



SPEEDWAY'S BUMPER MEETING TO CLOSE THE SEASON

By Paul Heller

A busy October saw a well-attended flatrack practice followed by a flatrack race meeting on 6th October, which featured 25 riders enjoying a good day's racing despite the cloudy conditions.

On Sunday 13th October the Club held their final public meeting event of the season hosting a challenge match between Eastbourne "Watling Tyres" Eagles against Thurrock "AsMatt Ltd" Hammers.

One of the largest crowds of the season braved the autumn chill to see an all-star lineup put on one of the most competitive and entertaining meetings held at the track this year.



The line up contained some top-class league riders including Scott Nicholls, Jason Edwards, Edward Kennett and current track record holder Alfie Bowtell, plus all the Kent Kings favourites.

The match was a closely fought affair with never more than a few points separating the teams throughout and providing us with some superb racing. The scores at heat 12 were level then two 4-2 heat wins for the Hammers set up a last heat decider. The last heat was won by Hammers number 1 Jason Edwards to give them the victory by 47 points to 43. A jubilant Hammers team manager commented: "I don't think anyone could say they were not entertained – [it was] a fantastic day."

The meeting also had a report and some video film coverage on Mondays Meridian News program. To top off the afternoon, Kent Kings favourite Ben Morley won the John Ling Memorial Trophy in the second half of the meeting. This just leaves a couple of practice sessions and a training school meeting left to run before we can shut the gate, and the hard-working track staff put their feet up for a while before starting their winter maintenance program.

What a load of rubbish!

Villagers turned out in force for a litter pick on 22nd September.

Meeting at the Church they dispersed around the village and collected bag after bag of litter. Over 60 kg of litter was successfully collected and an afternoon tea was enjoyed in the Church after the event. The litter pick was organised by Assembly on Sunday, a joint project between All saints Church and The Bourne Academy Multi Academy Trust.



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SWALE LADIES WHO LATTE



By Tania Gough

We're back after our long summer break, so here is what we have been up to since June.

We had the lovely Natalie Pieri visit from Accounting Connections who went through small business tax implications, which was very useful. In July we spoke about plans for Christmas. The amazing Danielle Hoynes from the Sittingbourne Christmas Lights and Sleigh Rounds told us about the tireless efforts of her and her team of loyal volunteers every year.

During our Septmber session, we met the awesome Claire Fosbeary who is our local Asda Community Champion and she explained about all the work she does through Asda for our community.

If you're a business woman who lives in Swale, why not come along and join us? We meet at the Barn in Iwade on the third Wednesday of each month from 10am - 12pm, it would be lovely to meet you. In the meantime, you can find us on Facebook at Swale Ladies who Latte Group. Thankyou.

CAMPFIRES BURNING



Join us for food, fun and friendship. And lots of silly songs! Families, singles, friends, old and young.

All welcome!

Friday, 29th November
Gather outside All Saints at 6.00pm

For further details, contact John Guest 07710 353 461

TIME IS FLYING AT TINKERBELLS EARLY YEARS

By Donna Barker

Our first term at Tinkerbells has flown by! We have been focusing on getting to know everyone and talking about our families and homes through various activities with the children. We have also been out and about in the local area.

Term two is already upon us and we are excited to explore our upcoming autumnal activities. The children are going to have lots of fun as we expand their fine motor development and hand-eye coordination. This is always a busy term, and we look forward to sharing our news with you all in the next edition.

We are also happy to announce we will be holding our Christmas Fair again this year. It will be held at Iwade village hall on **Tuesday 19th November at 3.15pm.**

There will be lots of activities and stalls for all including Santa's Grotto, teddy tombola, bottle tombola, lucky dip, a hula game, snail racing and bric-a-brac for sale. New for this year, we have also added a Nerf shooting range and plenty more.

Currently, we have no availability at our Iwade and Clocktower settings. If you are interested in a place for your child from September 2025, please feel free to pop in and we can add you to the waiting lists as availability is filling fast. Alternatively, you can email us Enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk

Parent and Toddler

Tinkerbells previously took over this group so that parents and carers in the village could to continue to use it as they had done for many years.

Although, numbers have been smaller recently and we can only continue to run if we have enough people attend to cover the cost of running the group. We have decided, however, that we will continue to run for now and will reassess the situation at the end of term two. Please do use the group as it will be a shame if we cannot continue when it has been beneficial to so many.

We are open every **Tuesday 9am-11am** (term time only) for babies and children up to four years old.

We offer a range of age-appropriate toys and activities that encourage learning, creativity and physical development. Additionally, children are able to interact with others which helps them develop essential social skills including 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.

COME SING AND BE MERRY

Iwade Inspiration

Campfire's burning, Campfire's burning; Draw nearer, draw nearer; In the gloaming, in the gloaming; Come sing and be merry! It's a song I first learned when I was a Boy Scout sitting round a log fire wearing my camp blanket and my bucket hat (covered in badges) and joining in quite unselfconsciously with all the weird and wacky activities that generally accompany a good camp fire. I loved it! And 50+ years later, I still do.

Why am I telling you this? Simply because I want to invite you to a camp fire in Iwade. There will be a (small) fire, plenty of food and lots of singing. The food will be traditional camp fire fare: soup, burgers, hot dogs and marshmallows. The singing will include some old songs you might remember from school assemblies like *Kumbaya*, *Row, row, row your boat* and the one referenced at the top of this article which is known as a 'round.' This means everyone sings something different and we all get a bit confused. There will also be lots of action songs!

Whether you can sing like Wynne Evans or you can't carry a tune in a bucket, you're more than welcome to come. The aim is just to have fun. I've invited the Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows and now I'm inviting you. **Please come!** Where and when is it you ask? Oh yes...here you go:

It is planned to take place halfway between Halloween/Guy Fawkes and Christmas. **Friday, 29th November from 6.00 to 8.00 pm** (so we don't finish too late for younger ones). The nice people at All Saints have agreed for us to use the grassed area between the church building and The Barn. It is open to all, young and old and it will be **free** (although donations for food are more than welcome). Children must be accompanied by adults. Please wear warm clothes and something to sit on: folding chairs and blankets are ideal.

The silly song above says it all. We have an opportunity to draw nearer to one another and celebrate our Iwade community in the gloaming (which is an old word for dusk or twilight). And in the dark winter when our hearts may sink low and our world may seem full of fear, to reach out to one another with love and care. To sing and be merry!

God bless you.

John x

Wanted: Secretary/ Bookings Clerk

A vacancy has come up and Iwade Village Hall is looking for a volunteer to take on the role as the secretary/ bookings clerk. Some experience is desirable but not essential.

The role would consist of taking casual evening and weekend bookings and organising the bookings calendar and liaising with the committee chair and treasurer. Unfortunately, until this position is filled we are unable to accept further casual evening and weekend bookings

For more information, please contact via the Village Hall website - <https://iwadevillagehall.co.uk>

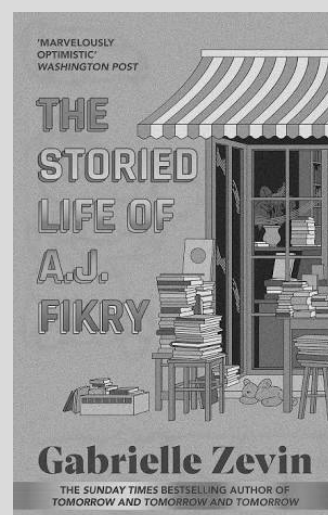
Iwade Reading and Book Group

We reviewed "The Lost Hours" by Susan Lewis at this month's meeting at the Barn.

We all enjoyed this tale of how the police, with new technology and DNA information, can revive a cold murder case with devastating effects on the family.

We were a bit fazed by the number of characters, family, police, solicitors introduced to us early on and it was long winded in places.

Some of us enjoyed it and some didn't but I think we agreed it was definitely worth the read. Next month, November 12, at The Barn we will be discussing *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin.



Why not join us at
ASSEMBLY on SUNDAY
Remembrance Sunday



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

All welcome!

Sunday, 10th November
in Iwade School Hall at 3.00pm

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

CHURCH TOWER REPAIRS UPDATE

By Kim Guest

Further to my earlier articles about fundraising for the Church tower roof and south aisle roof, I have opened a **Just Giving** page in order for anyone who wants to contribute to our target.

I am grateful that many people responded to my post on Facebook and that you wish to help us with this challenging target. The congregation at All Saints who have the responsibility for the care of the building want the building to be a community resource not just used on Sundays for services. We are currently £4,000 short of what we need to begin the repair although we will need to cover about £4,000 for the cost of VAT which we hope to reclaim through a Listed Places of Worship scheme.

In addition, a recent survey of the south aisle roof has uncovered another repair needed there. We have applied for a grant which we hope will cover about 50% of the cost but we still need to find about £4,500 for that. Please consider helping us by donating at: <https://www.justgiving.com/iwade-pcc>
We thank you for your support.

13) The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 6th November, 19:30, in Iwade Village Hall.

RWE RENEWABLES- GRANT FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Got a great idea for a community project?

Following planning permission being granted for the Raspberry Solar Farm earlier this year, the developer, RWE Renewables UK, are inviting the community to put forward creative ideas for community projects that may benefit from grant funding. These ideas should focus on improving the environment/sustainability of the local community, but can include support for new green/community spaces, accessibility schemes, or similar projects.

The scheme, a 49.9MW solar farm, will feature over 2km of new permissive walkways and a 51-acre wintering bird habitat, visible from the English Coast Path which runs along the northern boundary of the site. The site will generate enough clean electricity for over 23,400 UK homes, and will save over 1.7 million tonnes of CO2 versus fossil fuel generation. The site will continue to be used for sheep farming, and is using no good quality/BMV farmland. To meet the UK's vital goals to tackle the climate crisis, ground mounted solar farms will form an essential part of the UK's energy mix, representing one of the cheapest, most deployable, and cleanest forms of electricity generation available. Additionally, the solar farms needed to meet this target would only take up 0.3% of the UK's land area, less than golf courses, and considerably less than the agricultural land (2.4%) used to grow less efficient biofuels/ethanol additives to petrol.

RWE Renewables UK place a special focus on working with local communities to deliver schemes in a responsible way. RWE hopes to commence construction in early 2025, and would love to hear your ideas on projects you think could use financial support. The window to make suggestions closes on the 20th December 2024, after which time RWE representatives will be in touch with members of the town/parish councils in the area in the new year to discuss the ideas raised, and agree which projects would be suitable. Funding would then be issued directly by RWE to the parish/town councils involved to facilitate making these projects a reality.

For more information about the scheme, please contact Robin Johnson at Robin.johnson@rwe.com or visit the RWE website at <https://uk.rwe.com/our-energy/solar-power/>

DOGGY CAFE XMAS MARKET

Saturday 30th November 3pm-7pm

Iwade Barn All Saints Close Iwade ME9 8FP

3pm
Fun Dog Show
Registration
3.30-5pm
Fun Dog Show
5.30pm
AJ Academy
Christmas Singing

* BARRITOS MEXICAN * JOS HOME BAKES *
* CAFE 2 U * MICROPUB * DOG BAKERY *
* PET SHOP STALLS * NATURAL TREATS *
* CANDLES * CHRISTMAS GIFTS *
* CHURCH STALL * FUN GAMES * RAFFLE *
All proceeds to Happy Endings Rescue
* FUN DOG SHOW * XMAS SINGING *
* SANTA PAWS * KATY LIZ PHOTOGRAPHY *



Are you able to help deliver the Observer?

There are still two vacant rounds remaining to deliver the Iwade Observer.

We urgently need someone to take over the deliveries to Kingfisher Close (round one) as well as Holly Blue (odd numbers only), Red Admiral, Grayling, and Chalkhill Close (round two). Get involved for a chance to get some fresh air and a bit of exercise once a month and help our village community. If you want to know more then please email

The.Iwade.Observer@gmail.com

JOIN THE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

A Patient Participation Group is a group of volunteer patients, carers and GP practice staff who meet regularly to discuss and support their GP practice.

PPGs look at the services the practices offer, patient experience and how any improvements can be made for the benefit of patients and the practice as a whole. Each PPG is different, but they all have the aim of making sure that the GP practice puts the patient, and improving health, at the heart of everything it does.

If you would like to join the PPG, please email kmicb.mpagg@nhs.net

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Vaccine

RSV is one of the common viruses that cause coughs and colds in winter, it is transmitted by droplets and secretions from an infected person. Infants under one and the elderly are at the greatest risk of developing severe disease such as bronchiolitis and pneumonia, which may result in hospitalization.

From 1st September 2024 the new RSV vaccine is to be offered to the following cohorts of patients:

- All adults turning 75 years old on or after 1st September 2024.
- A one off catch up campaign for those already aged 75 to 79 old on 1st September will be undertaken at the earliest opportunity.
- Women who are at least 28 weeks pregnant (the eligible cohort) on 1st September.
- After that pregnant women will become eligible as they reach 28 weeks gestation and remain eligible until birth.



Useful Phone Numbers

Medway Hospital -01634 830000

Maidstone Hospital-01622 72900

Swale Health Visiting Team- 0300 123 4014

Medway Health Visiting Team- 0300 123 3444

Wisdom Hospice- 01634 830456

Age UK Medway- 01634 572616

Age UK Sittingbourne- 01795 477520

Age UK Sheppey- 01795 662562

Macmillan Support Line- 0808 808 00 00

Cruse Bereavement Support Line- 0808 808 1677

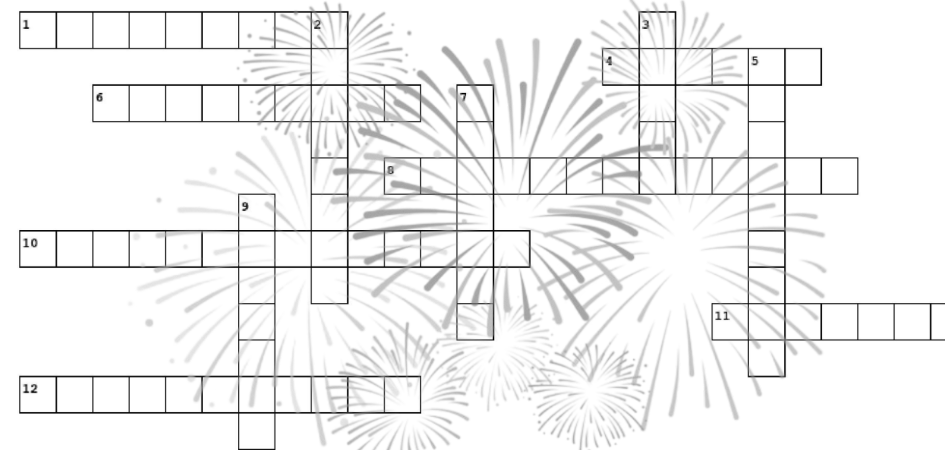
Mind Support Line - 0300 102 1234

Samaritans- Call 116 123

Surgery email: kmicb.mpagg@nhs.net

Complaints email: kmicb.complaints.mpagg@nhs.net

BONFIRE NIGHT CROSSWORD



Across

- The man with the plan
- A sweet treat to enjoy around a campfire
- A noisy firework
- The plan that was foiled
- Attach to a post, spinning flame
- A large controlled fire
- A colourful firework contained in a tube

Down

- Handheld or a cake topper
- There is no _____ without fire!
- What occurs when lighting fireworks
- Typically made of paper, can float away
- An event many will gather to watch at night

Tinkerbell's Christmas Fair

Iwade Village Hall
Tuesday 19th of November
15:15 - 17:00

There will be lots of fun activities and stalls for all including:

Santa's Grotto, Teddy Tombola, Bottle Tombola, Lucky Dip, Hula Game, Snail Racing, Bric-a-brac and so many more.

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COUNCIL MINUTES ROUNDUP

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY 11 SEP 2024

1) Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Langham, Cllr. Lancashire, Cllr. Dollimore and County Cllr. Baldock.

2) Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr. Fuszard declared an interest in item 9.3.

3) Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Holowczycki and seconded by Cllr. Fuszard, the minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 10 July 2024, and the planning committee meeting held on 14 August 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4) Visitors/Public Time

1. Visitors: A resident reported trees are overhanging into their garden, and there is ivy growing through the fence; both are believed to be the responsibility of Swale Borough Council. The Clerk will report this on behalf of the resident. **Action: Clerk**

2. County and Borough Councillors:

None attended.

3. Community Warden/Police Constable:

None attended and no reports received. Council members asked the Clerk to contact the Police Constable to find out if they received a report for recent car meets and drifting that occurred on Sheppey Way/Old Ferry Road.

Action: Clerk

5) Matters Arising from the Minutes:

1. Informal Consultation Stangate Drive/Sanderling Way: The Clerk advised five responses to the informal consultation have been received, and all are not in favour of double yellow lines outside no.92 Sanderling Way. The Parish Council will take no further action. The Clerk will write to the ten residents that were consulted to advise them of the result of the consultation. **Action: Clerk**

2. Southern Water Repairs – Ferry Road:

Southern Water have started repair work on two leaks in Ferry Road, which is expected to last four weeks. A section of Ferry Road has been closed to carry out the repairs and members are concerned that local businesses will be affected. Members asked the Clerk to speak to John Mealey at Southern Water to

PRESENT:

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| • Cllr. S. Tolhurst – Acting Chair | • Lynda Ives, RFO |
| • Cllr. S. Fuszard | • Morgan Scott-Murch, Fernham Homes |
| • Cllr. P. Holowczycki | • Steven Baughen, Fernham Homes |
| • Cllr. P. Hyde | • Three Residents |
| • Samantha Gray, Clerk | |

(Cont) express their concerns and ask if the repairs are on track, and whether work could be carried out on the weekend.

Action: Clerk

6) Planning: Applications are viewable on Swale: <http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications>; KCC: <https://cloud2.atrriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPSsearchPageLoad.do>

7) Vacancies: Members noted Cllr. Guest has resigned from the Parish Council. The Clerk advertised the vacancy from 19th July to 10th September and has received no applications. The Parish Council now has three vacancies which can be filled by co-option. The Clerk will advertise the vacancies.

Action: Clerk/Cllr. Fuszard

8) Correspondence

1. Support Campaign for Safety of Lithium ion Batteries, e-bikes and scooters: Members agreed to support the campaign. The Clerk will inform campaigner Ron Bailey. **Action: Clerk**

2. Disposals and Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Policies Consultation: Members noted the consultation.

3. ROSPA Village Hall Garden Safety Inspection: All garden repairs required have been carried out. The ROSPA report advises the tree requires a yearly inspection by a trained tree surgeon. Members agreed that instead of funding yearly inspections the tree should be removed, as the area is earmarked for development so the tree would be removed in the future. Members request quotes for the removal of the tree to be sourced. **Action: RFO**

4. Waste and Street Cleansing Scrutiny Review public survey: Members noted the survey.

9) Finance

1. Updating Financial Regulations: Deferred to the October meeting. **Action: Clerk**

2. Donation request from the Church Council: The Parish Council received a request for a donation towards the cost to repair the Church roof. Members agreed it will be considered at the finance meeting to set the budget for next year. The Clerk will write to the Church Council. **Action: Clerk/RFO**

3. Quotes to replace ‘Village Centre’ finger post sign:

Members agreed to look into repairing the current sign post which is leaning over, or if not repairable, remove it. Bring cost back to the next meeting. **Action: RFO**

4. Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath: Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Holowczycki, members agreed to purchase a Type B Poppy Wreath with blue ribbon, and include a donation to the Royal British Legion at a total cost of £50.00p. Members asked the Clerk to advertise for a volunteer to lay the wreath. **Action: RFO/Clerk**

5. Appointment of Internal Auditor 2024-25: Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Tolhurst, members agreed to appoint internal auditor Lionel Robins at a cost of £210.00p plus travel for 2024-25. **Action: RFO**

6. Gas burner for the Beacon: Deferred to the October meeting. **Action: Clerk**

7. ADM Computing – One Drive Backup: Cllr. Fuszard will source a quotation from another company, IT Management Services, and bring back to the October meeting. **Action: Cllr. Fuszard/Clerk**

8. ETL – Electricity Test 4 Assets: Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Holowzycki, members agreed the cost of £170.92p for ETL to test four lamp columns. **Action: RFO**

9. Quote to install 20mph speed limit, School Lane: Proposed by Cllr. Fuszard and seconded by Cllr. Tolhurst members agreed to the cost of £407.28p towards funding a temporary 20mph zone in School Lane, outside of Iwade School. The RFO advised KCC Highways will fund £1,680.00p, Mike Baldock will grant £1,000.00p, Borough Councillor Clark will grant £103.72p and Borough Councillor Chapman will grant £500.00p. Members asked the Clerk to contact the Parents Accosiaton at Iwade School regarding a donation. **Action: Clerk/RFO**

10. Audited AGAR 2023-24: members noted the external auditors report; in accordance with proper practices with no matters of concern. The notice regarding the conclusion of the Audit and a copy of the Audited AGAR will now be posted on the Council’s website and notice boards.

11. Quote to install tree guards: Awaiting quote, bring back to next meeting. **Action: Clerk/RFO**

12. Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting: Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Holowczycki, members noted the budget figures and the accounts to 31 July 2024 and 31 August 2024. Cllrs. Lancashire and Holowczycki will log in and authorise the following payments. **Action: Cllrs. Lancashire/Holowczycki**

10) Projects – Updates on Current and New

1. Christmas Event 2024: The Clerk has submitted the application to Swale. Jackon Civil have agreed to deliver the diversion signage required for the event, and Cllr. Holowczycki has volunteered to take delivery of the signage at the village hall. Cllr. Holowczycki advised lanterns are required to light road signage. The Clerk will liaise with Jackson Civil. **Action: Clerk**

2. Parish Council ‘Tracker’ update -

CCTV: All the new cameras have been installed. The Clerk, Cllrs Tolhurst and Holowczycki visited the control room and saw all cameras were in operation and receiving clear images.

3. Village Clean-up October 2024: The Council have recently been advised that a member of the community is organising a litter pick on 22nd September. Members decided to delay setting a clean-up date and will discuss at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

4.VE Day 8th May 2025: Members agreed to discuss at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

11) Reports from Representatives

1. Village Hall Committee: No representative present to report.

2. KALC Area Representative: Cllr. Holowczycki attended the KALC meeting and reported there were speakers about local fraud prevention. KALC will provide notices to be placed on notice boards and the Parish Council website to raise awareness. KALC have requested to use Iwade Village Hall on 18th February 2025 for their general purposes committee meeting. Cllr. Holowczycki will contact the village hall committee. **Action: Cllr. Holowczycki**

3. Swale Western Area Committee: The representative was unable to attend the meeting held on 5 September. Items of discussion were Kent Local Transport Plan, Scrutiny of the Suez waste contract, Swale bus focus, and Swale traffic forum. The minutes of the meeting will be available on Swale Borough Council's website.

12) Any Other Matters Arising

• Cllr. Fuszard reported overgrowth on the footpath on Ferry Road coming from an area of unmaintained land. He will report this on KCC’s report a problem portal. **Action: Cllr. Fuszard**

• **Item for next agenda:** Iwade Pharmacy advertisement screen. **Action: Clerk**

• **The next Swale West Parish Groups meeting will be held on the 26th September at 7.30pm at Bobbing Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 09.32 p.m.