

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11 March 2020

Present: Cllr. P. Hyde
Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. B. Whiting
Cllr. B. Smith
Cllr. P. De Fede
Lynda Fisher, Clerk

1. Welcome and Apologies

Cllr. Hyde chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Cheeseman, Dollimore, Clark, Lancashire; Borough Cllr. Boniface, the Community Warden and the PCSO.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - None

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 12 February 2020 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – No visitors.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting written report - Parking restrictions in Cormorant Drive were discussed at Swale's Joint Transportation Board. It was decided to press ahead with restrictions and corner protection to prevent parking which blocks residents' drives.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – the Community Warden written report - Bike marking arranged. Had reports from school about fighting and bad behaviour after school, is working with PCSOs on this. Still working on youth projects, has made contact with a street dance project and met with youth engagement officer about this.

The PCSO written report – Crimes of note: Number plates stolen from vehicle in Evergreen Close. A vehicle was set alight on Raspberry Hill Lane. Vehicle stolen from Mallards Crescent. Windows on a vehicle that had been in an accident smashed overnight. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: Report of youths riding bikes in and out of traffic on Old Ferry Road – patrol attended but could not find anyone. Report of trials bikes being ridden around the Holly Blue Drive area – patrol attended, but no bikes seen. Fight between youths in the play park, Woodpecker Drive. Police investigating.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Drains, School Lane** – No update - keep on Agenda. The Clerk has reported the blocked drain in Grovehurst Road, KCC Engineers have contacted and are working on this. **Action: Clerk**

2. **Parish Councillor Vacancies** – Clerk advised that she had now received resignations from Anthony Trower and Michelle Boniface. She has notified Swale Borough Council and will advertise these vacancies. **Action: Clerk**

3. **School Entrance** – Clerk contacted KCC and was advised by a Highways Officer to ask those residents who had had near misses, as a result of vehicles entering/exiting the school gates to report this via the KCC online reporting tool; County would then have an audit trail relating to this issue. Clerk contacted the gentleman who was hit by a vehicle, relayed KCC's comments and the reasons behind them and suggested he also report the incident on the portal. **Action: Clerk**

6. Planning

1. **SW/19/504919/R3&4:** Details of Final Bridge Construction Details and Precautionary Ecological Mitigation Strategy pursuant to conditions 3 & 4 of planning permission **SW/19/404919:** MVV Environment Ridham Dock Biomass Facility Lord Nelson Road Iwade Sittingbourne ME9 8SR – No comments.
2. **KCC/SW/0254/2019:** Continued operation of Ridham Biomass Plant with minor variations to allow:
1) The export of shredded wood waste when the facility is not in operation; 2) A variation of Condition 4 of planning permission SW/10/774 to increase the maximum throughput of fuel material by 4,600tpa from 177,200tpa to 181,800tpa to align the planning permission with the environmental permit for the site (EPR/TP3536CL/S003); and 3) A variation of Conditions 5 and 6 of planning permission SW/12/1132 to increase the height of the stockpiles of wood within the storage yard and bays to a maximum of 7m in height : Mvv Environment Ridham, Lord Nelson Road, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8FQ - Members raised the following objections:
 - The export of shredded wood waste when the facility is not in operation - object on the grounds that this will increase the number of HGVs on an already congested road network. Highways England has placed an embargo on development within the A249 area, stating that it only has capacity to take another 60 vehicles.
 - A variation of Condition 4 of planning permission SW/10/774 to increase the maximum throughput of fuel material by 4,600tpa from 177,200tpa to 181,800tpa to align the planning permission with the environmental permit for the site (EPR/TP3536CL/S003) - object on the grounds that this will increase the number of HGVs on an already congested road network. Highways England has placed an embargo on development within the A249 area, stating that it only has capacity to take another 60 vehicles. This increase in materials entering the site, presumably via the highway, will result in an increase in vehicle movements.
 - A variation of Conditions 5 and 6 of planning permission SW/12/1132 to increase the height of the stockpiles of wood within the storage yard and bays to a maximum of 7m in height at Mvv Environment Ridham, Lord Nelson Road, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8FQ - object on the grounds that in the past applications proposals to increase the height of stockpiles of materials (including wood) have been refused on safety grounds and despite fire precautions installed by other firms there have been stockpiled wood fires at Ridham Dock. SW/12/1132 Decision Notice set the height to 5m, this proposal increases it by a further 2m, i.e. 6.5 feet.
3. **20/500908/FULL:** Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension: 76 Sanderling Way Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8TE – no objections.

7. Correspondence

1. **Swale Borough Council corporate plan 2020-2023** – Noted.
2. **Foxchurch Development, Bobbing** – Noted public meetings will be held on 21, 23 and 24 March 2020: invitations to attend will be going out to all residents/Councillors.
3. **Speed Watch Equipment** – Waiting for Police to do risk assessments and training. Need more volunteers, possibly put in newsletter. Bring back to next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

8. Finance

1. **Snow Machine** – Cllr. Dollimore to obtain firm costs for a machine. Agreed to bring back to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Dollimore/Clerk**
2. **The Great British Clean Up/Village Clean Up Day** – Not going ahead with the 5 April as Great Crested Newts have already laid their eggs and clearing the pond could be detrimental to them. Leave on Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

3. **Village Hall Car Park Repair Quote** – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr Whiting, agreed to accept the quote for £590. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Sittingbourne Community First Responders – request for donation** – Proposed by Cllr Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Langham; agreed the S.137 donation of £80. **Action: Clerk**
5. **Request for Donation Air Ambulance** – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Smith, agreed the S.137 donation of £200. As this is such an important facility Clerk to write suggesting they approach the Council again next year. **Action: Clerk**
6. **CPRE Subscription Renewal 2020/21** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Smith agreed to renew and pay the £36 subscription fee. **Action: Clerk**
7. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Langham agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 29 February 2020:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
11.03.20	2174	Clerk's Expenses	Tele, Office Use – February	£18.66p
11.03.20	2175	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due for February	£302.97p
11.03.20	2176	Steve Wakeling	Handyman duties and Materials February	£252.00p
11.03.20	2177	Swale Borough Council	Grounds Maintenance April 2019 to March 2020	£8113.97p
Four cheques in total				

Other outgoings:

Staff Wages: February	£1219.54p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting	£69.95p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle: Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin	£34.27p	Paid by Direct Debit
Invicta IT Solutions: 12 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes:	£54.72p	Paid by Standing Order
I.C.O: Registration 2020/21	£35.00p	Paid by Direct Debit
Eon: Festive Lighting 2019	£200.34p	Paid by Direct Debit

9. Projects – Updates on Current and New

1. Festive Lights – Bring back to next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
2. Hornbeam Trees – Clerk advised that Swale Borough Council couldn't see a problem with additional planting of trees in the Church Mews side of the nature park, subject to agreeing location and quantities, but the Officer will need to check this with his head of department. **Action: Clerk**
3. Village Entrance Sign – KCC to undertake a safety audit and advise if a sign can be installed. **Action: Clerk**

10. Reports from Representatives

1. Hall – 80's Disco this Saturday. Will be refreshing yellow parking bay lines.
2. KALC – nothing to report

11. Any Other Matters Arising – None.

12. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 8 April 2020, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.