

Iwade Health Walks Famous flower shows, local flora and fly-tipping

James Apps

The thing about May and June is that we normally have flowers and fresh green foliage, crops that are beginning to put on a spurt or even raised to a mature height. It is the time of the year for visiting famous gardens, to see the flowers of Sissinghurst, or admire the local municipal gardens, take in the grandeur of Penschurst Place and other such national monuments.

We have the Chelsea Flower Show and all its hype with solid garden displays and the wacky winner that was described by one observer as a "pile of organised rocks and weeds", and of course the beauty of the season in our own and local gardens.

The group has taken its usual walks around the village and admired the displays of Iwade residents, whose efforts this spring have given Iwade colour and beauty for us as we waddle off past the duck pond and around and beyond the houses. The only fly in the ointment is the ever present blight of the fly tippers !!

Council makes an effort to clean up the roads but there is one place that when we have approached them in the past they refused to deal with. There is a section along the Saxon Shore Way, a nationally recognised foot way, where rubbish is dumped that now threatens to block the pathway. This has been tipped illegal of course during which a gate was damaged and a bridgeway used for access. Iwade Health Walks uses this route on what is one of its most liked walks. The land owner has made it obvious where the path goes, has cut access and raised posts as markers.

Perhaps with a little effort of will Iwade residents could ask their council to demand that the pathway be cleared. Other than that walking in and around the village is pleasant even if it is getting rather portly now with all the new buildings.

And now that we have all survived the General Election we can look forward to some holidays.



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Exciting playtimes ahead!

Hopefully by the time you read this the newly refurbished Woodpecker Playpark will be thronging with families again.

These are some of the works in progress and some of the new wooden sculptures along the footpaths.



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The W.I. to join The Brownies !! Kerry Holman

This term at 1st Iwade Brownies is going to be a busy one! We've welcomed some new Brownies. The WI will be joining us again - they kindly came before half term to teach us to knit (and for tea and cake!). We have been practising at home so that we can take part in the Medway 5000 Poppies project. They are coming to see how much progress we have made and hopefully we will be able to start making the poppies.

We are working towards a group badge about the beach and seaside! We welcomed the RNLI into one of our meetings, where we talked about water safety, lifeguards and what to do to stay safe! They told us stories and we learnt a lot! We will also be enjoying fish and chips on the beach for tea one night, and doing lots of seaside related things! Last term, our last week involved a picnic in the park.

We are going to a fun day soon which will involve being with other sections of Girl Guiding in the area - we can't wait! Then, it will soon be time to prepare for our camp in September!



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FRUITY LYRICS

*With poetry maps abound and cherries galore,
A myriad of colours and tantalising tastes were in store!*

With a hot stifling day, the Mews BrewHouse produced delicious cherry cakes, with fresh cherries to sample and the cherry salsa chosen by Countryfile to film at the county show two years ago. To try it yourself, visit our web page www.kentorchards.org.uk

The day was accompanied by a wonderful serenade by Dave Bowdler playing his Japanese flute including the famous tune Cherry Ripe.



Chris Poundwhite our poet in residence at Fruity Lyrics wrote of

The Orchard at Iwade

May lies wet on the orchard –
rainfall all night and morning.

Now clouds shift and thin, gentle heat
meets skin from the hidden Kent sun.

Soil warmed, still damp, enriches air.
wellies slump, scruff wet grass.

Cars and trucks rush down Ferry Road,
windows up, can't hear what's here:

The brook's song and the blackbird's
spill around trees, heavy hung –

Unripe plums, still small and green.
far off, the Sheppey Crossing stands.

Here, church roof's thick with lichen and
frogs thrum from up the dog rose track.

In the pond's surface, my own face
looks back, floats in miles of sky.

A coot - chicks in tow, tweeping,
slides of in to reeds and yellow iris

Paul Fowler painted this wonderful picture of the community orchard for Iwade; the poem was printed on the back.

A 'POETRY'

Pupils from Mr Arrandale's year 5 class at Iwade Primary School took part in a poetry day, for the Kent Orchards for Everyone project. The class spent some time investigating the local orchard and then turned their discoveries into short poems and haiku with 'Go to the Pine', - Chris Poundwhite. Their poems hung swaying in the breeze upon a plum tree in your community orchard, a POETRY at Fruity Lyrics. Below are some of their poems.

*Big tree was cut down...
Caterpillars mourned silently
Their favourite tree was gone!*

*Damp bark
Sleeping chicks
Deep in the tree*

*The ripe plum
Grows in the sunset
While the snake lies dead*

*The swallows
Fly across
The silent ancient trees*

*A frog croaks
Water ripples
From vibration*

*Little ladybirds crawl
While trees sway uproariously
The nearby river bobbing
With water*



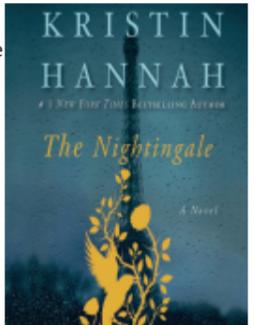
Paul Fowler drew this amazing orchard map for Iwade, look carefully and you will see lines of the children's poems following various routes through the old plum orchard, your community orchard.



Iwade Reading and Book Group

Christine Freshwater

At our usual second Tuesday of the month meeting we spent a pleasant morning in the garden where we discussed *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.



Set in World War 2 in occupied France it follows 2 sisters Isabelle and Vianne who respond to war in different ways. Isabelle reacts with anger and defiance, she joins the resistance and sets up a Lifeline for downed aircrew taking them across the Pyrenees to Spain.

Vianne is more cautious and fearful avoiding conflict for the sake of her children and goes on to save the lives of Jewish children while having a Nazi Officer billeted in her home.

We all found the story to be an eye-opener that illustrates life under Nazi occupation in France during WW2. It focuses the mind on how we might cope in those circumstances.

We found the story harrowing in parts and quite a haunting tale. However we were unanimous in thoroughly recommending it as a good read -5 stars!

The book for July is *Midnight is a Lonely Place* by Barbara Erskine, our next meeting will be Tuesday 11th July at Karen's house.

The book for August will be *Veronica, Hidden Harm* by Veronica Cook, a biography by one of our group's relatives.

Tinkerbells Early Years

Jody Nichols

We had a very busy and exciting summer term at Tinkerbells. The children took part in many activities related to our topic, 'Healthy living' and they have been learning all about how to keep fit and healthy. As well as getting out and about around the village, we held a sponsored walk and of course we have had our Annual Sports Day too. Both were a great success and much fun was had by all. Well done to all those who took part!

We've been taking good care of the vegetables and wild flowers we previously planted in our garden. It was lots of fun for the children to plant and care for them and they've been very excited to watch them grow. The wild flowers look lovely and they have now managed to dig up some lovely potatoes too!

July brings us to the end of another academic year. We have been very busy getting the leavers ready for big school, and we are looking forward to having a party to celebrate with them. We will be finishing off nicely on the last day of term with the ever-emotional graduation

ceremony where we will celebrate our children's learning journey with us. We would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of them every success in their new schools. We know you will all be little stars and we hope you have lots of fun in your next adventure!

Whilst that brings us to a close this year, we are very excited to meet the new children who will be joining us in September. We are sure you're going to have lots of fun with us and we can't wait to get to know you and your families too!

All our sessions at Tinkerbells are currently full until September at Iwade, and spaces are filling up fast from then too. Therefore, if you are interested in a place or you would like your child to be put on our waiting list, please feel free to call in for a copy of our prospectus or email us at enquiries@tinkerbellspreeschool.co.uk for more information.



I'll start with the disappointing news that we had to cancel our Race Night back in June as unfortunately we didn't reach the required level of table sales. We had a bumper crowd for the first one in 2016 and had such a great evening, but for whatever reason, the tickets just didn't sell as well this time. If you came to the first one, but chose not to come to the second, we'd really appreciate knowing your reason why, especially if it's something we could change for any future ones.

Onto more positive news and on Sunday 16th July we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of Iwade Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, it's free entry and will run from 10am-1pm. It'll be like a little summer fete with a bouncy castle for the littlies, fun jousting for the older ones (both free of charge), a BBQ with great prices (but not quite those of 1957!) (*Ed's note - did we do BBQs in 1957??*) We've also got stalls in the garden run by our regular hirers that so far include the Brownies with hoopla, Tinkerbells Nursery with Guess-the-weight-of-the-cake and how many sweets in the jar, All Saints Church with a tombola, the WI with

cakes (yum), Scouts with a pre-loved stall and our local Cats Protection branch with a raffle. To make the day even more fun, we have a great DJ and a fire engine in the car park!

We've also invited local businesses, run by Iwade residents to come along and promote themselves for free (if you haven't booked your space yet, please be very quick!) It'll be a true community event which will celebrate the 60 years of our lovely village hall with a Memory Wall showing how it used to look back in the 50's. If you are one of the few people who remember it back then, please get in contact with us (details below) as we'd love to hear your stories. If you have photos that you don't mind us borrowing to have enlarged for the Memory wall, it's not too late, but please call us asap.

The hall, like any other community group, cannot run without volunteers and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped the hall to thrive over the years ... previous and current Trustees, supporters of events, tradespeople who give us discounts,

regular and occasional hirers, Twitter and FB groups who share our posts and of course the Observer team who allow us (me!) to ramble on each month promoting the events! The hall wouldn't be here without you all so from us to you ... THANK YOU!

Remember then - Sunday 16th July from 10am-1pm, come along to our open day and help us celebrate 60 glorious years of Iwade Village Hall.

As we have no Observer in August, I'll just take this opportunity to let you know that our next quiz night is Saturday 9th September. Stick it in your diary as this one will be a different format from the others ... I won't give the game away, but it's definitely worth an evening out!

Did I mention the 60th anniversary open day we have on Sunday 16th July between 10am and 1pm?! See you there!

Iwade Village Hall contacts: Tel: 07724 862744, secretary@iwadevillagehall.co.uk or drop a note into our postbox on the front of the hall.

Ypres – Menin Gate

Rynn Kemp



A small group of Iwadians recently enjoyed a 'pilgrimage' to Ypres to attend the Last Post ceremony that has been performed at The Menin Gate every evening since first starting in 1928. We located the names of the two brave Iwadians, who are among the 54,000 soldiers commemorated there. Pte. P E Taylor and Sgt E Ransley both of The Royal West Kent Regt., who were both killed within a few days of each other in June 1914 at the Battle of Messines just to the NE of Ypres. (For their story see The Iwade Observer for October 2014 and November 2014 respectively). The ceremony was a very sombre, sobering experience accentuating the sheer number of deaths during the First Great War of the 20th century of which the Menin Gate commemorates only a fraction.



IWADE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Graeme Horner, Secretary

Iwade Patient Participation Group (IPPG) held a public meeting on 30th May. KCC councillor Mike Whiting and a disappointing number of only 22 Iwade residents attended. Many issues were raised and noted by the IPPG who undertook to follow up each matter mentioned. Notes of the meeting have been posted on the IPPG notice board at the surgery. A suggestion box has been supplied to Iwade pharmacy and IPPG will act on suggestions made. A second box has been supplied to the surgery and will put in place shortly.

The group has held two meetings with the practice and has arranged a further meeting with the service provider IMH. We understand that there is still a problem in engaging a permanent lead doctor. A general shortage of GPs and, we are told, adverse publicity for the Iwade practice, is hindering finding a suitable applicant. One applicant is currently under consideration. He, like all doctors, will have to provide six months notice to his previous practice. A permanent solution is therefore some time away.

The current, temporary, solution is that the

practice is now employing two semi-permanent, regular, locums who will provide a measure of continuity. They are supported by a new Advance Nurse Practitioner, two Practice Nurses and a Health Care Practitioner. This level of staffing is more than adequate to provide sufficient appointments to meet present demand.

Patients can themselves help the situation by accepting that a GP appointment is not always necessary. A practice nurse or ANP or often a simple visit to the pharmacy will often provide the most suitable service. Any of these will refer on to a GP if that is necessary. Similarly it is important to keep any appointment that has been booked. 84 patients failed to attend their appointment in May (and that was a better figure than average!). These D.N.A.s delay appointments for others. The practice text reminder service is being improved to help address this problem.

Some patients will have complaints of the practice or the staff. Some may be justified, some not. The IPPG urge that if you have a complaint you make it in writing to the practice.

They have a formal complaints procedure. You should acknowledge receipt of a complaint immediately and indicate how it will be dealt with and how long that may take. If you prefer there is a form available at the surgery which explains the procedure. IPPG would be grateful to learn of any complaints (minus any personal or medical details) through our suggestion boxes or through iwadeppg@outlook.com or via our website (see iwadefacebook).

The IPPG is not the only body concerned with keeping the practice up to scratch. The Care Quality Commission has recently carried out a thorough and severe spot check on the surgery. Some of you will have been questioned by them as to your experience of the practice. The CQC report is still awaited but some changes have already been implemented.

IPPG exists to try to ensure that Iwade receives the best possible care from our surgery. You can help. Don't just fly to Facebook - tell the surgery or ourselves if you have a problem. We would be delighted to hear of praise for the surgery as well!

Editor's Note

New to Iwade or new to Facebook??

Don't forget there are two Iwade Facebook pages!! Confused??

1. IwadeVillage Does Facebook
- and
2. Iwade Village Does Facebook.

Note the cheeky full stop at the end of the second version! They are two separate pages!! the larger and original of the IVDF pages is the first option - i.e. without the full stop.

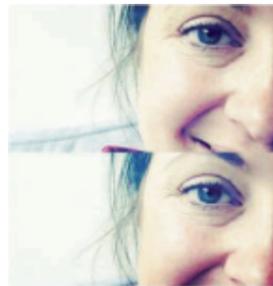
Whichever you use -and why not both? - they are a great place to find out what's going on and seek recommendations for services, etc.

Don't forget also our brilliant village website www.iwadevillage.co.uk

Don't like Facebook and it's invasiveness, or don't have internet access?? Then stick with your favourite mag - the Iwade Observer.

Caroline's Foodie Corner

Being a big foodie and an ex chef it does mean I too can get lost in the word of repeat and eat, repeat and eat when it comes to cooking for the family each week. It is so easy to stick to the familiar and turn to recipes that are always a winner for the whole family..... but this is a dish that I would like to share as a firm favourite in our house and one that can also be used for entertaining..... it looks like you've been slaving away in the kitchen!! What's not to love? See my version below!



Caroline Dormedy

SUMMER SALMON EN CROUTE

For lunch or dinner

Ingredients:

- 1 sheet of pre rolled puff pastry
- Salmon fillet enough for 4 in one fillet would be best but not essential (or amount your cooking for, just cut pastry down to size)
- Pesto or olive tapenade, whichever you prefer
- Ball of mozzarella, sliced
- Cherry toms, sliced
- Basil
- 1 egg, yolk

Method:

- Preheat oven to 180 degrees
- Unroll the pastry on the paper it's rolled in onto a big enough baking tray.
- Spread a thinnish layer of pesto / olive tapenade onto the pastry.
- Place the salmon on top of pastry, (there should be an inch of pastry on show around the edge) lay the basil leaves all over the salmon fillet, then layer the sliced tomatoes all over, then down the middle layer the mozzarella.
- Then roughly fold the pastry up the side - it doesn't have to reach all the way over just keep it all together whilst in the oven.
- When all folded up around the edges, brush the egg yolk over the upturned pastry.
- Into the oven it goes for 30-40 minutes. Keep an eye on it, should be golden brown when cooked.



This can be served with a rocket/green salad!! Even my kids enjoy this!! Hope you do too.
If you like this recipe and would like anything specific featured that you need ideas for I'll do what I can to accommodate.

Iwade Youth Project



At long last and after much behind the scenes work and negotiations Iwade has a new Youth Group starting. Initially this will be for children aged between 9 and 12. The first meeting is to be on July 14th - meeting in the Barn Car Park and running from 6:30 - 8:00; the cost for each session will be just £1. We hope to have some exciting surprises in store to kick-start our first session, and have lots of activities planned. All staff are DBS checked and we have a qualified youth worker leading our sessions.

For further information, or to express an interest, please contact:

- asiwade@btinternet.com
- iwadeyouth@gmail.com
- or telephone 07905040119 or 01795470418

or simply turn up on the day - young people should be accompanied by an adult to the start of the meeting, for the first occasion please. We look forward to seeing you.

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IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10 May 2017

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllrs Horner, Mitchell and Plumb declared an interest in Planning - Item 2. Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr Cheeseman, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th April 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Visitors/Public Time

1. Visitors – A resident raised his concern at parking on the corner of Linkway/School Lane and asked when the yellow corner lines will be installed. The Parish Council keeps pushing for these; Clerk to contact County Cllr. Whiting to see if he can assist. Action: Clerk
2. County and Borough Councillors – None present.
3. Community Warden/PCSO – The Warden has again been dealing with issues with the new play area in School Lane; fly tipping and parking in School Lane.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Linkway and outside School Parking Issues – The Zigzag lines appear to be successful; take parking outside the School off the Agenda. Action: Clerk
2. School Lane Recreation Ground and Pavilion – No updates; take off the Agenda. Action: Clerk
3. Iwade Medical Centre – no response to the Parish Council's second letter to IMH. Borough Cllr. Stokes arranged a meeting last Friday, which was attended by 30/40 residents, out of which came a newly formed PPG which will be Chaired by Graham Pungenti. On the 24th May the new PPG will attend a meeting with the Regional Director from IMH.

Planning

1. 17/501739/FULL: Erection of a single storey conservatory at the side of the property: 22 Teal Way Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8QU – no objections.
2. 16/507615/FULL: Erection of a garden store, fence, gate and construction of path: All Saints Church The Street Iwade Kent – no comments.

Correspondence

1. Shed Project – Scheme noted; agreed Cllr. Plumb and one other Parish Councillor to attend the 2nd June open day. Action: Cllr. Plumb/Clerk
2. Cessation of contract, Land to the rear of Sanderling

Way – Cllr. Gale referred to this land, which used to be home to a number of horses. He advised that the current tenant has had notice served to vacate the land by the end of October; this also means that they will be barred access across the field to another area of land that they use. The termination has been encouraged by Mick Drury, who is looking at the land for housing. Members felt that this was not community minded.

Finance

1. Grass Cutting Contract 2017/18 – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Mitchell, agreed to ask Swale Borough Council to take on the grass/shrub cutting contract for the year 2017/18 at an approximate cost of £6185 plus V.A.T. (reclaimable). This will result in grass being cut to a higher standard (the same as 2016/17), as opposed to the new KCC standard of only 6 cuts per year and one shrub cut. The Parish Council can recover £2167.78p of this cost from KCC, although both the Borough Council and KCC's figures will need adjustment as two cuts have already taken place in the current year. Action: Clerk

2. Request for Donations, The Barn – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore; agreed the following: to donate an underfloor heating unit at a cost of £1046.21p (to be covered by the Broadband grant as WiFi controls the flooring) to The Barn. To pay for additional electrical work to the Barn (again covered by the Broadband Grant) £465 and to purchase and donate the Kitchen units at a cost of £1935.22p; this to come out of the projects part of the budget.

Projects/Project Updates

The Barn – The plumbers are in; followed by the plasterer and then the electrician; the Trustees are hoping that this work will be finished by the second week in June. Then in June, looking to get the kitchen and flooring installed.

Reports from Representatives

Hall – In a good financial position. The parking spaces lines have been finished. Obtaining quotes for new doors. A Race Night is coming up
KALC – nothing to report.

Any Other Matters Arising

1. A letter of thanks has been received from Iwade Herons for money donated by the Parish Council.
2. The organic grey matter on the field in Grovehurst Road will be ploughed in during the summer.
3. Cllr. Hyde asked if the phone box is removed can the Parish Council ensure that the grass is made good.

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10th May, 2017

This is a Parish Meeting called as required by the local Government Act, 1972. The meeting is an opportunity for the residents of the village who are registered electors to raise and discuss any subject affecting the village. Discussion and voting on any subject is restricted to electors, residents who are not registered as electors are welcome as observers. Residents wishing to speak are requested to give their name and the name of their road or street.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Parish Cllrs. Hunt, White and Clark; Borough Cllr. Dewar-Whalley and Nick Mayatt the Community Warden.

2. REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR ON THE PREVIOUS YEAR

Housing - The Chair referred to the Local Plan and that the Parish Council had put forward some good representations and arguments against further development within the village, but if housing is approved for Iwade Councillors will push to get further facilities, e.g. a new Village Hall, more open spaces, etc. We await the outcome of the Planning Inspector's findings, which will become apparent in June.

Management Companies – these come with new developments; we need to be on top of these to avoid problems in the future.

Woodpecker Park - Having worked with Swale Borough Council on this for a number of years, it is nice to be able to report that the play area in is to be extended; a bridge across the stream will join both area of the park; new disabled friendly footpaths will be installed along with sensory equipment and sculptures.

School Lane Pavilion and Field – Persimmon are still dragging their feet as regards the legal issues and this area has not been handed over to Swale Borough Council yet. The Iwade Herons are in the process of negotiating a lease for the Pavilion and field with the Borough Council and it will become their new home hopefully in time for the start of the next season.

School Lane Parking Issues – The new zigzag lines on both sides of the road outside the School seem to have helped as regards parking and the area is now safer for children.

The Barn – Now has Planning and Building Regulations approval; work has started inside and is progressing well with the aid of some wonderful volunteers from the village.

ANPR Camera – If everything goes well with checks on sites, signals, etc., soon one of these cameras will be installed within the village.

General – The Chair then thanked Parish Councillors and the Clerk for all the work they had undertaken during the past year.

Community Award - the Chair presented the Kent Association of Local Councils Community Award to Stephen Plumb, for his work as a Parish Councillor; as an Iwade School Governor; his work with youth groups within the village and his deep involvement in working in and supporting the community.

3. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS - none.

4. ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING - none.

Rainbows – an urgent plea!

Sue Thomas

In 2017 Rainbows celebrate their 30th birthday and to that end we have been working on our birthday badge. We have ten sections to fill; we needed to learn about different jobs and we have had a policeman visit, an illustrator and a lady from the library. We have made a weather vane and a clown mask. We will finish the term with a birthday party.

Unfortunately we will be losing two of our leaders at the end of term. This will leave us in a very difficult position in September. We urgently need more help. If you are able to help us on a Monday between 4.30 and 5.40 I would love to hear from you. My telephone number is 422810 or email susanthomas2609@hotmail.co.uk.

Thank You – helping with Rainbows will make a real difference!

Flash Fiction Wanted!

James Apps

The Sheppey Writer's Group is looking for short stories to read on Sheppey FM radio 92.2 and to publish in an anthology of local writers. Stories can be on any theme but must be under 500 words.

- Stories do not have to be perfect as long as they are your own work.
- We will edit them to tidy up mistakes and typos etc and advise if needed on the final version.
- Stories should be submitted to <http://flashfiction.taup.uk>, see the flyer in this publication or visit the site for more information.

Flash Fiction Wanted

Sheppey Writers' Group
are compiling a new selection of Short Stories

Sheppey FM Radio
is looking for stories that can be read out on air

Stories should be no more than 500 words or have a reading time of 3 minutes or less

Any subject

We are looking for GOOD STORIES
We do NOT expect perfect English

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IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10th May, 2017

1. Election of Chair, and upon election signing of Acceptance of Office
Matt Gale elected as Chair and duly signed the Acceptance of Office.

2. Election of the Vice-Chairman and upon election signing of Acceptance of Office
In his absence, James Hunt was elected as Vice-chair; the Clerk to ensure he signs the Acceptance of Office.

3. Election of Members of Committees and Other Bodies
Membership of Parish Council Committees and other bodies agreed as follows:

1. Finance Committee: Cllrs. White, Gale, Langham, Hunt, Cheeseman and the Clerk
2. Planning Committee: Cllrs. Gale, Cheeseman,

Dollimore, Plumb, Horner and the Clerk
3. Recreation, Arts and Cultural Committee: Cllrs. Hyde, Hunt, Horner and the Clerk.
4. Kent Association of Local Councils: Cllrs. Clark and Dollimore
5. Village Hall: Cllr. Gale and in his absence Cllr. Dollimore

4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th May, 2016
Minutes agreed at the monthly meeting held on the 8th June 2016.

5. Dates of Meetings 2017/18
Members agreed to meet on the second Wednesday of each month, with meetings commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Iwade Village Hall.