

IWADE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION FLOWER BOX -

Helen Jury - Iwade Allotments

The Allotment Association maintain a Flower Planter in School Lane but work on

planting it up has been slightly delayed this year due to the weather; its meant to be summer isn't it ?!!!

Anyway, once the box had been weeded and new compost added we planted a

lovely selection of perennial herbs along with some annual flowers for colour, which should look lovely and bright once the weather improves and the sun finally decides to make an appearance!



THE IWADE OBSERVER

JULY 2024

IWADE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION -
Christine McQuade

It's been a slow start this year getting everything in the ground with the weather, especially as we had no spring to speak about. But we are off now raring to go.

Plenty of veg growing and as you can see the potatoes are doing nicely. The strawberries look delicious too.

Do you fancy giving it a go ... then give me, Christine, a call on 07971 003424 or Sylvia on 07802 419498 and we will gladly add you to our waiting list.



SWALE LADIES WHO LATTE - MAY MEETING

This month it was the turn of the lovely Karen Stanley, published author, to present at our meeting. Karen has written and published 14 chick-lit novels and now has her own business advising and guiding new authors from idea to publishing. The members of the group were all very fascinated and it sparked lots of book writing ideas.

If you'd like to find out more about Karen and her novels, check her out at www.mabelandstanleypublishing.com

Each month we encourage new members to come along and join us, I understand

that it can be scary, but we really are a lovely, welcoming bunch.

Our June speaker is a local accountant who will be making accountancy fun and interesting ... I promise!!

We meet every third Wednesday of the month from 10:00 - 12:00 at the Barn in Iwade. There is lots of free parking and a fee of £3 covers the venue cost and hot refreshments too.

Just remember to bring along lots of business cards/ leaflets etc to hand out and we very much look forward to meeting you soon.

Why not join our Facebook group [@swaleladieswholatte](https://www.facebook.com/swaleladieswholatte) group



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BIKES, MODELS AND PLENTY MORE AT SPEEDWAY - Paul Heller

After a short two week break it was back to business at Sittingbourne Speedway as the Club started its May/June fixtures.

On Sunday 12th May Sittingbourne ran an interesting challenge match between Hastings Saxons and Cradley Heathens. A crowd of 125 plus saw a somewhat one-sided meeting which finished 67 points to Hastings and 22 points to Cradley. It was interesting as both these sides do not have their own tracks. Hastings ran for two years in 1948 and 1949 and closed thereafter while Cradley lost their track to re-development in 1995 and have never been able to find a new home. It was a good bit of nostalgia to see these famous old names being used again.

On 16th May we ran our usual Thursday practice which saw some 21 riders use the track to gain some experience and sharpen their riding skills.

On Sunday 19th May the track hosted Kent Kings versus Thurrock Hammers in a NORA league match. The attendance was nowhere near the record numbers from the previous match but a good crowd of around 350 spectators saw a thrilling meeting with the away side some 8 points up at the halfway stage. A strong fightback from the Kent Kings saw the score go to 33-33 with four heats to go, but two 5-1 heat victories gave Thurrock Hammers the lead and they eventually finished the victors by 43 points to 47 points.

On Tuesday 4th June we had a break from racing as we had a film crew with us for the day making a promotional video for Royal Enfield's new flat track bike and their new range of motorcycle clothing. It was an interesting day watching the setting up, the camera work plus the use of drone photography and our track, historic buildings

and equipment were all featured. The other added bonus was that we had some nice makeup artists and some friendly models taking part which made the day even more pleasurable!

Sunday 9th June saw the flat track riders at the track for their first full race meeting of the year. The event attracted some 30 riders who competed in 15 heats of racing.

In between all the race activity we have been able to re-lay the track with 80 tons of clay and shale plus a further 12 tons of granite dust which should give us a good racing surface for the remainder of the year. This was something we urgently had to do. It was originally planned to do this last October, but the wet winter weather prevented us from getting on the track to carry out the work.

Our pictures show some unusual shots of the racing from the Kent Kings match.



TICKLED PINK

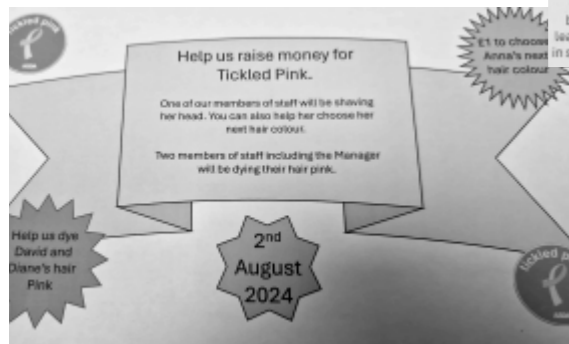
Asda's Tickled Pink campaign works with charity partners, Breast Cancer Now and CoppaFeel! to raise funds for better treatments, vital education and life-changing support, for anyone who needs it. Since 1996, Asda Tickled Pink has raised an incredible £82 million to get the nation checking their boobs, peccs, or chests. Asda Bobbing are

Asda Express Bobbing Charity Donation Page



We are raising money for Tickled Pink. Our manager and Banker will be dyeing their hair bright pink. We also have Anna one of our section leaders shaving her head for this and if you donate £1 in store you will be able to chose her next hair colour.

having a special fundraising day for Tickled Pink on 2nd August – you can use the QR code to help their colourful efforts!



IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2024

PRESENT

Cllr. S. Tolhurst – Acting Chair
Cllr. T. Guest
Cllr. P. Holowczycki
Cllr. S. Lancashire
Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. D. Waters
Samantha Gray, Clerk
PC Phil Clemens
1 Resident

ELECTION OF CHAIR, AND UPON ELECTION SIGNING OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Alex Dollimore was elected as Chair and will sign the Acceptance of Office form at the June Parish Council meeting.

ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN AND UPON ELECTION SIGNING OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Steve Tolhurst was elected as Vice-chair and duly signed the Acceptance of Office form.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Membership of Parish Council Committees and other bodies agreed as follows:

Finance Committee: Cllrs. Langham, Lancashire, Tolhurst, Dollimore and RFO
Planning Committee: Cllrs. Dollimore, Lancashire, Langham and Waters
Recreation, Arts and Cultural Committee: Cllrs. Hyde and Dollimore

Swale Western Area Committee: Cllr. Tolhurst

KALC Local Representative: Cllrs. Langham and Holowczycki

Village Hall Committee Representative: Cllr. Lancashire

Highway Improvement Plan Committee: Cllrs. Dollimore, Langham and Holowczycki

Swale West Parishes Representative: Cllr. Tolhurst

DATES OF MEETINGS 2024/25

Members agreed to meet on the second Wednesday of each month, except for August, with meetings commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Iwade Village Hall.

IWADE INSPIRATION: WHY BOTHER?

By the time you begin reading this, we will probably have a new government, a new opposition and a new Prime Minister, even if they do look a little like the old ones! You probably won't find yourself in a minority if the whole election campaign has left you feeling What's the point? and Will anything really change? and Can we really trust any of them? You might feel a bit like the old cynic who muttered: No matter who you vote for, you'll always get a politician!

We are certainly going through a time when trust in, and respect for, those in positions of leadership and responsibility is at an all-time low. Whether it's the government, the local council, our school, our parish church, the GP or the Bobby on the beat, we tend to doubt their abilities and their integrity. We are rightly full of admiration for the brave D-Day veterans we honoured last month, but our attitude to the leaders of today is often tinged with contempt and disappointment.

One thing we might do well to remember is that the hard-won peace those brave individuals gave their blood, sweat and tears for through two global conflicts is what enabled the democracies under which we live today. Their sacrifice provided us with the choice to determine our futures together.

Of course, this freedom can allow despots and narcissists to trample our choices and even deceive us into following their lies and tricks. You find con artists and bullies everywhere, even in the highest positions in society. But let's not forget that politics, however grubby it gets, is about people (that's where the word comes from) and that means it is about us. Don't ever allow the media or the socials to disengage you from politics or the desperate struggle for integrity and goodness: what is right and

what is kind.

And please, whether you follow Keir or Rishi or Ed or Nigel or even Obi Wan Kenobi - please DO bother. Please engage, please vote. Please make a choice to make a difference! For Gaza, for Ukraine, for Kent, for Iwade understand this: a world coming apart needs a community coming together. Make the effort, join the movement, take the time, seize the moment. If not now, then when? If not you, then who?

WHY BOTHER? Because it matters. Because **you** matter. Because **they** matter. **YOU** can make a difference!

God bless you.

John x



Don't miss the last ASSEMBLY on SUNDAY celebration before the summer!

14th July **SUMMER HOLIDAY SPECIAL**
(no AoS in August ... start again in September)



Cakes and biscuits, songs and stories, make new friends!
Children, parents, grandparents, family and friends.

In Iwade School Hall at 3.00pm

All welcome!

ASSEMBLY ON SUNDAY is a joint project of
All Saints Church and the Poornu Alliance Multi Academy Trust.
Further details from: John Guest 07710 353461

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PC Phil Clemens
Reverend Julian Staniforth
2 Residents

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.

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Dollimore, Fuszard and Hyde.

REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR ON THE PREVIOUS YEAR

Acting Chair Cllr. Steve Tolhurst provided the following report:

The Parish Council has helped achieve and put in place many things throughout the year.

After contacting the four main mobile service providers, Hutchison Three UK Ltd installed a 5G mobile phone mast. It is currently not live and waiting on a fibre cable connection.

Village Repairs are ongoing. The Council continue to do a good job at keeping on top of things that need maintenance or repair. Things like the staining of planters and bollards, two dead trees replaced by

the Cairn, vandalism to one of the bus shelters has been repaired, repair of fence posts, the Grovehurst Road Gateway entrance repaired, to name a few.

The litter situation in the Village Precinct is ongoing. The Parish Council has been speaking with the shop and the staff were emptying their own bins regularly. The area did improve but recently there has been an increase in litter. This may be due to the change of ownership of the shop, so we should go back and talk to them.

The damaged wall in the precinct was finally repaired after contacting the management company many times and constantly following this up with them.

On the 19th of June, we held the second Beacon Lighting to celebrate the King's Coronation.

The Iwade Clean Up Event was held on 22nd October. This was a success with over 30 volunteers helping with litter picking.

A litter picking scheme has been introduced where residents can borrow a litter picker any time throughout the year. This is in addition to the by-annual litter picking events.

You may be aware of the CCTV cameras that have been installed in the village. They have a direct link to Kent Police and are monitored 24 hours/7 days a week by the Control Room at Swale Borough Council. A fifth CCTV camera has been purchased and will be installed soon.

The Parish Council has purchased a defibrillator and gifted it to the Village Hall.

We are in ongoing discussions with KCC Highways regarding speed limits in the village. The 20mph zone for the village seems to be a losing battle, but we may get a temporary 20mph speed limit in

School Lane during school hours, similar to outside Bobbing Primary School, but this is an ongoing discussion at the moment. There are a few frustrations:

The water leak in Ferry Road is still ongoing. We have had several onsite meetings with Southern Water and now waiting for KCC Highways and Southern Water to carry out work to fix this. Other leaks in The Street, and School Lane were reported and repaired.

The traffic congestion situation though the village is a real concern, and we have had several meetings with KCC Highways on how this might be improved.

We would have liked to get the pond reedbed cleared, and a number of lamp posts need painting. There is damage to the grass verges throughout the village caused by vehicles bumping up the kerb and churning them up, and then when reported and repaired it happens again.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS

Reverend Julian Staniforth spoke to the Parish Council about raising awareness of Swale Food Bank which is under pressure. Council members will consider how the council can work with the Church to raise the profile of the food bank and encourage donations.

A resident of The Street spoke to the Parish Council about the traffic congestion seen regularly outside of homes along this road. They have witnessed vehicles driving on the pavement and verbally abusing each other. Council members sympathise with residents and advised we have been discussing the traffic congestion along The Street with KCC Highways. A solution put forward is to change the bus timetable, so that buses are not trying to pass each other on The Street which contributes to the congestion. KCC have contacted Chalkwell to discuss this change.

couldn't have been more kind, helpful and accommodating and another gentleman who lives in All Saints Close. We would like to thank everyone for their assistance and concern.

burst. We would just like to thank everyone who stopped to see if she was ok while waiting for a breakdown truck. There are some really lovely people in Iwade Village, especially the couple on The Street who

THANK YOU, KINDLY IWADIANS!

My wife was coming back from the Speedway on Sunday evening 16th June. As she turned into The Street her front tyre

NEWS FROM CITIZENS ADVICE SWALE - JUNE 2024



Volunteers make up around 75% of our workforce, and range from young to retired, university students, part-time workers and jobseekers.

We're forever grateful to our wonderful team who willingly give up their time and skills to ensure people in Swale can get the support they need. Their hard work, dedication and commitment is incredible. We simply couldn't do it without them.

This Volunteers' Week (3-9 June) we

celebrated our amazing volunteers and the difference they make to people in our community.

Volunteering with us has proven to be a rewarding experience with many citing 'making a difference', 'boosting confidence', 'meeting new people' and 'improving job prospects' as benefits.

We're currently looking for volunteer advisers and trustees. To find out more and apply, visit <https://citizensadvice.swale.uk/volunteer/> or call us on 01795 417666. Full training is provided and travel expenses are reimbursed.

If you need to contact us for general advice, we run drop-in sessions which you

can attend without an appointment:

- Monday 10am-12pm, Swale House, Sittingbourne
- Tuesday 10am-12pm, Sheppey Gateway, Sheerness (except the second Tuesday of every month, which is held at Sheerness East Working Mens Club)
- Wednesday & Friday 10am-12pm, 43 Stone Street, Faversham

Alternatively, email us at www.citizensadvice.swale.uk/email-general-advice (Monday-Wednesday) or call Adviceline on freephone 0808 278 7979

For debt advice, request a call back from our specialist debt team at www.citizensadvice.swale.uk/debt/

IWADE READING AND BOOK GROUP - Norma Harris

At our June meeting we discussed Murder in Tuscany by T A Williams. Everyone agreed that it was a very good read and thoroughly enjoyed the descriptions of the area it was set in. The story kept you guessing who the murderer was and it was not until near the end you found out who did it.

A few of us have decided to read some of T A Williams' other books which are mostly set in Italy. A very good choice of author as he keeps you interested in the story and keeps you guessing who did it.

We have decided on our next reads as follows:

- I'll keep you safe by Peter May for July
- A Narrow Door by Joanne Harris for August
- In The Land of the White Cloud by Sarah Lark for September

Sylvia has agreed to host July's meeting so we look forward to seeing you at the Barn on the second Tuesday of each month

TINKERBELLS OFF TO PASTURES NEW ... ALREADY! - Donna Barker

We have made the most of the nice weather over the past month spending lots of our time in the garden. We have also been on lots of trips around the village and the bus into town. The children have been taking good care of our vegetables, and we are hoping to have a good amount of potatoes, carrots and hopefully cabbages which will be picked and bagged up by the children to share with their families at the end of term. The topic of the term has been all about healthy living, children have taken part in various activities relating to keeping ourselves fit and healthy, learning what happens to our bodies when we are active, dancing, obstacle courses have been popular choices made by the children.

July brings us to the end of another academic year; the year has flown by and we cannot believe it is time to say goodbye to all the children leaving for school. As the term progresses we will be preparing the children for that all important transition to school, this is a very exciting time in their

journey and we will be celebrating it in many ways with them. We would like to wish all the children starting school lots of luck, we are sure they will all continue to excel at school.

Whilst that brings us to a close this academic year, we are very excited to welcome back all of our children and meet the new children and their families who will be joining us in September.

Are you aware of the financial support you may get to help with nursery fees? Please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk which details how parents can access support via the Tax Free Childcare Scheme and Early Years Education Funding for 2, 3 and 4 Year Olds.

Finally, we are full at our Iwade setting for September 2024 and the waiting list is filling fast for September 2025, we have limited availability at our Clocktower setting for September, if you require a place for your child please call in alternatively you can email enquiries@tinkerbells.preschool.co.uk

We hope you all have a lovely summer holidays and look forward to catching up with you all in September.

PARENT AND TODDLER

We are open every Tuesday 9am-11am term time only, for babies and children up to 4yrs old. We offer a range of age-appropriate toys and activities that encourage learning, creativity and physical development. Additionally, children can interact with others which helps them develop essential social skills such as sharing, turn taking and communication.

We have the same timetable throughout the term which is as follows:

- 1st Tuesday of month – Singing
 - 2nd Tuesday – Craft
 - 3rd Tuesday – Dancing
 - 4th Tuesday – Sensory play
- We welcome all families, grandparents and childminders. No need to book – sessions are £2.50 per child, siblings are £1.00. Our last day of this term is 9th July and we will return on Tuesday 3rd September

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2024

PRESENT

Cllr. S. Tolhurst – Acting Chair

Cllr. T. Guest

Cllr. P. Holowczycki

Cllr. S. Lancashire

Cllr. R. Langham

Cllr. D. Waters

Samantha Gray, Clerk

County Cllr. M. Baldock

PC Phil Clemens

1 Resident

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Dollimore, Fuszard and Hyde, and Borough Cllr. Chapman.

VISITORS/PUBLIC TIME

1. VISITORS: No comments

2. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS - Cllr. Baldock reported that he is assisting parents with appeals on school applications. Bin collections are still an issue in Iwade, with some areas not receiving a collection for 6 weeks. He is reporting the issues and hopes that all areas that have been missed will have their bin collections caught up with soon.

3. COMMUNITY WARDEN / POLICE CONSTABLE - PC Phil Clemens gave an update on the following issues and also provided a written report – see appendix A (Please refer to <https://www.iwade-pc.gov.uk/community/iwade-parish-council-18357/agendas--minutes-2024/> to view Appendix A):

- Lamppost knocked down on the corner of Grovehurst Road/Sheppey Way (Telly Tubby Hill)

- Raspberry Hill illegal waste burning
- Animals escaped from Happy Pants Animal Sanctuary

- Fly tipping on Iwade Road

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. JACKSON CIVIL DONATION – Due to limited resources the reedmace clearance

in the pond at Woodpecker Park is unlikely to be organised by March 2025. Members agreed to ask Jackson Civil for the donation of £1,000 to be spent on an alternative lighting method for the Beacon at Woodpecker Park, such as electric or gas

Action: Clerk

2. TO APPROVE THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE POLICY – Proposed by Cllr.

Waters and seconded by Cllr.

Holowczycki, members approved the Memorial Plaque Policy. Members agreed for all plaque bases to be supplied in the colour Light Oak. The Clerk collated a list of volunteers who maintain planters in the village. There are currently 16 planters with no volunteers. The Clerk will ask Cllr. Fuszard to carry out an inspection to confirm those planters are not maintained, then advertise the scheme.

Action: Clerk

3. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Cllr. Langham, Cllr. Holowczycki and the Clerk met with KCC Highways to discuss the Highways Improvement Plan requests. KCC advised the following:

- 20mph zone – KCC advised the average speeds taken from traffic survey results do not support a 20mph speed limit on the main roads in Iwade. They will look at introducing a temporary 20mph speed limit during school hours outside Iwade School. They will also look at the possibility of priority signs at build-outs.

- Sheppey Way (between The Street and Old Ferry Road) – KCC has not received the Police report for the fatality involving a pedestrian. A new footway would be very costly and not regularly used by pedestrians.

- Stangate Drive – parking on the junction – Not a safety issue but will be monitored.

- The Street – Regular traffic congestion – A potential solution is to

Action: Clerk/RFO

change the bus timetable. KCC will speak to Chalkwell Buses.

- Bus Stop – Ferry Road junction with School Lane – The bus stop is close to the junction. When cars try to pass at busy times this adds to the congestion caused by the A249 roadworks. KCC will speak to Chalkwell Buses to request a temporary closure of the bus stop during the A249 improvement works.

PLANNING

(Please refer to <https://www.iwade-pc.gov.uk/community/iwade-parish-council-18357/agendas--minutes-2024/> to view planning details)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. SWALE FOOD BANK – discussed in Parish meeting item 3.

2. PARKING PEACH BLOSSOM DRIVE – A resident reported that vehicles are parking in the give-way bay in Peach Blossom Drive just before the small bridge that goes into Holly Blue Drive, and vehicles also park on the pavement. There is a concern that vehicles cannot pass safely and access is blocked for pedestrians, prams and wheelchairs. The Clerk has advised the resident to report this to HML management company. Council members asked the Clerk to follow this up with the management company.

Action: Clerk

3. COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION – Members noted Cllr. Stalley-Moores has resigned from the Parish Council. There are now two vacancies which the Clerk will advertise.

Action: Clerk

4. CHAPTER 8 TRAINING – 1 DAY COURSE – Faversham Town Council are running a one day course for traffic management and Cllr. Holowczycki volunteered to attend. Proposed by Cllr. Waters and seconded by Cllr. Guest, members agreed to the cost of £183.29 + VAT for the training course.

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Action: Clerk/RFO

FINANCE

1. INSURANCE RENEWAL 2024/25 – Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Langham, members agreed to renew the Parish Council insurance for 2024/25 at the cost of £2,295.89.

Action: RFO

2. FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT 2023/24 - Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Tolhurst the 2023/24 Assessment was agreed and adopted.

3. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL 2023/24 – Acting Chair Cllr. Tolhurst signed the Statement of Internal Control 2023/24 which the RFO previously circulated to all council members.

4. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2024/25 - Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Waters, members agreed to renew the grounds maintenance contract for 2024/25 at a cost of £8,639.82 + VAT. KCC will pay a grant to the Parish Council of £3,783.00p, therefore the cost to the Parish Council will be £4,856.82.

Action: RFO

5. KALC SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2024/25 – Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Holowczycki, members agreed to renew the KALC subscription at a cost of £1,383.24 incl. VAT.

Action: RFO

6. BANK SIGNATORIES – An amendment is required on the bank signatories submission form. Bring back to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk/RFO

7. STREET LIGHTING STRUCTURAL/ELECTRICAL SURVEY – The electrical survey shows faults on four lamp columns. Awaiting a quote for repair from UK Power Network.

ACTION: RFO

8. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Sittingbourne Christmas Lights Committee has approximately 20

Christmas Lights available for a donation of £20.00p each. Members decided not to take on any more lights due to the cost of installing lights and power on additional lamp columns.

Action: Clerk

9. ILCA TO CILCA TRAINING COURSE – Clerk – Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Holowczycki, members agreed to the cost of £120 + VAT for the training course.

Action: Clerk/RFO

10. ACCOUNTS AND CHEQUES RAISED AT THIS MEETING - Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Langham, members noted the budget figures and the accounts to 30 April 2024. Cllrs. Lancashire and Langham to log in and authorise the following payments:

Action: Cllrs. Lancashire/Langham

For payments details please refer to <https://www.iwade-pc.gov.uk/community/iwade-parish-council-18357/agendas--minutes-2024/>

PROJECTS – UPDATES ON CURRENT AND NEW

1. D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY BEACON LIGHTING – 6 JUNE 2024 – Council members made the difficult decision to cancel the Beacon Lighting Event planned for 6 June due to insurance regulations regarding the distance of bonfires from cars and properties. Council members will look into different methods of lighting the Beacon such as electric and gas. The Clerk will inform Bruno Peek of the cancelled event.

Action: Clerk

2. CHRISTMAS EVENT 2024 – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – Jackson Civil have confirmed they can loan the Parish Council diversion signs for the event. The Clerk will contact Jackson Civil to arrange the delivery of the signs when a date has been set for the Christmas Event.

Action: Clerk

3. PARISH COUNCIL 'TRACKER' UPDATE – Cllr. Tolhurst has circulated

the tracker document to all members with the latest updates. Cllr. Holowczycki commented that he finds this document very helpful as a new member.

4. VILLAGE CLEAN-UP EVENT – The Clerk has advertised the event on the Parish Council website, notice boards and Facebook. The council need a First Aid volunteer for the event, the Clerk will ask Cllr. Hyde if he is available. Cllr. Waters volunteered to be the coordinator for the clean-up event. Cllr. Tolhurst volunteered to collect/deliver the litter-picking equipment to Swale House.

Action: Clerk

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE – Cllr. Langham reported that regular hirers have been notified that hire fees will increase by approximately 10% due to energy costs rising.

KALC AREA REPRESENTATIVE – The KALC representative was unable to attend the last meeting. The KALC AGM will be held on 21st May, 7 p.m. at Swale House.

SWALE WESTERN AREA COMMITTEE – The full council meeting will be held on 15th May. The next Committee meeting will be held in June.

ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Lancashire would like the council to consider investing in an Emergency Trauma Pack. The Clerk will add this to the next agenda.

Action: Clerk

Cllrs. Tolhurst and Holowczycki volunteered to present the KALC Community Award to Pharmacist Obed Amoah. Cllr. Fuszard will take photos to forward to The Observer.

Action: Cllrs. Tolhurst, Holowczycki/Fuszard

NEXT MEETING(S)

Wednesday 12 June 2024, 7.30 p.m., in Iwade Village Hall.

CLOSED SESSION

Update regarding Telly Tubby Hill – The Clerk updated members about an incident that occurred at Telly Tubby Hill.