

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10 July 2019

Present: Cllr. S. Cheeseman – Chair
Cllr. A. Dollimore – Vice-Chair
Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. T. Trower
Cllr. B. Whiting
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
County Cllr. M. Whiting
Nick Mayatt, Community Warden
2 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Hyde, Mills, Clark and Lancashire, Borough Cllr. C. Woodford and Lee Fennell, PCSO.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - None

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Trower, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 12 June 2019 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – Two residents attended regarding the proposed bollards in The Street; they were opposing the installation and felt that the bollards will not really resolve the issue opposite The Woolpack. They did not want a bollard outside their property and advised that the main culprits for parking on the footpath were the properties nearest to and on the same side of the Village Centre. Yellow lines might be another option, the only problem being enforcement. County Cllr. Whiting agreed to look at putting a camera in The Street to see what is going on as regards parking and traffic.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting advised KCC has put £250,000 into a fund to assist the Borough and the police in catching and prosecuting fly-tippers; inform householders and small businesses that they are responsible for their rubbish if it is fly tipped by unauthorized people and that they and the fly tippers are liable to large fines. Swale has been very good at prosecuting the criminals who fly tip; a recent operation in East Kent seized vehicles and led to several arrests. Has looked into speeding issues in Stangate Drive at the request of a resident and a referral by the Parish Clerk. At the request of a resident is funding some measures in Cormorant Drive to limit pavement parking that restricts peoples' access to their homes.

Borough Cllr. Corrie Woodford - written report – has put some of her Member's funds into new blood pressure monitors for the Medical Centre. Has called in to Committee the Pond Farm application.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden has reported again the issue with youths. Cllr. Trower advised they are lighting fires and have now taken out the lifebuoy. Nick is retiring in September and Councillors took the opportunity to thank him for all the help and assistance he has given during his time in Iwade Village.

The PCSO – Written report - Two males reported shooting in a field near Woodpecker Drive – possibly air rifles. Police attended but did not find anyone in the area. Further reports of nuisance vehicles in the Ridham Dock/Sheppey Way area, usually late at night, driving fast and 'drifting'. PC from the Specials asked to monitor the area, which they will do where possible. PCSO has been in the area at certain times, but most of the problems reported after 12am. More reports of nuisance youths in the area around the main supermarket and the takeaway; an ongoing issue, which is being tackled.

The PCSO will be keeping an eye on the situation. Various reports of a van driving around Iwade collecting scrap, acting suspiciously. Checks made on vehicle show it is insured and taxed. Criminal damage to vehicle by a pedestrian who took offence at being 'told off' when walking across the road. Report taken. Scooter stolen from School Lane area.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Speeding and Speed Watch** – Cllr. Whiting to collect equipment from Clerk. **Action: Cllr. Whiting**
2. **Drains, School Lane – County Cllr. M. Whiting/KCC Officer** – County Cllr. M. Whiting to chase up the Officer involved. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Parish Councillor Vacancies** – Clerk advised adverts placed in the Iwade Observer and noticeboards.
4. **Grovehurst Road Remedial Work to Footpath** – Clerk advised KCC have put this out to a contractor, remedial work to be undertaken this month.

6. Planning

1. **19/502769/FULL:** Construction of an irrigation reservoir, with associated operational development and landscape enhancements: Culnells Farm School Lane Iwade ME9 8QJ – agreed to respond:

The Parish Council believes it will be difficult to make a formal comment before having sight of the awaited EA information (Clerk to request sight of this when Swale receives it).

The Council has deep concerns about another reservoir being placed in this area, particularly as it will ultimately be feeding into the Iwade Stream; adding to the Weinerberger feed, the existing reservoir feed and that from housing further down.

Iwade stream floods (although at times it may look quite insignificant); the latest event being May 2018 when fourteen homes were flooded and damaged. The National Flood Forum, headed by Katia Sanhueza-Pino, Flood Project Officer (South East), has been holding meetings with those affected, the Parish Council and multi agencies - the Environment Agency, KCC (John Kelly, Max Tant, and Earl Bourner), Southern Water and Swale Borough Council (Victoria Hadfield, Mike Knowles and Della Fackrell). A walk-through of the stream by the multi agencies is planned for the end of this month.

KCC's attached letter from Flood Management makes the following highly important comments –

“As this proposal will be increasing the volume of surface water to the existing ordinary watercourse, we need to be sure that it is in a condition to take this additional volume. A CCTV survey could be undertaken at detailed design stage.

Please note: Any feature capable of conveying water can be considered to fall under the definition of an 'ordinary watercourse' and we would urge the applicant to contact us prior to undertaking any works that may affect any watercourse/ditch/stream or any other feature which has a drainage or water conveyance function. Any works that have the potential to affect the watercourse or ditch's ability to convey water will require our formal flood defence consent (including culvert removal, access culverts and outfall structures).”

Flooding incidents in the past has often raised the issues of the culverts and the fact that they are too small to cope when the water rises significantly, but as these run under KCC highways, they argue that the cost will be too high to undertake any enlargement. In light of this we would request that KCC's formal flood defence consent be sought and that a detailed CCTV survey be undertaken as suggested prior to any planning consent.

7. Correspondence

1. **Community Resilience/Emergency Plan Questionnaire** – To advise the Council is not going ahead with an Emergency Plan. **Action: Clerk**

2. **Draft Car Parking SPD** – Agreed to respond that residents’ parking is insufficient; there should be 2 spaces for a flat and then increase to a maximum of 1 per bedroom. Members felt there was a need to work with developers at the planning stage to ensure that parking is adequate, including visitor parking, which is often insufficient. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Parking School Lane** – Approached County Cllr. Whiting who referred the Parish Council to creating a Highway Improvement Plan (HIP).
4. **Highway Improvement Plan** – agreed to form a Committee to look at areas. Committee members to comprise of Cllrs. Langham, Dollimore, Cheeseman and Whiting. **Action: Cllrs./Clerk**

8. **Finance**

1. **Request for Donation – Citizens Advice Bureau** – proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Langham; agreed a donation of £50 under S.137. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Councillors’ Conference 2019 – Cllr. R. Clark** – Clerk had booked Cllr. Clark on this event, but this week he advised that he was unable to attend. She contacted KALC, it looks as though the Council will have to pay and then receive a credit note. Cllr. Langham to see if he is able to attend. It was proposed by Cllr. Whiting, seconded by Cllr. Dollimore, agreed the fee of £72.
3. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Trower agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 30 June 2019:

| Date | Chq. | Details | | Amount |
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| 10.07.19 | 2125 | Clerk’s Expenses | Tele, Office Use June | £18.66p |
| 10.07.19 | 2126 | H.M. Revenue & Customs | Tax due for June | £302.77p |
| 10.07.19 | 2127 | H.M. Revenue & Customs | Tax due for July | £302.97p |
| 10.07.19 | 2128 | Steve Wakeling | Handyman Fee June | £259.00p |
| 10.07.19 | 2129 | Iwade Village Hall | Hall Hire April to June 2019 | £65.25p |
| 10.07.19 | 2130 | McCabe Ford Williams | Quarterly Payroll Preparation | £40.68p |
| Six cheques in total | | | | |

Other outgoings:

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| Staff Wages - June | £1219.54p | Paid by Standing Order |
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| Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting – May | £72.37p | Paid by Direct Debit |
| Countrystyle: Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – May | £51.41p | Paid by Direct Debit |

9. **Projects/Project Updates**

1. Bollards, The Street – County Cllr. Whiting to install camera to monitor parking and traffic issues in The Street, Clerk to email a reminder. **Action: County Cllr. Whiting/Clerk**
2. Festive Lights – Proposed by Cllr. Trower and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, agreed to accept the KCC quote of £1210 for carrying out a loading survey of lamp columns. Agreed this year’s light switching on to be the 1st December. **Action: Clerk**
3. Community Flood Plan – Next meeting tomorrow at The Barn and will walk the length of the stream towards the end of July. **Action: Cllrs. Whiting/Trower**

10. **Reports from Representatives**

1. Hall – Saturday Race Night, money raised will go to charities; Murder Mystery evening in October.
2. KALC – nothing to report.

11. Any Other Matters Arising

1. Cllr. Trower went to a meeting on open spaces and maintaining the Community Orchard. He needs a certificate to work some of the maintenance equipment; he will send details to the Clerk so that she can check on insurance. **Action: Cllr. Trower/Clerk**

12. Next Meeting(s)

No meeting in August – next Wednesday 11 September 2019, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.