

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10 February 2021

MEETING HELD VIA 'ZOOM' DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

Present:

Cllr. S. Cheeseman – Chair	Cllr. B. Whiting
Cllr. A. Dollimore – Vice-Chair	Cllr. B. Smith
Cllr. S. Lancashire	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Cllr. R. Langham	County Cllr. M. Whiting
Cllr. P. Hyde	Adam McKinley, Community Warden

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the Zoom video conferencing meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllr. Clark, Borough Cllr. Woodford and the PCSO (who could not attend due to Kent Police not supporting the use of Zoom because of security).

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllrs. Langham and Dollimore declared an interest in Item 8.1.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Langham, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13 January 2021 were agreed and will be signed by the Chair as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

Residents, County and Borough Councillors, PCSOs and Community Wardens were advised that they could attend as normal but public speaking time might be limited; they were also invited to forward reports/questions to the Clerk beforehand.

1. **Visitors** – No residents attended.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** - Cllr. Whiting reported as follows: There are rail works to repair the embankment at Newington. The line is closed until 8 February and a replacement bus services is operating. Network rail is organising Zoom meetings for members of the public to call in and get the latest updates, details, when received will be found on facebook.com/cllrmikewhiting. There is an unacceptable amount of litter on the A249 and at Junction 5, Stockbury. This has been raised this with Highways England, who plan a clean-up when they can get the necessary lane closures in place to make it safe for their operatives to work on the verges. KCC has also announced a further £5 million road resurfacing fund. The A2 from Medway to Newington has recently been resurfaced, and the stretch throughout to Keycol Hill is already programmed. The new fund will ensure the A2 along Key Street and London Road will also benefit. The Covid-19 vaccination programme in our area is now well underway. However, NHS do advise that the programme is “patchy” across Kent and Medway, including here in Sittingbourne. However, they are confident they will meet the national target of ensuring everyone in the top four groups will have their jab by the middle of February and are organising home visits for those who can't get out to get their jab. NHS managers are asking GPs to have reserve lists of people who can come in at short notice to ensure no doses of the vaccine go to waste. While this may mean some in lower priority groups get their vaccine ahead of those in higher risk groups, it is better than throwing doses away. Their priority is to ensure every available dose available is used. Full details at <https://www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/your-health/coronavirus/covid19vaccine>. Cllr. Whiting mentioned grit bins: Clerk advised that when she had requested more

for the Village in previous years, but this had been refused. He suggested she write to him with this request. **Action: Clerk**

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden – The Community Warden advised that there is a new management system, and that most of his time has not been spent in Iwade. However, in the near future he will be in Iwade more and the projects that he set out last year, but because of the Pandemic had to be put on hold, will be pursued. He reported that anti-social behaviour issues are not as bad as they have been in the past, although there are still some. Swale Borough Council is looking at CCTV for the Village Centre; he will chase.

PCSO – No report.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** – None.

6. **Planning**

1. **21/500134/FULL:** Change of use of residential garage to provide a cattery: 10 Stangate Drive Iwade Kent ME9 8UH – agreed to respond that the Parish Council's previous objections, lodged on the 17 September 2020, application reference 20/502421/FULL, still stand.

7. **Correspondence**

1. **Vision Zero: The Road Safety Strategy for Kent 2020 – 2026** – agreed Members to respond individually. **Action: All Councillors**

8. **Finance**

1. **Cost of Surveyor for Hall** – Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, agreed to contribute 50% of the cost of a survey for the Village Hall, up to a maximum of £1500.
2. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Langham, Members noted the budget figures, agreed the accounts to the 31 January 2021 and the following payments were agreed. Cllrs Langham and Whiting to log in and authorize payments.

Action: Cllrs. Langham and Whiting

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payable to	Reason	Amount
10.02.21	BACs	L. Fisher	Expenses: January – Telephone, office use, less stamps	£18.45p
10.02.21	BACs	H.M. Revenue and Customs	Tax January	£352.34p
10.02.21	BACs	McCabe Ford Williams	Quarterly Payroll Preparation	£42.12p
10.02.21	BACs	Steve Wakeling	Handyman Fee January and Repairs to Village Hall Car Park	£801.00p
01.02.21	SO	Staff Salary	January	£1324.52p
01.02.21	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	12 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes	£54.72p
01.02.21	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee	£29.99p
23.02.21	DD	Eon	Electricity Supply, monthly	£74.78p
31.02.21	DD	Countrystyle	Supply of Waste Wheelie Bin, monthly	£34.27p.
Nine payments in total				

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

1. Hornbeam Trees are being delivered to the Woodpecker Park site Wednesday 17 February.

10. Village Hall

On the 25 January, representatives from the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee met with the Applicant and his Planning Consultant for an update on the proposed new Hall. It was confirmed that the hall will come under a S.106 Agreement between the Developer and Swale Borough Council, thus ensuring that it will be delivered and whoever develops the site cannot stop it happening. The new hall will be transferred to Iwade Parish Council at nil cost, will be constructed to practical completion (at no cost to the Parish Council) and Iwade Parish Council will thereafter take on the on-going management and maintenance of the area, the building being run and maintained by the Village Hall Committee. Members were in agreement with these proposals.

11. Reports from Representatives

1. Hall – Cllr. Langham nothing to report, hall still only being used by the Nursery.
2. KALC – No report.
3. Swale Western Area Committee - Nothing to report.

12. Any Other Matters Arising

Cllr. Hyde has been advised of a possible flooding issue affecting a property in the small new development in Peach Blossom Drive (adjacent to the new bridge over the stream). There is a ditch on land opposite Coleshall Farm, water from this is flowing up to the new fence either side of the Public Right of Way, underneath, across the footpath and into the rear garden of one of these properties. The owner of the property it affects is trying to contact the developer but has been unsuccessful so far.

13. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 10 March 2021, commencing at 7.30 pm, due to Covid-19 restrictions venue to be advised.

The meeting closed at 8.16 p.m.