

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13 December 2017

Present: Cllr. M. Gale – Chair
Cllr. S. Plumb
Cllr. L. Mitchell
Cllr. S. Cheeseman
Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. A. Dollimore

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Community Warden, Nick Mayatt
7 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Horner, Hyde, and Clark, County Cllr. Whiting and Borough Cllrs. Dewar-Whalley and Stokes.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8 November 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – A visitor asked for an update on Linkway, the Chair advised that because of one objection, this will be going to the December JTB and if approved the yellow lines will be installed in April 2018. Another resident raised the issue of low gas pressure in the old parts of the village; he will provide details to the Clerk. **Action: Clerk**

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting reported:

Lorry parking –KCC and Swale B.C. are looking favourably at creating a lorry park in the Ridham Dock Area, such a facility is vital if lorry drivers are to park legally and safely and our laybys and roadsides kept clear. It does not mean there will be a park, but people are now taking the issue of inconsiderate and illegal lorry parking seriously.

Rail services – the Government has published a document for the new South East Rail Franchise, but despite lobbying, it does not include any requirement for direct services from Swale station to London, which could create parking at the station and reduce the number of commuters driving into Sittingbourne and Sheerness Town centre. He urged all Parish Councils to lobby rail companies, making the case for an improved rail service, thus taking cars off our already congested roads.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – The Community Warden checked fly tipping hotspots around the village and reported to Swale Borough Council; dealt with dog fouling issues and an ASB incident.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Cycling Clubs** – Still awaiting a response, keep on the Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

2. **Parish Councillor Vacancy** – Clerk has re-advertise former Cllr. White's post. Sadly, she has received a letter of resignation from James Hunt, who has been with the Parish Council since July 2010. Members agreed to advertise after Christmas and will need to appoint a new Vice-Chair at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

6. Planning

1. **KCC/SW/0278/2017:** Extension of the existing IBA Recycling Facility by the use of an adjoining building and land; and associated amendments to the layout of the site: 3-4 Warehouse, Ridham Dock Road, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8SR – no objections.
2. **17/505945/NMAMD:** 7 The Waterway Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8FN: Non-material amendment to planning permission SW/02/0428- An amendment to the planning consent to the existing car parking arrangements – noted and that this has been refused.
3. **17/506083/FULL:** Demolition of existing garage and conservatory and erection of a replacement detached garage and erection of two single storey side extensions: Kimlee Grovehurst Road Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8QZ – no objections but it has been brought to the Parish Council’s attention that the work has started and is being undertaken at all times, including early in the morning.

7. Correspondence

1. **KALC Community Awards Scheme 2018** – Agreed to nominate a local business. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Swale Borough Council - Local Landscape Designation Review – Request for Stakeholder Input:** noted.
3. **Help Kent Fire and Rescue Service – consultation** – noted.
4. **Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018 & Early Update & New Guide To Taking Part** – Agreed to wording on the Cairn plaque ‘Lest We Forget those from Iwade 1914-18 War’, to be surrounded by name of the seven who fell in the war and a map showing the location of them homes. Cllr. Cheeseman knows someone who might be willing to draw this up.
Action: Cllr. Cheeseman/Clerk
5. **Kent Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Policing Survey** – Agreed to respond individually.
6. **KCC Consultation - Gypsy & Traveller Site Allocation Policy** – Noted.

8. Finance

1. **Cairn for WW1 Memorial** – Clerk advised she has now received from grants from County Cllr. Whiting £1000 and Swale Borough Council £1520. She is still awaiting grants from Borough Cllrs. Dewar-Whalley, Clark and Stokes.
2. **Grass cutting contract** – The Clerk met with KCC and Swale Borough Council Officers. Two areas not maintained will be brought up to contract standard and included thereafter; there might be an extra cost for these.
3. **Planter – Sanderling Way** – Still awaiting a response from KCC. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 30 November 2017:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
13.12.17	1984	Clerk’s Expenses	Telephone, Use of Office, 12 x 1 st and 12 x 2 nd Stamps, 12 Hi Viz Jackets, Land Registry Fee 9The Waterway), Prize for best Christmas Lights	£87.88p
13.12.17	1985	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due December	£139.16p
13.12.17	1986	Steve Wakeling	Work carried out in November	£200.99p
13.12.17	1987	J. Britcher Tree Services	Reducing height of Blackthorn Hedge Sheppey Way	£700.00p
13.12.17	1988	A. Dollimore	2 Elf Outfits for the Christmas Lighting up Ceremony	£19.90p
13.12.17	1989	J. Hunt	Masterplug Weatherproof box for Christmas Tree	£19.99p
13.12.17	1990	M. Gale	Light Star for top of Christmas Tree	£25.00p

13.12.17	1991	Ingall Flooring Ltd	Flooring Donated to Barn	£2931.31p
13.12.17	1992	J. Shannon	Electrical Work The Barn (Broadband Grant)	£190.00p
Nine cheques in total				

Plus:

Clerk's Wages December 2017	£789.73p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting – October	£51.58p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – October	£34.27p	Paid by Direct Debit

Paid in:

KCC Grant re Cairn	£1000.00p	BACs
Swale B.C. Cairn S.106 donation	£1520.00p	BACs
Swale B.C. Grant re Christmas tree	£199.00p	BACs

9. **Projects/Project Updates**

Woodpecker Park – The Chair advised that further work carried out but will revisit during the New Year to see if the issues have been resolved. The pond and stream been cleared of vegetation.

The Barn – computer desk going in tomorrow and Friday; hoping to get it signed off soon. Skirting needs to be done. The Parish Council thanked everyone who had worked on this project.

10. **Reports from Representatives**

Tickets sold out for Santa's Grotto on the 24 December. New blinds and new doors going in next year. Finances are good. During a hire a couple of weeks ago a DJ covered the smoke detectors so that he could use a smoke machine. The incident reported to Swale Borough Council, the Fire Service and others because this puts lives in danger

11. **School Lane Playing Field**

The Chair advised that 'Iwade Does Rock' to be held on the new playing field in 2018; this is contrary to the lease where residents have 24-hour access to the field, because as this is a ticketed event access will be prohibited. Although the Parish Council supports this event, there will be many vehicles (e.g. Fire Engine, etc.) on the field and there is concern that they will damage the huge amount of flood drainage chambers and pipework underneath. The Parish Council fought for hard the field to come back on board and it is now a premier facility; Councillors are concerned that this will ruin it. Iwade Does Rock is a great event, but Members felt that this was the wrong venue.

12. **Yellow Lines Linkway/Springvale**

Because of one objection this will now need to go to the December JTB, if approved the lines will possibly be laid in April.

13. **Any Other Matters Arising**

The Chair thanked Cllr. Dollimore and his family, Dave and Jamie for their help with erecting the flagpole Christmas tree.

12. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 10 January 2018, commencing at 7.30 pm in **Iwade Village Hall**.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.