

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10 July 2024

Present:

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| Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair | Cllr. P. Holowczycki | Lynda Ives, RFO |
| Cllr. S. Tolhurst – Vice-Chair | Cllr. S. Lancashire | |
| Cllr. S. Fuszard | Samantha Gray, Clerk | |

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Langham, Cllr. Hyde due to work commitments, and Cllr. Guest informed the council of his resignation. Cllr. Waters reason for apologies were not accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Fuszard, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 June 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. Visitors: None attended.

2. County and Borough Councillors: None attended.

3. Community Warden/Police Constable: None attended and no reports received.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Informal Consultation Stangate Drive/Sanderling Way – The Clerk advised that letters have been delivered to ten residents of Stangate Drive and Sanderling Way, to carry out a consultation for double yellow lines due to safety concerns on the junction of the road outside 92 Sanderling Way.

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

1. Application No: 22/504781/OUT: Sittingbourne Logistics Park Swale Way Sittingbourne Kent ME10 2FF. Outline application (all matters reserved except for access) for erection of up to 2,800m² of additional storage and distribution (B8 use) warehouse floorspace and HGV parking including access, parking, landscaping and other associated works. Additional documents added 21.06.24.

Comments: Iwade Parish Council discussed the above planning application at their meeting on 11th July 2024.

Members note the additional documents and stand by their comments made in December 2022:

Iwade Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of increased HGVs on the already congested road system in this area. Concerned that no details of number of extra HGVs are shown on the application or within the Planning Statement - can we request sight of these details. If approved and extra HGVs are permitted the Council requests that as part of the conditions, vehicles only be permitted to exit the site, turning left to go down to around the roundabout in Swale Way and then come up to Grovehurst Roundabout. At the present time vehicles coming out of the site turn right and cross the traffic stream causing queues.

2. **Application No: 18/505157/OUT:** Land North Of Sanderling Way Iwade Kent ME9 8TJ. Outline application with all matters reserved apart from the means of access for residential development of up to 60 dwellings (with an illustrative layout to demonstrate adequacy of emergency and service access together with parking and indicative mix of house types, principles of landscaping ecological enhancement and surface water management) at land north of Sanderling Way, Iwade, Kent. Additional documents added 28.06.24.

Comments: Iwade Parish Council discussed the above planning application at their meeting on 10 July. Members stand by their comments made on 16 February and 10 April, particularly regarding the remodelling of the road. The new planned roundabout is too close to the junction with The Street.

Members request that their comments are addressed, and also request that there is no further extension to housing in this area.

Comments made 16 February:

Council members are still concerned with the increase in traffic. The junction where Sanderling Way, Ferry Road and The Street meets needs to be remodelled to cope with the increased traffic from the new development, it is a dangerous junction at the present time and has had accidents and many near misses due to its narrowness, sharp bends and traffic calming. This remodelling should be included as part of this development and should not be ignored.

Concern over health provision. Iwade has had many issues with health provision and at the present time residents often find it difficult to obtain a doctors appointment; this development will add further stress to the Iwade Medical Centre.

Educational provision. Iwade School is virtually full and cannot/should not (because of the stress on the existing highway infrastructure) be extended further.

Concern about general lack of infrastructure.

All vehicles should not wait in the roadway/on site prior to the actual agreed working times (normally 7.30am weekdays); this is because in the past, residents have suffered from noise from vehicles with their engines running/being unloaded on site at least 20 minutes before the working time, this needs to be written into the conditions.

Comments made 10 April:

Iwade Parish Council discussed the above application at their Full Council meeting on 10 April. Members stand by their comments made on this application on 16 February, particularly regarding the remodelling of the road. The new planned roundabout is too close to the junction with The Street.

Members note the report from KCC Ecological Advice Service and ask that Swale Borough Council provide an updated EcIA, and confirm to us that the proposals fully adhere to the agreed approach regarding The Swale Special Protections Area (SPAs) and Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention (Ramsar Site).

Members also note the following comments in the report from Southern Water and agree their infrastructure needs updating: that we are not able to accommodate any units to connect at manhole TQ89689003 without network reinforcement. Furthermore, I would advise that we are unable to reserve capacity in our network for developments that do not have planning consent. We aim to provide infrastructure within 24 months of planning being granted or provide an alternative method of drainage.

7. Policies

1. **Revised Memorial Plaque Policy** – The Clerk advised that the cost of the ground stake had altered due to the supplier now providing the option of a short or long ground stake. Members agreed that short ground stakes are to be supplied and installed in concrete. Prices for plaques and ground stakes will be provided on application. Proposed by Cllr. Dolimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire.

Action: Clerk/RFO

8. Correspondence

- 1. VE Day 80th Anniversary** – Council members agreed they will organise an event to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8th May 2025. Cllr. Lancashire has made an enquiry for a gas burner for the Beacon. The Clerk will contact local businesses to organise food stalls for the evening. The Clerk will also contact Swale Borough Council, to ask if the grassed area of Woodpecker Park could be used for parking food stalls and also Kent County Council (KCC) to organise a road closure.

Action: Clerk

9. Finance

- 1. BSEN Load Testing for Festive Lighting 2024** – Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, members agreed to the cost of £1,350.00p + VAT to carry out BSEN load testing required for 18 lamp columns in Ferry Road and The Street. **Action: RFO/Clerk**
- 2. Quotation for advertisement banners** – Proposed by Cllr. Fuszard and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, members agreed to purchase two advertisement banners at the cost of £90.00p. The banners will advertise the monthly Parish Council meetings and the Village clean up events. **Action: RFO/Cllr. Fuszard**
- 3. Quotation for 20mph limit – School Lane, Iwade** – The RFO advised KCC may have funded the 20mph speed limit outside Bobbing Primary School and will contact them regarding funding for Iwade. The Clerk was also asked to contact Iwade School to ask if car park opening times can be slightly extended in the morning to allow staff to park on site. **Action: RFO/Clerk**
- 4. Revised quote to carry out various repairs from the ROSPA inspection** – A vote was held and all members agreed to share the cost of repairs between The Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. Proposed by Cllr. Fuszard and seconded by Cllr. Holowczycki, the Parish Council will pay £865.00p and the Village Hall will pay £1,000.00p. **Action: RFO**
- 5. Updating Financial Regulations** – Deferred to the September meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- 6. Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** - Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, members noted the budget figures and the accounts to 30 June 2024. Cllr. Lancashire is the only signatory present to log in and authorise the following payments. The RFO will ask either Cllr. Hyde or Langham to also authorise the payments:

Action: Cllrs. Lancashire/Langham/Hyde/RFO

| EXPENDITURE | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------|---|-----------|
| Pay Date | Pay Method | Payable to | Reason | Amount |
| 10.07.24 | BACs | L. Ives | Expenses – Telephone, home as office, Ink Cartridges – June | £87.90p |
| 10.07.24 | BACs | S. Grey | Expenses – Telephone, home as office - June | £44.00p |
| 10.07.24 | BACs | H.M.R.C. | Tax June | £156.15p |
| 10.07.24 | BACs | Turtle Engineering Ltd | Bleed Control Kit and Sticker for Cabinet | £114.98p |
| 10.07.24 | BACs | Tess Group | Chapter 8 Roadcraft 1 Day Course – Cllr. Holowczycki | £219.95p |
| 10.07.24 | BACs | K.C.C. | Application Fee re Festive Lights | £39.00p |
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| 30.06.24 | - | Unity Bank | Quarterly Bank Fee | £18.00p |
| 01.07.24 | SO | Staff Salaries | June | £1475.25p |
| 01.07.24 | DD | NEST | Pension contributions June | £65.67p |
| 01.07.24 | DD | HugoFox | Website monthly fee | £35.99p |
| 25.07.24 | DD | Npower | Electricity Supply June | £129.00p |
| 30.07.24 | DD | Countrystyle | Supply of Waste Wheelie Bin | £40.63 |
| INCOME | | | | |
| Pay Date | Pay Method | Received from | Reason | Amount |
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10. Projects – Updates on Current and New

- 1. Christmas Event 2024** – Members agreed to hold a Christmas Lighting Event this year on Sunday 1st December. The Clerk will submit the application to Swale Borough Council with the usual details. Cllr. Dollimore agreed to be the event organiser. **Action: Clerk**

2. Parish Council ‘Tracker’ update – Cllr. Tolhurst discussed the following items on the Tracker:

- CCTV – The 5G camera upgrade was not carried out as planned. Swale Borough Council (SBC) will advise a new date of installation and a new Network Video Recorder will also be installed to improve the connection and support faster downloads. All will be funded by SBC. Cllr. Tolhurst will ask SBC to carry out all installations by 11 September and arrange a visit to the control room. **Action: Cllr. Tolhurst**
- Water leak outside the Village Hall – Southern Water advised that water leak repairs will be carried out from 9 September, under a road closure for four weeks. Council members request the large pothole in Ferry Road is repaired in the meantime. **Action: Clerk**
- The Clerk was asked to contact Jackson Civil regarding the temporary traffic lights that appear to be in place to allow access for lorries. Members report this causes traffic to build up into the village, and request the lights are manually controlled. **Action: Clerk**

11. Reports from Representatives

1. **Village Hall Committee** – Nothing to report.
2. **KALC Area Representative** – Cllr. Holowczycki attended the KALC meeting and reported the Chair and Vice Chair were nominated, organised Swale Area Committee meetings, discussed Speaker including the new local Members of Parliament.

12. Any Other Matters Arising

- Bollard knocked down on Sheppey Way opposite Teal Way. **Action: Clerk**
- Cllr. Tolhurst has written a description of the role of Parish Councillor. The Clerk will ask The Observer to print this, and will post on the Parish Council website, Facebook page and notice boards. **Action: Clerk**
- Cllr. Fuszard will create a Facebook page and Instagram account for the Parish Council. **Action: Cllr. Fuszard**
- Cllr. Holowczycki advised no volunteers have come forward recently for the litter picking scheme.
- Cllr. Holowczycki advised he attended the Chapter 8 road craft training and will receive a certificate.
- The RFO advised a supplier has been looking for a cheaper electricity contract and we have received a quote from SSE which may save the Parish £500. The RFO is waiting for further details and for a quote for festive lighting from SSE.

13. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 11 September 2024, 7.30 p.m., in Iwade Village Hall.

14. Closed Session

1. **Telly Tubby Hill** - The Clerk updated council members on correspondence with the insurance company and agreed on a response back to them. **Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 08.41 p.m.