

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11 October 2017

**Present:**

Cllr. M. Gale – Chair	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Cllr. J. Hunt – Vice Chair	County Cllr. M. Whiting
Cllr. S. Cheeseman	Nick Mayatt, Community Warden
Cllr. S. Plumb	Jason Wilde, PCSO
Cllr. P. Hyde	5 Parishioners
Cllr. P. Horner	

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Clark, Dollimore, Langham, and Mitchell and Borough Cllr. Stokes.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School. Cllr. Hunt declared an interest in Item 6; he will withdraw from the meeting at that point and 8.5. Cllr. Horner declared an interest in Item 5.4 and 8.5.

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

Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr. Cheeseman, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13 September 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

#### **4. Visitors/Public Time**

1. **Visitors** – No comments.

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

Iwade Health Centre - met with a representative of Swale CCG who said things were, in his opinion, improving at Iwade Health Centre, with a reduction in complaints. This seems to tie in with Graham Pungenti's report to me that the IPPG had had a positive meeting with DMC. However, we must not get complacent, and work to ensure the long-term success of the centre and continued improvement.

Grants - I have agreed in principle to offer KCC Community Grants to help provide disabled access to The Iwade Barn, and for funds for the Iwade Cairn Project, a memorial to men from the village who dies in WW1. I look forward to receiving the formal applications.

Grovehurst Road – Confirmed that repairs to the drains and ditches to prevent further flooding in Grovehurst Road have been completed.

Footpaths ZU52 And ZR92 – Regarding proposals to divert part of ZU52 and extinguish parts of ZR92 between Peach Blossom Close and Chestnut House, I have no particular view but am happy to comment on behalf of the Parish if there are any strong views.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – The Community Warden reported that he checked fly tipping areas and advised Swale Borough Council of two incidents in Old Ferry Road and one in Sheppey Way. Spoke to Kent Police and Swale Borough Council's traffic team about work's vans parking inappropriately in Sandgate Drive. Between 8:50 and 9:10 pm on 21 September, there was an attempted burglary in Bittern Road Iwade Sittingbourne. Gave advice to resident who found a large bunch of keys in his property.

The PCSO advised of a fraud whereby a person is pretending to be the Police and targeting elderly residents. Nuisance motorbikes; he is monitoring the situation. Nuisance youths and cycles; this issue

has been affecting Iwade recently, but the good news is that the Police now have an extra power to seize bikes but are awaiting clarification on using this.

## 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Iwade Medical Centre** – PPG had a meeting with DMC; many questions asked but not had answers yet. There seems to have been an improvement. The Lead Doctor is leaving due to illness and awaiting to hear who is taking this post over. Planning a public meeting probably mid-November.
2. **KFRS/KALC Fire Hydrant Initiative** – Clerk is still awaiting a response from Kent Fire Brigade; agreed to take off the Agenda and to see if Cllr. Dollimore can do anything. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Cycling Clubs** – Clerk to ask clubs for dates after the 14<sup>th</sup> November for a meeting. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Mansfield Drive/Waterway Stream** – Clerk to chase Swale Borough Council for a response to who owns what. **Action: Clerk**

## 6. Planning

1. **17/504559/COUNTY:** Mv Environment Ridham Lord Nelson Road Ridham Dock Iwade: County Application - Revised interim ecological management plan (EMP) pursuant to condition 5 of planning permission SW/14/76 – noted.
2. **17/504574/FULL:** 61 Cormorant Road Iwade Sittingbourne ME9 8WP: Erection of a part single storey, part two-storey rear extension – no objections.
3. **17/503626/FULL:** To convert an existing rear window to a door to gain access to private garden: 2 Ringlet Grove Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8XE – no objections.

## 7. Correspondence

1. **DCLG Consultation - Planning for the right homes in the right places** – Clerk to obtain a copy of the KALC draft response to see if it falls in line with the Parish Council's views, and then respond accordingly. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Proposed diversion of part footpath ZU52 & extinguishment of part of footpath ZR92 at Iwade** - no comments regarding the proposals.

## 8. Finance

1. **Cairn for WW1 Memorial** – Quote received for £10990. Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Cheeseman, agreed £5000 towards this (possibly stretch to £6000), £1000 grant promised by County Cllr. Whiting and then to seek funding for the remainder from other sources. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Grass cutting contract** – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Plumb, all agreed to go with the quote of £700 to lower to 6 foot and trim each sides of an overgrown Blackthorn Shrub in Sheppey Way/Colson Drive. Clerk to arrange a meeting with KCC Officer, Robin Hadley, to look at two other areas of concern within the village. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Completion of External Audit, year ending 31 March 2017** - Clerk advised that the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2017 has now been received and duly signed off by the External Auditors. She has posted the necessary.
4. **Iwade Observer** – Clerk to contact the Observer team to see if they are keen to carry on as at present or if they might now wish to consider an electronic version of the magazine. **Action: Clerk**
5. **The Barn** – Cllr. Hunt advised the Barn is running low on funds and has only £30 left out of the last donation from the Parish Council. They have managed to obtain a promise from Kemsley businesses of £500 but need funds for the flooring, getting the doors finished and skirting. Proposed by Cllr. Cheeseman and seconded by Cllr. Hyde; all agreed that the Parish Council was minded to donate £3500.

6. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Horner; agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 30 September 2017:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
11.10.17	1968	Clerk's Expenses	Telephone, Use of Office, 8 Ink Cartridges – Sept.	£25.79p
11.10.17	1969	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due October	£138.96p
11.10.17	1970	Steve Wakeling	Work carried out in September	£198.00p
11.10.17	1971	Kent Police and Crime Commissioner	ANPR Camera purchase costs; electrical installation and 5 year's maintenance costs	£8125.20p
11.10.17	1972	McCabe Ford Williams	Quarterly payroll preparation	£39.00p
11.10.17	1973	Iwade Village Hall	Hall hire costs July to Sept 2017	£78.75p
11.10.17	1974	Festive Decoration & Lighting Ltd	Flagpole Christmas Tree	£457.96p
11.10.17	1975	J. Hunt	Pop-up Socket (Broadband Grant)	£55.99p
<b>Eight cheques in total</b>				

Plus:

Clerk's Wages - October 2017	£789.73p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting – Sept	£51.58p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle: Hire of 110 Litre bin – Sept	£34.27p	Paid by Direct Debit

Paid In:

Second half Precept & lighting Grant 2017/18	£25435.00p	Paid by BACs
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**9. Projects/Project Updates**

Village Park – now installing footpaths and bridge; hoping for completion by the end of the month.

Pavilion and Field – Swale Borough Council taking over the field at the end of the week. New trees planted and weeds removed. Lease paperwork is still in the early stages.

Planters – going to infill the two new planters with some of the unwanted soil from Woodpecker Park. Window Tech have taken up the two small planters on Grovehurst Road and Ickles Pickles are still utilizing the large planter near the pumping station in School Lane.

**10. Reports from Representatives**

Hall – New front and side doors fitted and a new noticeboard. Events – Halloween Community Event (not party), Christmas Grotto. Had a couple of hirers mistreating the hall. Finances looking good.

KALC – Nothing to report.

Kemsley Fields Business Park Forum – Knauf have a planning application coming up to take Lorries off the road. The plasterboard unit at Countrystyle starts up this week; composting now completely gone from the site.

**11. Any Other Matters Arising**

The Chair advised of an article on a social media site stating that Neighbourhood Watch covers the entire village; this is not true. Residents can see the few roads covered by looking at [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

Christmas Lighting up Ceremony – Sunday 26 November 2017, 4.00 to 6.00 p.m.

**12. Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 8 November 2017, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.**