

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

**Present:** Cllr. J. Hunt – Chair  
Cllr. M. Gale – Vice Chair  
Cllr. D. Wastall  
Cllr. J. White  
Lynda Fisher, Clerk  
Nick Mayatt, Community Warden  
Matthew Link, PCSO  
7 Members of the public

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Cllrs. Mitchell, Plumb, Rook and Hyde

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

An existing dispensation is still valid for those Councillors who have an interest in the School. Cllr. Gale declared an interest in Item 10.9

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

Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Wastall, the Minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

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

1. **Visitors** – Representatives from the Milton Hundred War Games and Iwade W.I. raised concern at the 22% increase in hall hire costs and the request to clear items from cupboards which they had for many years been able to use. The hall has offered the hire of external sheds as an alternative storage facility. They looked to the Parish Council to intervene but Members pointed out that the Council is only a Custodian Trustee; although a representative sits on the Committee the Parish Council has no authority to interfere in the management of the hall. Members suggested that users approach the Hall Committee to hopefully discuss a way forward.
2. A resident queried whether Wards were going to build housing on an area of land in Dunlin Walk; the Chairman replied this is a possibility and the Parish Council will let him know if anything comes forward. If Swale's Local Plan is flawed and not be adopted, Iwade is at risk of further development.
3. **County and Borough Councillors** – None present.
4. **Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** - The Community Warden's report had been circulated. Nick dealt with fly tipping incidents; issues with youths, parking and other problems in the village.

The PCSO commented that there had been a burglary in The Street, investigations are on-going regarding theft from a motor vehicle, damage to a motor vehicle in cormorant and an attempted burglary. There have also been incidents of nails in tyres and he advises residents to check their tyres before driving their cars. He is dealing with the lorry incident in School Lane and has undertaken speed checks in the same road.

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

1. **Twinning** – Still on-going, bring back to the April meeting. ***Action: Cllr. Rook***
2. **Persimmon Development** – No feedback from Swale Council as yet, although it looks as though there is going to be a complete review of Enforcement. Residents have written to Gordon Henderson, M.P. and a site meeting will take place between one of his representatives and homeowners next

Thursday. Andrew Shankster, the Managing Director has now gone and there is uncertainty whether promised items will now be forthcoming.

3. **20 mph Speed Limit** – County Cllr. Truelove raised this again, but agreed that the scheme currently put forward is costly and will possibly not achieved the desired results.

## 6. Planning

1. **Application KCC/SW/0393/2014** - Proposed variation to approved hours of waste delivery to Kemsley Mill Waste to Energy Plant to allow for 24 hours delivery – Members raised no objections.
2. **15/501445/FULL** - Two storey side extension and a conservatory to the rear of the property - 9 Sheerstone Iwade ME9 8RN – Members raised no objections.
3. **14/504557/REM** - Reserved Matters permission including details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 40 dwellings pursuant to outline application SW/08/1127 - Iwade South West Development Site School Lane Iwade – To respond that the Parish Council has no objections but would request that planting takes place early so that it becomes established quickly.

## 7. Correspondence

1. **Elections** – Nomination papers circulated and Members advised that if they still wish to stand these need to be completed and returned between the 23<sup>rd</sup> March and the 9<sup>th</sup> April. **Action: Members**

## 8. Finance

1. **Scooter Training** – Bring back to April meeting. **Action: Cllr. Gale/Clerk**
2. **Flowers Beds Quote** – Two quotes received. Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. White; all agreed to accept the lowest quote of £1798; Clerk to request a risk assessment for the construction of the planters as requested by Swale Borough Council. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Woodpecker Park Bus Shelter Quotes** – It looks as though there could be a problem with finding out what services run beneath the shelter base. Clerk to approach County Cllrs. Burgess and Truelove to see if they can assist. Bring back to April meeting. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Annual Village Clean Up** – To take place Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, from 11.00 to 14.00. Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. White, all agreed a maximum spend of £250 on event. To arrange a BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting; Clerk to talk to Swale Borough Council regarding litter pickers, sacks and their collection, etc., the Chairman to Speak to Jess McMahon regarding ‘Litter Angels’. **Action: All Cllrs/Clerk**
5. **KALC Councillors Conference 24<sup>th</sup> July** – Proposed by Cllr. Wastall and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; all agreed Cllr. Plumb to attend at a cost of £72. **Action: Cllr. Plumb/Clerk**
6. **CPRE Subscription 2015/16** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hunt, all agreed to renew at a cost of £36.
7. **Action for Communities in Rural Kent Subscription 2015/16** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. White, all agreed to a joint membership with The Barn at a cost of £65.
8. **SBC Grass Cutting Quote 2015/16** – Proposed by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Wastall, all agreed to accept the quote of £618.42p, excluding V.A.T. for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016.
9. **Hall Floor** – The Parish Council has received a request for a grant/loan from the Hall Committee; Clerk to seek advice from the Kent Association of Local Councils and bring this back to the April meeting. **Action: Clerk**
10. **Auditor** – David Bucket was appointed as Auditor for the last financial year and Members agreed to retain his services for 2015/16.

11. **Cheques raised and Accounts** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Wastall, all agreed, Members signed the following cheques and agreed the accounts to the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
11.03.15	1750	Clerk's Expenses	Telephone; use of Home as office, 9 ink cartridges; mileage, underpaid salary adjustment already taxed - Feb	£52.86p
11.03.15	1751	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due Feb 2014	£89.90p
11.03.15	1752	Steve Wakeling	Handyman duties and materials Feb 2015	£198.00p
11.03.15	1753	Iwade Village Hall	Hall Hire 2014/15	£357.00p
11.03.15	1754	Swale Borough Council	Grass Cutting Oct to March 2015	£361.12p
11.03.15	1755	J. Hunt	Mileage June to March 2015	£28.52p
<b>Six cheques in total</b>				

Plus:

Clerk's Wages	February 2015	£584.08	Paid by Standing Order
Eon:	Energy Supply, Street Lighting - Feb	£44.30	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle	Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – Feb	£26.04	Paid by Direct Debit

**9. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)**

1. The Barn – Electricity still being chased, everything ready to go from the legal side and when the Trust met recently it was agreed to send the lease through to the Solicitor.
2. Neighbourhood Plan – Members met with James Freeman, Head of Planning at Swale Borough Council recently; he thought it could control development as the village is vulnerable. The Parish Council will contact 'Locality' and also Housing Needs to ascertain the number of houses that are needed. Wards have approached the Parish Council volunteering to pay for the Neighbourhood Plan this is probably due to a Government initiative.

**10. Reports from Representatives (Village Hall and KALC)**

1. Hall – Cllr. Gale advised that other than action points he is not allowed to report back on anything from the Village Hall meetings until the Minutes have been passed; this has been confirmed by Action for Communities in Rural Kent. Cllr. Rook is still on the list of Representatives and will be removed; we have removed our items from the cupboard and the Council has been asked if it will consider moving meetings to another night of the week. Members were in agreement with the hire charge increase; Clerk to check on 2015/16 Budget. **Action: Clerk**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> April there will be an Easter Egg Hunt and the Committee has asked for permission to use the outside garden on the 11<sup>th</sup> April for a Barbecue; Clerk to check on insurance. **Action: Clerk**

2. Cllr. Wastall attended the KALC meeting; Scott Montgomery, Community First Aid Responder, was present; PCSOs are being looked at due to loading in areas; KCC are installing LED bulbs in their street lighting (12000 lights) and a discussion took place on the lack of Bridleways.

**11. Any Other Matters Arising**

1. Cllr. Gale attended at meeting at the School on Monday regarding the artificial sports surface; representatives from Sports England, Swale Borough Council, Kent County Council and the School's Business Manager were present. It doesn't look as though they are going down the route of using the S.106 money; but it will possibly be financed by Sport England, Kent County Council and others if approached. There will be a site meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> April to look at the area.
2. The Chairman suggested the Parish Council approach Kent County Council to see if they will take over the new footway lighting recently installed. Clerk to place this on the April Agenda.

**Action: Clerk**

**12. Next Meeting(s)**

The next Monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.**