

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 8 February 2023

**Present:** Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair  
Cllr. S. Tolhurst  
Cllr. R. Langham  
Cllr. P. Hyde  
Cllr. B. Whiting

Samantha Gray, Clerk  
1 resident

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed back Samantha Gray on her return from maternity leave. Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Cllrs. Lancashire, Cheeseman, S. Waters, D. Waters and Stalley-Moores.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

None.

#### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Tolhurst, the minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 11 January 2023, were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

#### **4. Visitors/Public Time**

1. **Visitors** – A Resident expressed concern regarding parked cars at the junction of Sanderling Way and The Street which is causing poor sight lines and near misses of incidents for passing vehicles.
2. **County and Borough Councillors** – None attended.
3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Written report from PSCO Kirsty-Linge:  
Crimes of Note:
  - 21/01/23 – School Lane – Vehicle stolen from outside address. Report taken.
  - 25/01/23 – Old Ferry Road – Reports of an accosting. Female jogger was stopped by a male in a silver car who showed unwanted attention to her. Crime report taken and allocated for further review.
  - 26/01/23 – Ferry Road – Happy Days Nursery reported Suspicious female on the driveway of their address. When female was asked why she was there she became hostile and walked away.

##### Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- Various report of nuisance bikes near to Knauf.
- 08/01/23 – School Lane – reports of nuisance moped driving around the area. Local officer made aware.
- 10/01/23 – School Lane – reports of horses running in the road.
- 24/01/23 – Old Ferry Road – Reports of Horses running in the road.
- 27/01/23 – Peach Blossom Drive – Reports of nuisance vehicles. Local officer made aware.
- 04/02/23 – Old Ferry Road – Reports of nuisance vehicles.

- 04/02/23 – Sheerstone – Vehicle stolen from outside of address. Crime report taken, currently under investigation.
- 06/02/23 – Stickfast Lane – 3 males in a van stopped a female in her car and pretended they were plain clothes Police officers carrying out a traffic stop. The victim handed over her driving licence which one of the males took and looked at before saying he wasn't really a Police officer and began laughing. Males were described as having strong Irish accents. Currently under investigation.

## 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) Review** – No further updates. Clerk advised the KCC contact is currently Jennie Watson.
2. **Site Entrance Pond Farm** – Councillors Whiting and Tolhurst, and temporary Clerk Lynda Ives met with the site team at the Pond Farm development to discuss issues on Grovehurst road. The site team agreed to gravel the path, re-seed the area of turf and repair the fence. Cllr. Hyde reported the drain is blocked, Clerk to contact the site team and ask them to clear this. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Tracker – Cllrs Tolhurst** – Cllr. Tolhurst updated members on the works in progress; First Port have advised the cold weather has delayed the repair to the wall but assured this will be carried out. The document has also been circulated to all council members.
4. **Mobile Phone Signals in the Village** – Temporary Clerk Lynda Ives contacted the four main mobile phone operators, but no response has been received.
5. **Flood Action Group** – Cllrs. Whiting and Stalley-Moores attended Flood Warning training in January. Cllrs. Whiting, Stalley-Moores, Tolhurst and Langham will attend Geographical Information System training this month. Volunteers for the Flood Action Group are needed – an advertisement for this will be published in the Iwade Observer.
6. **Pond Management** – An officer at Swale Borough Council has requested a quote to clear inlets/outlets and the brambles in the pond.

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

1. **22/505896/FULL**: Demolition of existing rear conservatory and replacement with the erection of a single storey rear extension. Garage conversion, erection of a single storey side and front extension including changes to fenestration. ADDRESS: 19 Woodpecker Drive Iwade Kent ME9 8ST. Council members discussed and advised no comments.
2. **23/500192/FULL**: Land At Raspberry Hill Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8SP. Proposal: Retrospective application for creation of an access track and parking area comprising 6no. spaces (Revision of Planning Application ref: 22/503130/FULL). Council members discussed and advised no comments.
3. **23/500134/REM**: PROPOSAL: Approval of Reserved Matters for the erection of 19no. dwellings (Appearance, Landscaping and Scale being sought) pursuant to 22/503040/HYBRID: ADDRESS: Halfway Egg Farm Featherbed Lane Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8RA. Council members discussed and advised no comments.
4. **23/500242/FULL**: Section 73 - Application for minor material amendment to approved plans condition 3 (to allow tenure change to affordable housing, to deliver all 7no. units as Shared Ownership) and variation of condition 10 (to allow occupation of dwelling via a temporary access until Kent Highways works on Grovehurst Road are complete) pursuant to 19/501332/FULL for - Erection of 69 dwellings accessed from Grovehurst Road; public open and amenity space; together with associated landscaping and ecological enhancement works; drainage; utilities; and internal

access roads, footpaths, cycleways and parking.

Location: Land At Pond Farm Grovehurst Road Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8RD.

Council members object to this planning application and stand by their comments made on the previous application 19/501332/FULL, in particular their comments regarding Grovehurst Road:

Concern over the access on to Grovehurst Road. This highway is already congested with traffic (often queueing back towards the Village Gateway) trying to get onto the roundabout.

## **7. Correspondence**

1. **KALC Community Awards Scheme 2023** – Council members discussed, and a decision was made.
2. **Woodpecker Drive – email 30.01** – A resident contacted the temporary Clerk to report that speeding in Woodpecker Drive has led to the injury and death of their pets, and they are concerned for the safety of children and animals. Council members discussed and agreed to source a quote for a speed hump. **Action: Clerk**

## **8. Finance**

1. **Sign-Post School Lane** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Langham, members agreed to accept the increased cost of £70.00p for extra materials used to extend the Finger post from 2.4m to 3.0m. **Action: RFO**
2. **Plaque for Beacon – Cllr. Lancashire** – no update.
3. **Gateway Repairs Sheppey Way** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, members agreed to accept the increased cost of £60.00p for extra materials used to replace damaged timber rails. **Action: RFO**
4. **CCTV** – Council members discussed a quote supplied by Swale Borough Council and agreed it is too expensive. Cllr. Tolhurst to ask for a revised quote for 3 cameras with maintenance and 360-degree reach. **Action: Cllr. Tolhurst**
5. **Grounds Maintenance Contract** – No update. KCC will give more information in March. No response from Swale Borough Council. Keep on the Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Faulty Street Light, nr 50 Sheerstone** – Council members discussed quotes from Swale Borough Council to replace a bollard which needs to be removed for a street light repair. Members agreed the cost seems very high and asked the Clerk to source alternative quotes if Swale Borough Council will permit the use of an alternative contractor. **Action: Clerk**
7. **Request for Donation – 1st Iwade Cubs and Scouts** – Clerk to contact 1<sup>st</sup> Iwade Cubs and Scouts for more information. Keep on the agenda. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Request for Donation – Iwade Ladies Group** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Langham, members agreed a donation of £200.00p. **Action: Clerk/RFO**
9. **Request for Donation – Men’s Breakfast Club** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, members agreed a donation of £200.00p. **Action: Clerk/RFO**
10. **Quotation – Festive Lights, Storing, Putting up/Down and PAT Testing 2023** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, members agreed the quote of £8,020.00p from Gala Lights. **Action: RFO**
11. **KALC - Dynamic Councillor Event (23 March) – Cllr. Tolhurst and possibly Cllr. Stalley-Moores** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, members agreed to the cost of £50.00p + VAT per course. **Action: Clerk/RFO**

12. **KALC - Becoming a Local Councillor (21 March) – Cllr. Stalley-Moores** – The Clerk advised this course is free of charge.

13. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** - Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, members noted the budget figures and the accounts to the 31 January 2023; the following payments were agreed. Cllrs. Langham and Whiting to log in and authorize payments.

**Action: Cllrs. Langham/Whiting**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payable to	Reason	Amount
08.02.23	BACs	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone, home as office	£18.00p
08.02.23	BACs	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax January	£364.99p
08.02.23	BACs	Kent Service & Maintenance Ltd	Remove/Install new finger post, School Lane	£175.00p
08.02.23	BACs	Kent Service & Maintenance Ltd	Gateway Repairs, Sheppey Way	£845.00p
08.02.23	BACs	McCabe Ford Williams	Quarterly Payroll Processing	£86.69p
08.02.23	BACs	Bobbing Parish Council	Reimbursement 50% AVG Subscription Renewal	£43.75p
01.02.23	SO	Staff Salaries	January	£293.40p
01.02.23	DD	NEST	Pension contributions	£77.51p
01.02.23	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	13 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes and Exchange	£63.70p
01.02.23	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee	£35.99p
08.02.23	BACs	Locum Salary	January coverage	£870.10p
08.02.23	BACS	Back Pay/KIT Days	Clerk - 9 KIT Days, Backpay - April to September	£1102.99p
27.02.23	DD	Npower	Electricity Supply	£77.49p
30.02.23	DD	Countrystyle	Supply of Waste Wheelie Bin, monthly	T.B.A.
<b>INCOME</b>				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Received from	Reason	Amount

## 9. **Projects – Updates on Current and New**

1. **King’s Coronation 2023** – Cllr Dollimore agreed he will continue plans to light the Beacon.

## 10. **Reports from Representatives**

1. **Hall** – During half term the fire extinguishers will be tested, and ceiling insulation will be fitted. During the Easter break work will be carried out on the floor.

2. **KALC** – Nothing to report.

3. **Swale Western Area Committee** – Next meeting 16 February 2023.

4. **Swale West Parishes** – No meeting held.

## 11. **Any Other Matters Arising**

- Cllr. Dollimore advised we need to look into cutting the brambles that run along the back of the village hall wall, bearing in mind that this needs to be carried out when the birds have finished nesting. Clerk to add to the March agenda. **Action: Clerk**

- Cllr. Whiting advised the Pond Farm site team agreed to repair a fence on Grovehurst Road but this is still to be carried out. Clerk to chase. **Action: Clerk**

- Cllr. Langham advised the Speed Watch team will carry out speed tests this month and volunteers for the team are still required.

- Cllr. Whiting advised meetings to discuss the Bobbing Garden Village Plan have been held by residents of Bobbing and Borough Councillors who advised a legal team is required to fight the proposal. Iwade Parish Council will discuss a contingency fund for legal fees at the next budget meeting. Add to the next Agenda. **Action: Clerk/RFO**

**12. Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 8 March 2023, 7.30 p.m., in Iwade Village Hall

**The meeting closed at 09.14 p.m.**