

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13th July, 2016

Present:

Cllr. M. Gale – Chair	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Cllr. J. Hunt – Vice-Chair	Borough Cllr. B. Stokes
Cllr. S. Plumb	Nick Mayatt, Community Warden
Cllr. R. Clark	13 Parishioners
Cllr. S. Cheeseman	
Cllr. P. Horner	
Cllr. R. Langham	

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Parish Cllrs. Rook, Mitchell, White and Hyde and Borough Cllrs. Dewar-Whalley and Stokes. No apologies were received from the two County Councillors.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School. Cllrs. Hunt and Clark declared an interest in Item 6, Planning and will withdraw from the discussion on the applications.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Clark and seconded by Cllr. Cheeseman, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 8th June 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – A resident raised the issue regarding the area of road School Lane/Holly Blue Drive; cars/vans parked on the right-hand side are causing vehicles to drive on the wrong side of the road to get past; often meeting traffic coming in the opposite direction. Vegetation is obstructing sight lines at this junction too. Cllr. Hunt advised that County Cllr. Truelove has been looking into this issue over the past year; he e-mailed for an update three weeks ago but nothing has come forward. The same resident outlined an incident he had witnessed at a property in School Lane and expressed his concerns. The Chair advised that he and the Vice-Chair had attended a meeting at this address when they were shown all the risk assessments put in place and were assured that the business was audited. The Chair advised that it is difficult for the Parish Council to get more involved than it has already done; the firm has stated that they are happy to show people around.

Another resident queried whether the Parish Council is happy with the work undertaken by Virgin Media in Sharfleet Crescent as residents were not. The Chair advised that it is down to KCC to monitor as they are responsible for dealing with this and signing off the completed work. The Chair has been e-mailing/in direct contact with the Virgin Media Manager, pointing out the issues raised.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – Borough Cllr. Stokes advised that he has dealt with fly tipping in Raspberry Hill and the Saxon Shore/bridle footpath. He has had complaints about the long grass and bushes in Holly Blue; he visited the site and has been in touch with the management company this morning, they only took the area over two weeks ago. He has spoken to the Environment Agency about the height of weeds growing in the stream bed near Mansfield Drive.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – The Warden referred to the issues with the school; the Chair advised that there is a meeting arranged for next Tuesday to look at this. He mentioned the delivery lorry parking on the footpath in School Lane. He is trying to resolve a trip hazard outside 48c Sheerstone –

this footpath comes under Amicus Horizon. He advised that the temporary PCSO for Iwade is Jason White. Cllr. Hunt mentioned a car in Colson Drive; it has a KCC notice on it and seems to have been abandoned; Nick will look into this.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Linkway and outside School Parking Issues** – Nothing heard; Clerk to chase. ***Action: Clerk***
2. **Parish Councillor Vacancy** – After the June meeting an application was received from resident Ray Langham. Following a discussion on his desire to join the Parish Council it was proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hunt, all agreed, that Ray Langham be co-opted onto the Parish Council. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office; the Clerk handed him the Register of Pecuniary Interests to complete and he took up his seat on the Council.
3. **Safety Issue Ice Cream Van** – The Clerk has spoken to Swale Borough Council regarding this but as the van parks on a private road they are unable to take any action.

6. Planning

1. **16/504907/COUNTY:** 4 Moat Farm Cottages School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8QH: Details pursuant to conditions 20 (off-site highway works), 21 (Traffic Management Plan), 22 (road condition survey) and 23 (access, parking & turning space) of planning permission SW/15/502632 for the phased extraction of brickearth and restoration to agricultural at Orchard Farm, School Lane, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8QH16/504329/FULL – Noted.
2. **16/505067/FULL** - Erection of single storey rear extension - 16 Colson Drive Iwade ME9 8TT – No comments.
3. **16/504645/FULL** - Erection of a two storey rear extension and conversion of existing garage to habitable space - 7 Meadow Brown View Iwade Kent ME9 8XB – No comments.
4. **16/505389/FULL** - Erection of an orangery to the rear of the dwelling house - 1 Peach Blossom Drive, Iwade, ME9 8TY – no objections.

7. Correspondence

1. **Swale Borough Local Plan – Proposed designation of Local Green Spaces** – Noted.
2. **Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications June 2016** – Working Party meeting this Friday; so far only 4 residents have come forward to sit on the Committee and assist with the response.
3. **Transfer of Functions from the Public Works Loan Board - New Governance Arrangements Consultation** – Noted.
4. **HMRC Consultation - off-payroll roles for personal services companies working for a public sector engager** – Noted and for future use.

8. Finance

1. **School Aware Signs and Flashing Beacons** – KCC have clarified costings as far as they are able to without investigations by the Street Lighting Team. The Chairman advised that he is hoping that at the meeting next Tuesday agreement can be reached as to what will happen outside the school. Clerk to keep this on the Agenda for the September meeting. ***Action: Clerk***
2. **Parking in The Street** – Agreed to distribute a letter to residents in the area next to and opposite the Village Centre asking if they can park responsibly because of complaints from footpath users and the bus/coach companies having problems navigating around parked cars in this narrow part of the highway. Clerk to also mention that if this continues the Parish Council will consider installing further bollards at a cost of £120 each; a possible maximum cost of £2400. ***Action: Clerk***
3. **Grass Cutting Contract 2016/17** – No further updates; Clerk to chase KCC. ***Action: Clerk***

4. **Flagpole Christmas Tree** – Agreed not to pursue this; to go for a 20 ft. real tree (Cllr. Stokes offered £300 from his Fund) and to ask B.W. May for a quote for installing the lights. **Action: Clerk**
5. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Langham; agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 30th June 2016.

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
13.07.16	1864	Cancelled	Cancelled	-
13.07.16	1865	Clerk's Expenses	Telephone; use of Home as office	£15.77p
13.07.16	1866	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due August	£150.52p
13.07.16	1867	Steve Wakeling	Handyman duties for June	£246.00p
13.07.16	1868	M. Gale	No Smoking Signs for Hall Garden	£11.28p
13.07.16	1869	McCabe Ford Williams	Quarterly Payroll Preparation	£39.00p
Six cheques in total				

Plus:

Clerk's Wages - July 2016	£770.25p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon - Energy Supply, Street Lighting – June	£40.60p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle - Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – June	£34.28p	Paid by Direct Debit

9. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

1. The Barn – Cllr. Hunt advised that there have been some issues with the Building Regulations but the Architect has gone back to the Conservation Officer at Swale Borough Council regarding them.

10. Reports from Representatives (Village Hall and KALC)

2. Hall – Cllr. Gale advised that Ray Langham has become Treasurer; the car park is to be lined and to include disabled spaces; the bench was broken but has now been repaired and security lighting and 'no smoking' signs will be installed in the garden. The new hand dryers have been delayed. On the 20th July there will be a Toy and Baby Clothes Sale in the Hall.
3. KALC – Nothing to report.

11. Any Other Matters Arising

1. The Chair advised that on several occasions after a hire the Nursery has had to clear up loads of cigarette ends in the garden; this is a hazard to young children who use the area throughout the week. To stop this an extra sentence will be added to the information sent out to potential hirers advising that the garden must not be used by smokers and any evidence of this found after an event will mean that the hirer will lose their hall deposit.
2. The Chair referred to comments on Facebook regarding a bus driver not stopping to pick up school children. He spoke to the person responsible at KCC who in turn took the matter up with Arriva. As a result of this KCC have requested that the driver does not drive any of their buses in this area.
3. Cllr. Hunt advised that one of the commemoration trees in the park has died and it needs to be replaced. Could the Handyman trim and clear the weeds around these trees and also clear the weeds from footpath ZR91. Clerk to instruct Handyman to undertake this work. **Action: Clerk**

12. Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th September, 2016 (there will be no meeting in August), commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.