

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11 December 2024

#### Present:

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Cllr. S. Tolhurst – Chair | County Cllr M. Baldock |
| Cllr. P. Hyde             | Samantha Gray, Clerk   |
| Cllr. P. Holowczycki      | 3 Residents            |

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Fuszard, S. Waters and D. Waters.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – None.

#### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Holowczycki, the minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 13 November 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

#### 4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors:** Nothing to report.

2. **County and Borough Councillors:** Cllr. Baldock advised the following:

- Kent County Council have a gap in their budget. They are proposing to withdraw grants from councillors.
- It's possible that in the future the County will be split into three unitary councils.
- Look into land that can be purchased from Swale Borough Council (SBC).
- The Parish Council can contact SBC any time to discuss green spaces that are available. Green space can be used as a nature park with minimum maintenance.
- A community governance boundary review will be held next year.

3. **Police Constable:** Report received – see appendix A.

#### 5. Village Matters

1. **Advertisement board in Iwade Pharmacy** – The council have received a complaint; the flashing light from the advertisement board is affecting neighbouring properties at night. A council member has spoken with the pharmacy and suggested the board is changed to a still image at night. Councillor to continue communicating with the pharmacy.

2. **KCC permits for carrying out work** – The damaged lamp posts on the junction of Ferry Road/Sheppey Way and in Cormorant Road have been replaced. Council members would like to request Chevrons are installed on the junction of Ferry Road/Sheppey Way to help prevent further accidents in this location. The Clerk will add this to the Highway Improvement Plan. **Action: Clerk**

#### 3. **Anti-social behaviour Mansfield Drive**

a) **Correspondence update with Plaxtol Investments Ltd** – The Clerk has written to Plaxtol Investments Ltd to advise them of the anti-social behaviour issues happening on their land. Members agreed to wait for a response before making any further decisions.

b) **To consider grass maintenance options** – as above.

c) **To consider moving a CCTV camera** – as above.

6. **Planning** – applications are viewable on Swale: <http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications>; KCC: <https://cloud2.atriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do>

1. **24/502881/REM:** Land East Of Iwade Woodpecker Drive Iwade Kent ME9 8ST. Approval of reserved matters (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale sought) for sites E1 and E2 for residential development comprising 455no. dwellings and erection of a community hall, together with associated access, landscaping, drainage, infrastructure and earthworks, pursuant to 19/503974/HYBRID.

Members stand by the following comments made in August:

Following a housing needs survey it was highlighted that bungalows are needed in the village, will the developer provide them in this plan.

Road infrastructure, more schools and doctors are needed to accommodate the increase in residents in the area.

Members made the following comments in August and note they have been addressed and are happy with the new hall plans:

Request details of the village hall garden area; a safe area away from the road is required.

Village Hall car park - the parking allocation plan shows the car park area is shared with nearby properties. How will parking allocation be separated?

During Village hall hiring parking needs to be closed to the public using the Nature Park.

Toilets at the Village Hall will be available to the public, who will cover the maintenance cost?

Request the speed limit is 20mph.

2. **24/503299/HYBRID:** Land East Of Iwade Iwade Kent ME9 8ST: Section 73 - Application for variation of condition 7 (to allow delivery of the Country Park in phases alongside the adjacent development parcels) pursuant to 19/503974/HYBRID for - Hybrid application comprising of - Outline application (all matter reserved except for access) for up to 466 dwellings and a community hall. Full planning application for access from Grovehurst Road and The Street and for a country park.

Members stand by their comments made on 12 September:

Members understand and agree with the application to complete the country park in phases but would like to be consulted during the process. Members are concerned about the timeframes to deliver the completed country park and village hall, which have been promised to the village in the Section 106 agreement.

3. **24/504689/FULL:** Erection of single-storey and part two-storey rear extension. 8 White Admiral Grove Iwade Kent ME9 8XA

Iwade Parish Council discussed the above application at their meeting on Wednesday 11 December and advised they have no comments to make.

4. **24/504649/FULL:** Erection of a single storey to the side elevation with pitched roof and small flat roof. Erection of a new front porch. 26 Springvale Iwade Kent ME9 8RX.

Iwade Parish Council discussed the above application at their meeting on Wednesday 11 December and advised they have no comments to make.

- 5. 24/504811/FULL:** Erection of front and rear single storey extensions to existing garden outbuilding. 14 Woodpecker Drive Iwade Kent ME9 8ST.

Iwade Parish Council discussed the above application at their meeting on Wednesday 11 December and advised they have no comments to make.

## **7. Correspondence**

- 1. KALC Community Awards 2025 – email 20.11** – Members agreed to ask the community for nominations by 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025. The Clerk will put a message on the notice board, parish council website, Facebook, and will contact the Barn to advertise on their website. **Action: Clerk**

- 2. Raspberry Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund – email 21.11** – Members agreed to support a request from The Barn for Solar panels. The Barn trustees will advise how much square footage is available and supply a quote for the work required. Cllr. Hyde will look into the cost for tree's to be planted in the village. Costs for work required for the pond in Woodpecker park needs to be looked into further. **Action: Clerk/Cllr. Hyde**

- 3. Traffic Calming, Ferry Road outside Heaven/Iwade Garage – email 02.12** – Council members held a meeting with KCC Highways earlier in the year and requested priority signage at build-outs. The Clerk has followed this up with KCC who are looking into it.

- 4. Request for “turn engines off” sign in car park, School Lane – email 04.12** – The Clerk will contact Omnicroft to request signage. **Action: Clerk**

- 5. Statement from Southern Water – email 04.12** – Following a meeting held by the Parish Council with Southern Water and KCC, Southern Water issued a statement which covers the facts already known to the parish council and residents; the investigation carried out showed no leaks on their assets. Members note that water is starting to pool outside of Plantation Court again, and the Clerk has reported this to Southern Water and KCC. Members agreed that KCC need to investigate this issue. **Action: Clerk**

## **8. Parish Council Matters**

- 1. Parish Councillor applications** – Members agreed to co-opt Jordan Hartley and Chad Gomez. The Chair welcomed them to the Parish Council and they duly signed the acceptance of office form.
- 2. Parish Councillor Resignation** – Ray Langham has resigned from the Parish Council and the vacancy has been advertised.

## **9. Finance**

- 1. To consider a quotation from ADM Computing to ensure files are backed up correctly** – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Tolhurst, members agreed to the quotation of £100.00p. **Action: Clerk/RFO**
- 2. Quote from IT Manager Services** – Members agreed to look at this quote again when the current Office 365 and mailbox contract is due for renewal.
- 3. Hugofox Mailboxes and Domain Names** – Members agreed to look at this quote again when the current Office 365 and mailbox contract is due for renewal.
- 4. Quote to install tree guards** – Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, members agreed to the cost of £58.80p to purchase tree guards.

- 5. Quotation to repair lamp column no.06 in Sheerstone** - Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, members agreed to the cost of £815.00p + VAT to repair the damaged lamp column.
- 6. Bank signatories** – Cllrs. Tolhurst and Holowczycki signed the account management form to authorise changes to bank signatories on the account. A new signatory is needed and members asked the Clerk to add this to the next agenda. **Action: Clerk**
- 7. Insurance cover for Beacon Lighting** – Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Holowczycki, members agreed to the quotation from Unity insurance for the cost of £461.76p. **Action: Clerk/RFO**
- 8. Parish Council contact with McCabe Ford Williams** – Members deferred this to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- 9. CPRE membership renewal** – Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, members agreed to renew the yearly membership at a cost of £36.00p. **Action: Clerk/RFO**
- 10. Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** - Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Hartley, members noted the budget figures and the accounts to 30 November 2024. Cllrs. Holowczycki and Tolhurst will log in and authorise the following payments: **Action: Cllrs. Holowczycki/ Tolhurst**

| EXPENDITURE |            |                           |   |           |
|-------------|------------|---------------------------|---|-----------|
| Pay Date    | Pay Method | Payable to                | Reason  | Amount    |
| 11.12.24    | BACs       | L. Ives                   | Expenses – Telephone, home as office– November                  | £18.00p   |
| 11.12.24    | BACs       | S. Grey                   | Expenses – Telephone, home as office – November                 | £44.00p   |
| 11.12.24    | BACs       | H.M.R.C.                  | Tax October   | £156.15p  |
| 11.12.24    | BACs       | Steve Wakeling            | Handyman Fee July (part October and November)                   | £475.90p  |
| 11.12.24    | BACs       | Treetops Tree Surgery Ltd | Removal of two trees Village Hall on Health and Safety Grounds  | £690.00p  |
| 11.12.24    | BACs       | Streetlights              | Col 6 Sheerstone, return to vertical/secure replace column door | £978.00p  |
| 11.12.24    | BACs       | Greentech Ltd             | 16 Tree Guards plus Delivery                                    | £58.80p   |
| 11.12.24    | BACs       | KCC                       | Load Testing for Festive Lights                                 | £1350.00p |
| 11.12.24    | BACs       | KSM Ltd                   | Repairs to Finger Post Sanderling Way/The Street Junction       | £155.00p  |
| 11.12.24    | BACs       |                           |   |           |
| 01.12.24    | SO         | Staff Salaries            | November  | £1475.25p |
| 01.12.24    | DD         | NEST                      | Pension contributions November                                  | £65.67p   |
| 01.12.24    | DD         | HugoFox                   | Website monthly fee   | £35.99p   |
| 25.12.24    | DD         | Npower                    | Electricity Supply November                                     | £179.12p  |
| 30.12.24    | DD         | Countrystyle              | Supply of Waste Wheelie Bin                                     | £40.63p   |
| INCOME      |            |                           |   |           |
| Pay Date    | Pay Method | Received from             | Reason  | Amount    |
|             |            |                           |   |           |

## 10. Projects – Updates on Current and New

- 1. VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025** – Members agreed not to advertise the event to the public outside of the village. Cllr. Hyde will try to organise a Buglar to play at the event. **Action: Clerk/Cllr. Hyde**
- 2. Future public events** – Members agreed to send out a write up to the community, inviting volunteers to join an advisory committee.

## 11. Reports from Representatives

- 1. Village Hall Committee** – Members agreed the council would like to collaborate with the village hall committee.
- 2. KALC Area Representative** – Cllr. Holowczycki advised he attended a meeting at Lower Halstow and encourages members to read the minutes of the meeting which have been circulated. Subjects covered were the homeless and rough sleepers, and speed watch. The next meeting is 18<sup>th</sup> February at Iwade Village Hall.

**12. Items for the Next Agenda**

- Storage
- Tracker
- Village Centre litter collections – Omnicroft
- Flood action group

**Action: Clerk**

**14. Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 8 January 2025, 7.30 p.m., in Iwade Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 09.06 p.m.**

## **Appendix A**

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### **Local Stories**

- As winter is in full-fledge the volume of nuisance vehicles speeding through Iwade and underneath the Sheppey Crossing has plummeted, and only one such call was noted at the very beginning of the month. The CCTV underneath the crossing is effective in identifying the vehicles and Section 59 ASB warnings are sent out. Where the cameras do not cover, obtaining registrations is vital in prosecuting the offenders.
- Two instances of poaching are noted to having occurred on the outskirts of Iwade, although no game is said to have been taken. Usually, the offenders are spooked prior to Police arrival but I am pleased to note that in both incidents registrations were taken and passed to the Rural Task Force who are the best team to tackle rural crime. Information about what constitutes as a rural crime can be found at: <https://www.police.uk/pu/services-information/rural-and-wildlife-crime/>
- A vehicle theft was reported along School Lane. Can I please ask that your vehicles are secure, and safety advice is followed on keeping your vehicle safe, available at: <https://www.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/>