunk) the building for it to then be handed over to Swale Borough Council. Prior to handing over to Swale and then to the Parish Council, Wards are undertaking some remedial work to the drains, roof and cladding.

At present it is a shell ready for use by the Trust (which will comprise of members of the Parish Council, Church and Community) that will be set up by the Parish Council who has negotiated a 125 year lease with the Borough Council so that it can be utilised for the benefit of the village and its community. Swale borough Council have imposed some conditions on the Lease, e.g. as soon as the contractors have the new burial ground in use they will have use of the toilet in the Barn, as will those attending Funerals.

Internally the Church will provide funding for the toilet; others provided materials free of charge and offers of help for plumbing and electrical work have been received from within the village. Current suggestions for use of the Barn are coffee mornings/café, meeting

place in the week for say IT gatherings/computer tuition, community groups, e.g. Book Club, Knitting Club and it can even be used for exhibitions. There will be a need to cover the day to day running costs of the Barn, it is hoped to keep fees to a minimum.

### PRESENTATION BY PIPPA PALMER FROM 'KENT ORCHARDS FOR EVERYONE'

Pippa opened her presentation by stating that the Kent Orchards for Everyone project will carry out essential restoration and conservation work with 15 traditional community orchards in Kent, including the one in Iwade, which is special because of its 'residents' the Noble Chaffer Beetle, the only other known colony being right across the country. So far they have received £220,000 Heritage Lottery Funding to roll out this pilot project across the Mid Kent Downs and west of Maidstone. This project will support communities in celebrating and conserving their very own traditional community orchards.

There will be opportunities for volunteers to discover Iwade's orchard heritage and learn orchard management skills whilst establishing good management practices within the community orchard. There will be an educational programme and workshops; a Warden to support the project, provision of equipment and the Heritage Lottery has also put in funding for Fruit Maps. Every orchard will have a generic management system; there will be a specialist school project, including Cubs, Scouts, etc. It is also planned to have guided walks to learn about all the various forms of biodiversity. There will be a Web Hub for access to all info and the Kent Orchard Trust will support communities and help create funding.

Traditional orchards have declined hugely over the past 50 years or so, but remain a very much valued component of the Kentish landscape and there needs to be an investment in their future. The 'Kent Orchards for Everyone' project will focus on community owned traditional orchards, will make the investments needed and build the skills and expertise amongst the communities and countryside partnerships to assure their future management.

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Chairman thanked Parishioners in attendance at tonight's meeting and those who attend the monthly Parish Council meetings. Finally he thanked the guest speakers for taking the time to attend and give such interesting presentations regarding their projects.

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on Wednesday 14th May 2014

### Visitors/Public Time

•The Parish Council has been working with Persimmon. Andrew Shankster, the Managing Director of Persimmon attended the Localism and April meetings and informed that Swale Borough Council were looking into certain things, including the haul road and putting options forward to the company. Residents raised various issues regarding the Persimmon site. The Herons were hoping to get a programme of the works relating to the field and Pavilion from Persimmon, but details have not been released so far. Mr Shankster promised to follow up these issues. He also agreed to look into joining the Considerate Construction Scheme, the site is not registered but Persimmon is a member and other sites are.

•Residents advised him that Lorries are still speeding in the village; these cause buildings to shake and some have driven residents off the road. The Chair referred to the condition that once 30 houses had been built the haul road should be in place. Mr. Shankster could not inform the Parish Council as to why the haul road had not been built but that this is dependent on a bridge which will be in place giving a permanent connection to the two sites at the end of August. The bridge is on its way from Ireland. He did add that the haul road is not in because of the drainage strategy on the site; it needs Environment Agency approval prior to it being put in.

•The Parish Council has received an application from Planning Officers relating to conditions; these conditions, such as drainage, layout, landscaping, etc., should have been passed before any building took place but this has not been the case. The condition also states that no houses should be occupied until details are passed.

•The Council advised him that it has pictures of 39 lorry movements in School Lane at School times during the past two weeks which clearly shows that what Andrew said at the last meeting about telling the contractors not to use School Lane obviously is not working. Andrew Shankster advised that in terms of deliveries to the site Persimmon have written; telephoned and reinforced and now the only option left is to put a representative from the company on the highway, away from the site, to stop every commercial vehicle coming towards the site or away from School Lane to carry out a check on them. He has already spoken to the Local Authority and Planners about signage but the process will take quite a while – he cannot just put signs up because

these will be illegal. He promised to write to everyone again about the procedure, if a vehicle ignores it quite severe sanctions will be brought against that company. A resident asked about Lorries arriving on site at 6.30 a.m. Mr. Shankster responded that every lorry driver has to sign in and he will check on this. A resident suggested putting signs up on Persimmon land; Mr. Shankster advised he will write to the Planners about putting up a temporary sign. The Chair advised that residents are not happy with the continued use of School Lane at any time during the day (not just School times), particularly if this is now going to take until August to remedy.

•A surface water drainage scheme costing thousands of pounds will be installed under the football pitch; again this needs the approval of the Environment Agency. Persimmon has given a commitment to the Planning Authority and the Parish Council to do this. Persimmon should be in a position to submit an application for the Pavilion in the middle of June. The Chair mentioned the condition to pass this over by the completion of the 100th house; a condition which is obviously not going to be met. It was also suggested that the local football club pass over details of how they want the field set up.

•The issue of contractors swearing on site near to residents' gardens was raised and Mr. Shankster said that this was unacceptable and he will raise it with his Site Manager.

•The Chair advised Mr Shankster that reptile fencing has been torn down; landscaping plans show an area with planning and a pond but at present there is hard-standing and a burger van stationed on this area; children are accessing the site and throwing materials into the stream and bags have fallen down on to the footpath. He has e-mailed all the information to Mr. Shankster's P.A. but nothing has happened. He understands the Environment Agency is looking into the stream. Mr. Shankster advised that there is security on site.

•Mr. Shankster advised that the Planning Authority called Persimmon in for a meeting; the company gave a response but have had no formal response from the Planners; nor have they had an Enforcement Notice from them.

•A resident raised the issue of dust – the road sweeper does not seem to be cleaning properly. Andrews Shankster will check on road sweeping in School Lane. Dust is affecting properties on the Sheppey Way; he will ask the Environment Agency people to come down and give advice on this. A resident asked about mud on the roads; Mr. Shankster replied that

there is a jet wash on site but the resident advised that this needs to be a wheel wash to properly clean underneath a vehicle.

•Mr. Shankster is keen to work closely with the village and is quite happy to meet on a fortnightly basis to see what is going on. A resident suggested bringing the Site Manager to these meetings. Mr. Shankster suggested that residents who do have an issue make an individual appointment to discuss it, this might be better and more focused; first perhaps there could be a site meeting with the Parish Council and then individual residents.

### Matters Arising from the Minutes

•Street Lighting – KCC are looking again at the part-night lighting in Iwade, taking into account traffic calming areas and roads with other highway furniture.

•CPRE Solar Workshop – Cllrs. Plumb and Rook attended this workshop at Hadlow College. CPRE have set up a website which gives planning guidelines to help Parish Councils consider applications that might come from energy companies; this website will be useful when the Parish Council is dealing with the two proposed applications; one within and one on the boundary of Iwade.

### Speed Watch

The Chair advised that he had recently attended a Speed Watch conference. Regrettably the present team has insufficient members (only two) and they have not had anyone else come forward from Iwade.

### Iwade School Expansion

The Project Manager has been in contact with Ward Homes who own the access road to the side of the village centre and are happy for the road to be used but have asked how much money County are willing to pay to for it. KCC are not willing to pay and Ward Homes are refusing to allow the road to be used without payment. Also the upkeep of the road is paid for by the businesses in the Village Centre and unfair on them to pay if there's any damage.

### Barn and Village Hall Updates

The Chair has a meeting next week with Nicola McKenzie to go through the paperwork to set up the Trust to run the Barn. No further update on the new Village Hall.

To view the Parish Council notes in full please visit the council page on iwadevillage.co.uk. Next parish meeting - Wednesday 9th of July.