

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11 January 2017

**Present:** Cllr. M. Gale – Chair  
Cllr. J. Hunt – Vice-Chair  
Cllr. L. Mitchell  
Cllr. P. Hyde  
Cllr. J. White  
Cllr. P. Horner  
Cllr. R. Langham  
Lynda Fisher, Clerk  
Nick Mayatt, Community Warden  
3 Parishioners

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Parish Cllrs. Clark, Cheeseman and Plumb; 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. Cllr Hunt declared an interest in Item 6 and will not take part in the discussion.

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

Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr Horner, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr Langham, the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

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

1. **Visitors** – No comments.
2. **County and Borough Councillors** – None in attendance.
3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Warden's report noted – issues included dog fouling, fly tipping, burglary and bogus callers.

#### **5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

1. **Linkway and outside School Parking Issues** – Still no action on the lines in Linkway. However, notices, advising of the zig zag lines and changes to parking times, have been posted in School Lane.
2. **School Lane Recreation Ground and Pavilion** – The Chair and Clerk attended a meeting at Swale House; present were Officers from the Borough Council and representatives from Iwade Herons. The Parish Council advised Officers that it does not wish to take on the field due to legal implications but that the Herons wished to take on both the Pavilion and the field. The Borough Council is happy for this to happen and will investigate the way forward; Borough Councillor Dewar-Whalley is also keen to support this. Officers are hoping the Pavilion snagging will be finished shortly; followed by the whole area being handed over initially to the Borough Council.

The Officers asked if the Parish Council was willing to take on the running of the play area within the recreation ground. Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Mitchell; agreed Clerk to write stating that subject to the necessary remedial work being done (e.g. ramp for disabled access, etc.) then we will look to taking this on. **Action: Clerk**

3. **KCC Volunteer Support Warden Scheme** – Clerk has been advised that the scheme is for Parishes that do not have a permanent Warden.

## 6. Planning

1. **16/507971/FULL:** Part Retrospective application for siting of 1no. Twin unit (mobile home), (and continued siting of 2no. static caravans), with 2no. Associated Utility Blocks, parking and 2no. transient pitches for touring caravans for Family with Gypsy status: Summer Cottages School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8QH: agreed to respond as follows:
  - Concern that this is yet another retrospective application.
  - If approved, the Council requests that a condition needs to be included in the consent that the site will not grow further.
  - Members felt that there are enough sites in Iwade and the village has more than contributed to the need within Swale; we understand that the Borough Council has now met its 5 year allocation.
2. **SW/11/291/R3, 5&11:** Details of vehicle parking, Wheelwork facilities and dust control measures pursuant to planning permission SW/11/1291: Land to the north of the DS Smith Paper Mill, Kemsley, Kent – noted.

## 7. Correspondence

1. **Kent Minerals and Waste Sites Plans - Call for Sites** – Noted.
2. **Public Services Ombudsman Bill** – Changes noted.
3. **BT Telephone Box Consultation** – The telephone box outside the village hall is to be removed by BT as it is not being used; residents present at the meeting agreed with BT's findings.

## 8. Finance

1. **Grass Cutting Contract 2016/17** – Still awaiting clarification of exact costs; Cllr. Hunt to discuss this with Alan Marolia, Swale Borough Council. **Action: Cllr. Hunt/Clerk**
2. **Iwade Observer** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; agreed to fund the Observer for 2017/18 and during that time a survey be undertaken to ascertain how many residents are interested in an electronic version. Clerk to bring this back to the October meeting. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Extra Planter** – Agreed Clerk to obtain a quote for one large and one small planter. Cllr. Hunt to forward contact details of existing sponsors to the Clerk so that she can ascertain if they wish to continue their sponsorship. **Action: Cllr. Hunt/Clerk**
4. **Quotation for Village Entrance Gates** – Clerk still waiting for the new quotes. **Action: Clerk**
5. **Hire of Signs** – Remove from Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
6. **2017/18 Precept and Budget** – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Langham; all agreed to freeze the Precept, resulting in 0% increase to residents for 2017/18.
7. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Langham; agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
11.01.17	1902	Clerk's Expenses	Telephone; use of Home as office - December	£15.77p
11.01.17	1903	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due January	£141.46p
11.01.17	1904	Steve Wakeling	Handyman Fee & Materials Dec	£132.00p
11.01.17	1905	McCabe Ford Williams	Quarterly Payroll Preparation	£39.00p
11.01.17	1906	Rumwood Nurseries	Trees, Ties, Stakes and Compost	£286.80p
11.01.17	1907	Iwade Village Hall	Hire of Hall Oct to Dec	£63.75p
<b>Six cheques in total</b>				

Plus:

Clerk's Wages	December 2016	£777.06p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon:	Energy Supply, Street Lighting – Dec.	£48.72p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle	Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin –Dec.	£34.28p	Paid by Direct Debit

**9. Projects/Project Updates**

The Barn – now have a Carpenter. Need the Conservation Officer to agree to a couple of minor changes.

Clerk to obtain prices for a new picnic table for Woodpecker Park and Cllr. Gale to obtain the cost of a concrete base for this. **Action: Cllr. Gale/Clerk**

**10. Reports from Representatives**

Hall – The single fire door is no longer necessary. The Christmas grotto was successful and tickets sold out quickly. Hall bookings and finances are doing well; future events planned include an indoor boot fair.

KALC – Nothing to report.

**11. Any Other Matters Arising**

GEM AGM takes place on Wednesday 25 January at 7.00 p.m. in The Village Hall.

**12. Next Meeting(s)**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8 February 2017, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

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