

## **IWADE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday 10 March 2021**

#### **MEETING HELD VIA 'ZOOM' DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS**

**Present:**

Cllr. A. Dollimore – Vice-Chair	Cllr. R. Clark
Cllr. B. Whiting	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Cllr. S. Lancashire	County Cllr. M. Whiting
Cllr. R. Langham	

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Vice-Chair formally welcomed everyone to the Zoom video conferencing meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllrs. Cheeseman, Smith and Hyde, 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** – None.

#### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10 February 2021 were agreed and will be signed by the Vice-Chair as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 10 February 2021 were agreed and will be signed by the Vice-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: A quiet month, litter issues continue, have reported many incidents to Swale Borough Council and Highways England (A249). Burning has started again at Raspberry Hill. Has contacted the various agencies asking, that as this is a public health issue, it be sorted as soon as possible. He is hoping to hear something from Swale Borough Council tomorrow. He has asked that an Enforcement Notice comes back into play.

**3. Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden – Written report – Had some very positive conversations with Lead of youth in Swale about projects and interactions with youth and advised about issues in Iwade future and past. He discussed teaming up to get more youth programs for young people in Iwade and other areas. CCTV camera - problem with the electrics for the camera. The Youth Officer and he have asked for the camera to go up as soon as possible.

PCSO – Written report - Crimes of note: A young person was shot by an air rifle while walking in fields after dark. A crime report has been submitted, but it is believed the rifle was being used to shoot rabbits. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: Youths have been causing ASB in the Village square, particularly the takeaway, shouting and refusing to leave the premises, even though they are banned. Patrols have attended and an investigation is ongoing. There have been reports of

groups going into the wasteland on the other side of the road to the medical centre, and also going along the stream at the bottom of Mansfield Drive. I have patrolled both areas but have not come across anyone as yet. Two people were seen using a catapult to shoot into fields from a vehicle on Sheppey Way.

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

6. **Planning**

1. **SW/19/504918/R10:** Details of an updated Ecological Management Plan for the field to the south of the biomass facility pursuant to Condition 10 of planning permission SW/19/504918: Mv Environment Ridham, Lord Nelson Road, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Kent ME9 8FQ – No comments.
2. **21/500671/FULL:** Erection of single storey rear extension with light lantern and insertion of 2no. new side windows: 88 Sanderling Way Iwade Kent ME9 8TE – No objections.
3. **21/500702/FULL:** Erection of conservatory to side and orangery to side and rear of the dwelling: 44 Teal Way Iwade Kent ME9 8QU – No objections.
4. **KCC/SW/0021/2021** - Details of an updated Ecological Management Plan for the field to the south of the biomass facility pursuant to Condition 10 of planning permission SW/19/504918 at Mv Environment Ridham, Lord Nelson Road, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Kent ME9 8FQ – No comments.

7. **Correspondence**

1. **The Local Plan Review 2021 (Reg 19) - Start date: 08/02/21 09:00 End date: 23/03/21 17:00** – Bring back to April meeting. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Closure of Iwade W.I. and donation for 2020/21** –Noted Iwade Women’s Institute is closing, and the organisation is returning the Parish Council’s donation of £350.
3. **Iwade Nature Park** – Members agreed that they would like to have a representative on the Landscape & Ecology Management Committee; Clerk to notify Swale Borough Council. **Action: Clerk**
4. **EPC2-21 - Model Design Code** – Noted, insufficient time to respond due to a very short deadline.
5. **Re-siting of ANPR Camera** - agreed the request by Kent Police to re-site the ANPR camera on to a dedicated pole. **Action: Clerk**

8. **Finance**

1. **Additional cost of Planting Hornbeam Trees, Woodpecker Park** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, agreed £250 for a team of gardeners to plant the Hornbeam Trees.
2. **SLCC Membership Renewal 2021/22** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Langham, agreed to pay £104, which is 50% of the 2021/22 subscription fee, Bobbing Parish Council paying the other 50%.
3. **AVG Subscription Renewal** – Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, agreed £37.49p, which is 50% of the 2021/22 renewal fee, 50% being paid by Bobbing Parish Council.
4. **Grass Cutting 2021/22** – Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, agreed to take on the grass cutting and once a year shrub/hedge trimming for the year 2021/22. Members noted the cost to the Council from Swale Borough Council of £7007.18p (exclusive of VAT) and the grant from KCC of £2995.56p. **Action: Clerk**
5. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Langham, Members noted the budget figures, agreed the accounts to the 28 February 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
18.02.21	BACs	SK Gardening	Planting of 8 Hornbeam Trees	£250.00p
10.03.21	BACs	L. Fisher	Expenses: February – Telephone, office use, 50% of AVG Ultimate cost	£60.49p
10.03.21	BACs	H.M. Revenue and Customs	Tax February	£352.34p
10.03.21	BACs	A. Dollimore	8 Months Zoom Fee at £14.39p per month (Aug to Mar)	£115.12p
10.03.21	BACs	Steve Wakeling	Handyman Fee February	£380.00p
10.03.21	BACs	Swale Borough Council	Grounds Maintenance 04.04.21 to 31.03.21	£8284.36p
10.03.21	BACs	BTF Partnership	Valuation Report for Charities Act re Village Hall (50% to be re-paid by Village Hall Committee)	£1920.00p
10.03.21	BACs	Rumwoods Ltd	8 Hornbeam Trees, Stakes, Ties and compost	£2026.46p
10.03.21	BACs	Bobbing Parish Council	50% cost of Microsoft 365 Package 1.10.19 to 31.3.21; SLCC Subscription, AGAR Training (Clerk), less 8 mths Zoom	£148.54p
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
06.03.21	DD	I.C.O.	Data Protection Fee 2021/22	£35.00p
12.03.21	DD	Eon	Festive Lighting Electrical Supply	£254.71p
23.02.21	DD	Eon	Electricity Supply, monthly	£74.78p
31.02.21	DD	Countrystyle	Supply of Waste Wheelie Bin, monthly	£34.27p.
<b>Sixteen payments in total</b>				

## 9. Projects – Updates on Current and New

1. **Future Trees, Woodpecker Park** – Cllr. Hyde had put forward the idea of planting further trees from the Cairn towards School Lane, on the right-hand side of the footpath. A further suggestion was that residents could adopt a tree and perhaps have plaque in memory of a lost loved one. Clerk to check with Swale Borough Council to see if Officers are agreeable to this idea. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Village Clean Up 2021** – depending on Covid restrictions, it was agreed to look at Sunday 12 September as a date for a Village Clean Up. Councillors agreed to set aside £250 for expenses linked to this event.

## 10. Village Hall

Cllr. Langham advised the site survey and valuation has now been carried out.

## 11. Reports from Representatives

1. **Hall** – Cllr. Langham reported the hall will not open until 21 June, subject to restrictions being lifted, the only exception being the Elections will which take place on the 6 May. Along with other Village Halls, the Village Hall Committee has now signed up for the ‘Village Halls Domesday Book’, this is a record of the good things village halls are doing to mark a century of rural community action.
2. **KALC** – Nothing to report.
3. **Swale Western Area Committee** - Nothing to report.

**12. Highway Issues**

1. **Kerbstone and road surface problems, The Street** – Cllr. Dollimore has been approached by the resident of Ivy Cottage, who is concerned that the kerbstones across the access to his drive are breaking up and possibly damaging the gas and water services that run underneath. The damage has been caused by vehicles mounting the pavement. Clerk to report this to the Highway Steward.

**Action: Clerk**

2. **Speeding in School Lane** – Kent Police have now carried out the risk assessment for this area, this has to be done so that the Speedwatch Team can operate safely. As soon as Covid restrictions allow, School Lane will be the first road to be monitored by the team. As there have been ‘drifting’ problems around the Grovehurst Road corner (near the bus shelter) agreed to ask Kent Police to carry out a Risk Assessment in this area.

**Action: Cllrs. Whiting/Langham**

**13. Parish and Annual Parish Council Meeting – 1-5 May 2021**

In light of confusion over the changes to Regulations allowing holding meetings via ‘Zoom’, which cease on the 6 May 2021, and the way this affects the Annual Parish Council Meeting, it was agreed to hold this, the Parish Meeting and the monthly meeting on Tuesday 4 May 2021.

**Action: Clerk**

**14. Any Other Matters Arising**

The question of 20 mph zones was raised; agreed Clerk to do some research and place on the April Agenda.

**Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Whiting referred to Cllr Hyde’s comments at the February meeting, regarding flooding to the rear gardens of new properties in a close off Peach Blossom Drive. Water is flowing along a gully, passes under a fence, crosses a footpath and goes under the gardens’ fencing. Clerk to approach the gully landowner to see if they can assist.

**Action: Clerk**

**15. Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 14 April 2021, commencing at 7.30 pm, due to Covid-19 restrictions venue to be advised.

**The meeting closed at 9.08 p.m.**