

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 22nd February 2016

Present: Cllr. J. Hunt – Chair
Cllr. M. Gale – Vice-Chair
Cllr. J. White
Cllr. S. Cheeseman
Cllr. D. Gale

Cllr. R. Clark
Cllr. J. Rook
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
5 Members of the public

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received Cllrs. Plumb, Mitchell, Horner and Hyde.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr. Hunt and Cllr. Clark, being on Swale Borough Council's Planning Committee will not take part in discussions under Item 4. Dispensations are in place for Members relating to Iwade School.

3. Visitors/Public Time

1. Visitors – A resident complained about traffic in School Lane, she has had to go to the School several times because of parking, parents and deliveries to the School; both of which park across her driveway. When she has asked parents to move she gets verbal abuse. Her husband is ill and carers (and possibly emergency vehicles) are at times unable to gain access – she cannot have the driveway blocked. The school has tried to help by putting cones at the front of her driveway.

Another resident stated that Meadow Close suffers with the same problem and again when residents asked parents to move so that they can get out of the Close they are getting verbal abuse; she mentioned that some parents park as early as 2.00 p.m. There were also concerns that parents were reversing out of Meadow Close, into School Lane when children are walking to school; an accident waiting to happen.

A resident complained that parents are parking on the dropped kerb which is a crossing point and also has a special type of surface to the rear so that blind people know that this is a crossing point with no step.

The Chair advised that the Traffic Management Plan and Travel Plan have come before the Parish Council before and Members objected. We have already told KCC that the Travel Plan needs to be proactive not reactive; that is the Parish Council feels that something needs to be done now and not wait. He mentioned that reservations were raised concerning the new gateway and already parents are using it as a turning point; residents also have concerns about children on the footpaths having to go between cars. The Chair mentioned that there will be a meeting, to include residents, to look at the traffic issues.

2. County and Borough Councillors – Non present.

4. Planning

1. **SW/14/500739/R11** – Details of an updated Travel Plan pursuant to condition 11 of planning permission SW/14/500739 – Iwade Community Primary School, School Lane, Iwade, ME9 8RS - Agreed to respond as follows:

- 6.4 Pleased to see more detail of who local stakeholders are; we now remove our previously lodged objection.
- 6.6 Pleased that it is recognised that there is currently no school crossing patrol in place
- 8.3 Pleased with updated wording; we now remove our previously lodged objection.
- 9.1 Pleased that it is now recognised that children do scooter to school
- 9.1c It is unfortunate that this still states that the Parish Council are encouraged to support scooter training. It is the Parish Council that instigated scooter training and encouraged the school to support this due to us not having land suitable to hold the training. This was suggested by the Parish Council in January 2015 in the hope that training could be held. Whilst it's unfortunate this isn't recognised by the school it is a small detail that needs no formal objection.
- 17 The plan should be reviewed every six months rather than annually as stated. Due to paragraph 17 still showing that the plan will be reviewed annually our objection still stands as condition 11 of planning permission SW/14/500739 is not being met.
2. **SW/14/500739/R12** – Local traffic management plan which reviews the existing parking situation in detail and proposes robust solutions/on street restrictions in close proximity to the School, pursuant to condition 12 of planning Permission SW/14/500739 – Iwade Community Primary School, School Lane, Iwade, ME9 8RS – Agreed to respond as follows:
- 2.3 Pleased to see that this has been amended and that it is recognised that the new entrance is already causing problems with parents using it to turn around. It is recognised that the school have already put measures in place to help by putting out traffic cones at peak times.
- 2.4.2 Pleased that this has been altered to show how the school will deal with this.
- 2.5.1 This is much clearer on how parking matters will be dealt with. Although it is shown that the need for white lining will be monitored by the school until such time is needed, it is something that residents have already raised and should be looked at now. That said the management plans covers how the strategy will work and the concerns raised by residents can be dealt with at any time and in our opinion there is no need for further changes to the plan.
- 3.1.3 Much better wording.
- 3.1.5 The parish council is unhappy that this wording hasn't been changed. There may be times during the year when the plan will need to be updated. It is recognised that an annual review is needed and that any comments made with respect to traffic and safety concerns are dealt with appropriately and quickly but going by the current wording those changes won't be made until the plan is reviewed. Concerns may be raised soon after a review and waiting until the next review to implement any changes is unacceptable. It may be that section 3.1.5 is being misinterpreted but we feel this contradicts the wording in 3.1.2. Others could also read it this way.
- General: Taking all of the above into account Iwade Parish Council has no objection to the Traffic Management Plan but would like to see the wording in 3.1.5 made clearer. Whilst the plan deals with matters that may arise we feel that there are already concerns that have been raised since the increase in pupil numbers in September 2014 which need to be looked into at the earliest opportunity.
3. **16/500627/FULL** - Change of use of land for the stationing 3 residential caravans for low cost affordable homes - Marsh Bank Old Ferry Road Iwade Kent ME9 8SW – Agreed to object on the following grounds:
- The impact on nature conservation (the SSI and Ramsar sites are nearby) e.g., local sites (biodiversity and geodiversity); local landscape character; and local or national biodiversity priority habitats and species.

- The development will be outside the built up boundary of the village. There is no requirement for low cost housing in the village. Recent developments in Iwade have had low cost housing reduced to 10%, in the past it was 30% which supports this statement.
- It is disconcerting to note that the site has already been cleared presumably in readiness for this development.

5. **Any Other Matters Arising** - None

6. **Next Meeting(s)**

The next monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th March, 2016, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.