

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13 February 2019

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. S. Cheeseman – Chair	Cllr. R. Clark
	Cllr. J. Dicker – Vice-Chair	Cllr. T. Trower
	Cllr. A. Dollimore	L. Fisher, Clerk
	Cllr. B. Whiting	County Cllr. M. Whiting
	Cllr. S. Lancashire	Nick Mayatt, Community Warden
	Cllr. P. Horner	Representatives Barratt Homes re Dunlin Walk
	Cllr. R. Mills	3 Residents

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Hyde and Langham; County Cllr. Mike Whiting and the Lee Fennell the PCSO.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr. Dicker declared an interest in Item 6.3, Councillor Dollimore in Item 10.2. Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Dicker and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9 January 2019 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

- 1. Visitors** – A resident asked about the Village Clean Up. Members explained that the take up last year was so low that it did not take place, but agreed to look at holding this event on Sunday 14 April. Clerk to post a notice on Facebook to see how many residents are interested. **Action: Clerk**
- 2. County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting advised KCC mentioned a Parish Highways Plan, an Officer is visiting Councils to discuss this - details will be forwarded to the Clerk in due course. Pathway clearances is ongoing; let Cllr. Whiting know of any paths obstructed by vegetation. KCC are employing more Highway Inspectors to inspect repairs on highway works; also taking on more Drainage Engineers. He has received numerous complaints about the Dunlin Walk development on highway grounds. Regarding the School buses parking everywhere, he advised the issue is whether this a safe thing to do or not a safe thing to do.
- 3. Community Warden/PCSO** – reported two fly tipping incidents in Old Ferry Road to Swale Borough Council. School gate, residents reported a car that is ‘speeding’ along School Lane to Kent Police, parking wardens have been operating in the area. Noticed the practice of parking on single yellow lines by the shops. Checked dog-fouling areas most seem clean although residents in The Waterway/Springvale area have reported dog owners not picking up. Reported a build-up of litter in Iwade Recreation Play Area to Swale Borough Council. After a report about screws inserted into car tyres, went house to house in the area where the incident reported, did not find any further incidents. Please report any criminal damage to Kent Police.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- 1. Dark Nights = Double the Dog Poo** – Assistance from Dog Warden – Agreed to go with the suggestion of spraying faeces with dissolvable paint and to ask for feedback/data on the endeavour. **Action: Clerk**

2. **18/506328/OUT: Land to the South of Dunlin Walk Iwade Kent ME9 8TG** – Barratt Homes (BH) attended to update on objections raised by the Parish Council. As requested, have held a public consultation today, 20 people attended, mainly from Dunlin Walk. Many residents raised highway issues; BH stated it is an adopted road and ‘should not be used for parking’. The footpath will now be level – no kerb. There were quite a few comments about details and design of the houses – BH explained it is only an outline application; details will come later. Boundary with the School – BH have consulted with Kent Police and should have a 1.8 m fence for the boundary. Cllr. Clark raised the issue of bedroom windows overlooking the field – BH to have further conversations with Kent Police regarding this, under reserved matters. Parking – 2 car spaces per drive plus garage as per KCC standards and 10 visitor spaces. Cllr. Dollimore thought one parking space per bedroom was more appropriate; County Cllr. Whiting agreed and advised KCC and Swale Borough Council are re-visiting their parking standards. BH advised that KCC do not want the land for a future expansion of the School, but BH have to provide S.106 contribution towards education. The Parish Council thanked BH for attending and feeding back some information.

6. Planning

1. **KCC/SW/0506/2018:** Application for planning permission for the change of use of land from storage and parking of HGVs to a small-scale waste management facility: Units 1 & 2 Marshbank Industrial Estate, Old Ferry Road, Iwade, Kent ME9 8SW – Members agreed to raise the following comments:
 - The Parish Council supports recycling and as such would not wish to object to the application, particularly as the applicant appears to be trying to improve their particular area.
 - The road down to the main road is unfit for purpose; debris from this road is washed down onto the main road and thus we would, if planning is approved, push for wheel washing facilities on site as a necessity.
 - If approved would like a condition that HGV movements are limited to the proposed 22 and that this is not allowed to increase in the future.
 - If approved there needs to be a condition that HGVs are not permitted to use Iwade Village as a route.

However, as a result of some of my Councillors visiting the site the Council does have real concerns regarding the dreadful state of the industrial estate as a whole:

- Concerns that contaminated water/materials from the site are being washed onto the SSSI/Ramsar Site.
- There are several skip hire operators on the industrial and we understand that there are skips that have waste left in them and have been there for some time.
- We would question whether the industrial estate and its various units is/are regulated and regularly inspected, particularly in view of the sensitive SSSI/Ramsar Site.

Finally, the Parish Council appreciates that KCC has to look at this application on an individual basis, but we would urge County to consider the whole Industrial Estate and our very real concerns.

2. **19/500241/FULL:** Erection of single storey side extension with tiled roof: 23 Springvale Iwade Kent ME9 8RY – no comments.
3. **19/500387/FULL:** 9 School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8RS: Raising the roof height and extending to rear to provide first floor accommodation – no comments.
4. **19/500080/FULL:** 1C Ferry Road Iwade Kent ME9 8RG: Erection of a porch – no comments.

7. Correspondence

5. **Kent Minerals & Waste Local Plan 2013-30; Mineral Sites Plan & Early Partial Review** – Agreed to respond:

- Concerns relating to the transport of waste and minerals impacting on already congested roads (one such example is Brick earth extraction, Hartlip, which will operate for 20 years) in Swale;
- Air pollution (perhaps question quality of HGVs used and that they meet clean standards), areas such as Newington already exceed legal limits, and
- The need to encourage transport of waste and minerals by rail.

8. Safeguarding Best Practice for Local Councils

Cllr. Clark attended, whilst the content was good he was disappointed to find that a certificate of qualification was not forthcoming.

9. Speeding and Zebra Crossing, School Lane

Cllr. B. Whiting advised he had been approached by a resident, she and her child narrowly missed being hit by a vehicle as they crossed the road from the corner of School Lane over to the Village Centre, she asked if a Zebra Crossing could be installed in this area. Members discussed the possibility and agreed it was difficult to take some action; KCC would most probably not agree to a crossing in this area and because of the road layout it would be difficult to place one nearby. Members agreed to look at reinstating Speed Watch and to ask the PCSO/Community Warden to attend during School drop off/picking up times.

10 Finance

1. **Street Lighting, Grovehurst Road** – Cost for installing street lighting in this area (between the gateway and A249 roundabout) is astronomical, due to the need to install a new electrical supply. Agreed no further action but to ask KCC to look at resurfacing the pavement and cut back intruding vegetation in this area. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Donation – Sittingbourne Christmas Lights** – Proposed by Cllr. Mills and seconded by Cllr. Horner; agreed a donation of £100.
3. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Dicker agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 31 January 2019:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
13.02.19	2090	Clerk's Expenses	Telephone, Office Use – January	£18.66p
13.02.19	2091	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due January	£299.81p
13.02.19	2092	Steve Wakeling	Work carried out in January	£397.82p
13.02.19	2093	McCabe Ford Williams	Quarterly payroll preparation	£39.00p
13.02.19	2094	Kent Association of Local Councils	“Safeguarding Best Practice for Local Councils” Course	£72.00p
Five cheques in total				

Plus:

Staff Wages - January	£1183.25p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting – January	£65.61p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle: Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – January	£34.27p	Paid by Direct Debit

11. Projects/Project Updates

1. Suggestions for Projects 2019/20 – Agreed to look at the following:

- Clerk investigating extending the festive lights from the Christmas tree to Grovehurst Road gateway. **Action: Clerk**
- Bollards in The Street, to look at this again due to parking in between the existing ones, making it impossible for traffic to pass. Clerk obtaining quotes. **Action: Clerk**
- Organise a Village running event – Cllr. Mills investigating.

12. Reports from Representatives

2. Hall – Disco and Quiz Night coming up.
3. KALC – nothing to report.

13. Any Other Matters Arising

1. Clerk to ask KCC to look at damage to a shrub bed in Kingfisher Drive. **Action: Clerk**

14. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 13 March 2019, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.