

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 12 June 2019

Present: Cllr. A. Dollimore – Vice-Chair Cllr. R. Mills
Cllr. R. Langham Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Cllr. T. Trower County Cllr. M. Whiting
Cllr. B. Whiting 3 Parishioners
Cllr. R. Clark

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Cheeseman, Hyde and Lancashire, Borough Cllr. C. Woodford, Lee Fennell, PCSO and Nick Mayatt, Community Warden.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - None

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Clark, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 8 May 2019 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Trower and seconded by Cllr. Clark, the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 8 May 2019 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

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4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – A resident enquired why there were no disabled parking bays in the village centre car park; Clerk to approach Chamonix to see if they will look at this. **Action: Clerk**

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting advised that he has assisted a resident in Cormorant Way who was having issues trying to get out of the driveway; bollards were installed. ‘Intelligent’ cleaning now carried out on drains, these are only cleaned where there are known issues. Medway Council has reversed its decision to ban Kent residents from using its waste tips, and residents can now use the tips across the border in Medway but will need to show ID. KCC is working with the police, the NFU and other partners to increase enforcement activity to prevent illegal fly tipping and bring the criminals who fly tip to justice. A reminder is also going out to householders, if they pay someone to dispose of rubbish and it ends up being fly tipped then they are also liable to a hefty fine, so must ensure any disposal company used is properly registered and licensed. KCC has put £250,000 into a pot for use to try to better educate householders and increase prosecutions of criminal fly tippers. Swale has one of the best records for enforcement in Kent, but one of the worst fly tipping records, despite having three household waste tips. He has met with the Police and Crime Commissioner and others today and is looking at how to fund additional technology to help prosecute offenders and better educate residents.

Borough Cllr. Corrie Woodford sent a written report - a cleaning team managed to get out to Raspberry Hill lane whilst it was closed to complete the litter pick, which is excellent news. She has requested that the planning application **19/501332/FULL**: Erection of 72 dwellings accessed from Grovehurst Road be decided at Swale’s Planning Committee.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden written report: Checked fly tipping in outlying areas, reported issue in Raspberry Hill Lane. Nuisance youths/children alerted by Parish Clerk spoke to PCSO. Dog and noise nuisance case gave advice also spoke to Swale Borough Council animal welfare officer. Cleaned dog fouling in School Lane helped by café (hot water and a bucket). Cleaned obscene graffiti from bus shelter. Young lads on bikes, litter and parking all issues raised during community engagement with residents, spoke to PCSO

The PCSO – Written report - Report of abandoned vehicle in Sheerstone. Vehicle removed by council. Concerns about dogs possibly fighting along Raspberry Hill Lane – patrol attended and all in order. Vehicle causing obstruction in Cormorant Road – PCSO attended and got vehicle moved. Rear window of vehicle smashed in Woodpecker Drive, but nothing stolen – crime report submitted for criminal damage. Youths kicking a ball against a shop window – patrol attended and spoke to youths. No damage caused. More reports of nuisance vehicles on Ferry Road, speeding – PCSO has attended at various times during the evenings, not come across anyone yet. Various reports of trials bikes/mopeds ridden around the village – PCSO is looking into this, to find out where these bikes are coming from. Damage to fencing in Springvale by youths – crime report submitted. Dog found on Basser Hill with part of its throat cut – patrol attended as well as Dog Warden. No suspects seen. Dog taken to the vet and survived. Report of large dog possibly out of control on School Lane – under investigation. Report of ladder clamps stolen from vehicle – crime report submitted.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Speeding and Speed Watch** – Still ongoing. Councillors involved agreed to meet up at the end of June. Keep on Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Raspberry Hill Litter Pick** – undertaken, see comments under 4.2
3. **Drains, School Lane – County Cllr. M. Whiting/KCC Officer** – Clerk to send a reminder to County Cllr. M. Whiting to chase up the Officer involved. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Grass Cutting 2019/20** – Clerk outlined the reasons for the delay. The appropriate documents KCC have requested have been received from Swale Borough Council and forwarded to them, hopefully things will now progress.

6. Parish Councillor Vacancy

Clerk advised Cllr. Dicker has resigned. Agreed to advertise both vacancies. **Action: Clerk**

7. Planning

1. **19/501332/FULL:** Erection of 72 dwellings accessed from Grovehurst Road; public open & amenity space; together with associated landscaping & ecological enhancement works; drainage; utilities; & internal access roads, footpaths, cycleways & parking: Land At Pond Farm Grovehurst Road Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8RD – Agreed to object as follows:

Insufficient car parking per property; garages are not big enough to take today's size vehicles, meaning that cars are often parked in the roadway causing issues. At present we understand that there are 1.5/2 parking spaces per property, but realistically homeowners often have three or four cars. County Cllr. Whiting informed that Swale and KCC are looking at the current situation with a view to increasing the amount of parking spaces per property.

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

Lack of Visitor parking – it would appear there are only seven spaces for the whole development.

Flooding – concerns over the Grovehurst Road, this is often flooded. The water table level on the site is extremely high and during heavy rain, the land is often very marshy. Water from the site must not go

towards the Village, which already suffers with flooding and drains unable to cope – where will it go? Bore hole information supplied with the application supports this.

A condition should be included that there is no future access through the Featherbed Lane site, 18/506677/HYBRID - Halfway Egg Farm.

2. **9/502327/FULL:** Erection of a single storey side and rear extension. Conversion of existing garage to a habitable space: 3 Greenshanks Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8PY – no objections.
3. **19/502535/SUB:** Coleshall Farm Ferry Road Iwade ME9 8QY: Submission of Details to Part Discharge Condition 5 Parts i, ii and iii (Contaminated Land) Subject to 17/505082/FULL – Agreed to respond as follows:

Although we would not normally comment on a ‘Sub’ application, due to past events Iwade Parish Council would wish to raise the following objections:

In view of the issues on this site, where Asbestos has been disturbed and broken up (smashed down), the heavy Asbestos contamination of the soil and surrounding area and residents’ concerns, the Councillors would ask that:

This site is very closely monitored to ensure all the necessary work is carried out in accordance with Health and Safety (H&S) regulations

Asbestos is removed in accordance with H&S regulations.

Asbestos taken off the site in covered/sealed containers in accordance with H&S regulations.

All contaminated soil is removed from the site and surrounding area (as per H&S regulations) where it has possibly been spread due to past ‘removal’ work and the land reinstated.

Residents assured that the site and surrounds have been ‘cleaned’.

8. Correspondence

1. **Environment Agency Consultation - Draft National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England** – Agreed to respond - The Parish Council notes with interest the draft Strategy and would like to mention our concerns regarding the Iwade stream, part of which comes under the jurisdiction of the Agency. More and more housing is being built within the village and another reservoir is planned at the top of School Lane (making three in total), the run-off from housing and the reservoirs goes into Iwade Stream. We have already suffered another flood in 2018, which affected some thirteen homes; the Agency, Kent County Council and National Flood Group is aware. Under the new strategy, how will issues such as this be covered? **Action: Clerk**

9. Finance

1. **Approval of the Annual Return, 2018/19**
 - a) **Section 1. Annual Governance Statement** - each section agreed by the Parish Council; Section 1 was then signed by the Vice-Chair and the Clerk
 - b) **Section 2. Accounting Statements 2018/19** - figures agreed the by Parish Council, Section 2 was then signed by the Vice-Chair, having been already signed by the Responsible Financial Officer when completing the form.
2. **Daffodil Bulbs** – proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Trower, agreed to purchase six nets of Daffodils at a cost (including delivery) of £207.
3. **Dynamic Councillor – Cllr. B. Whiting** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Clark; agreed the cost of £60 for this training course.
4. **All Saints Church – funding for new toilet** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Clark; agreed the donation of £1000.

5. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr.
6. Trower agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 31 May 2019:

| Date | Chq. | Details | | Amount |
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| 12.06.19 | 2120 | Clerk's Expenses | Tele, Office Use, Village Clean Up Refreshments - May | £30.53p |
| 12.06.19 | 2121 | H.M. Revenue & Customs | Tax due for May | £302.77p |
| 12.06.19 | 2122 | Steve Wakeling | Handyman Fee and materials May | £294.00p |
| 12.06.19 | 2123 | K.A.L.C. | Dynamic Councillor x 1 place | £60.00p |
| 12.06.19 | 2124 | Iwade P.C.C. | Donation 2019.20 | £1000.00p |
| Five cheques in total | | | | |

Other outgoings:

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| Staff Wages - May | £1219.54p | Paid by Standing Order |
| Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting – April | £74.78p | Paid by Direct Debit |
| Countryside: Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – April | £51.41p | Paid by Direct Debit |

10. Projects/Project Updates

1. Bollards, The Street – Agreed to send a letter of notification to residents in lower end of The Street (near to the Village Centre). A resident who attended the meeting advised that she found it difficult to get by cars parked on the pavement and had to go into the road to pass. **Action: Clerk**
2. Festive Lights – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Mills, agreed to accept the quote for installing and removing last year's lights, at a cost of £1791.72p. Cllr. Dollimore to contact Gala Lights regarding the remainder of the quote. Agreed Clerk to ask KCC to undertake load testing on the new columns. **Action: Cllr. Dollimore/Clerk**
3. Community Flood Plan – Nothing to report. Waiting for a date to 'walk' the stream. Keep on Agenda. **Action: Cllrs. Whiting/Trower**

11. Reports from Representatives

1. Hall – AGM last week. Quiff and the Shades are booked for the 6 July. Planning Halloween Murder Mystery; Craft Fayre on Sunday.
2. KALC – nothing to report.

12. Any Other Matters Arising

1. Grovehurst pavement – Cllr. Mills asked the Clerk to check with KCC, as the remedial work has not been carried out. **Action: Clerk**
2. Cllr. Trower reported the manhole cover on the concrete 'apron' outlet, between the pond and stream (Woodpecker Park), has been moved; there is now an open hole. Clerk to report this to Swale Borough Council **Action: Clerk**

13. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 10 July 2019, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.