

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10th September, 2014

Present:

Cllr. J. Hunt – Chair	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Cllr. M. Gale – Vice Chair	Borough Cllr. B. Stokes
Cllr. P. Hyde	Nick Mayatt, Community Warden
Cllr. R. Rook	2 Parishioners
Cllr. D. Wastall	
Cllr. J. White	
Cllr. L. Preston	

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllrs. White and Hunt declared an interest in Item 5.4.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 13th August, 2014, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – No comments raised.
2. **County and Borough Councillors** – Borough Cllr. Stokes advised that work to the speed ramp between Bittern Road and Woodpecker Drive is commencing next week; has received a complaint regarding weekend working and dust relating to the Persimmon site; been dealing with the The Barn, problems at Iwade Speedway and is helping a disabled resident who needs a dropped kerb installed to the front of his property.
3. **Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** – Nick's report has been circulated to Members and contents noted, issues covered traffic problems in Helen Thompson Close; fly tipping instances in Old Ferry Road and Ferry Road. Clerk to check with Swale Cleansing to see if they can do anything to stop the fly tipping. **Action: Clerk**

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Twinning** – Cllr. Hyde reported that Swale Borough Council is very interested and will assist with this; it will be a community/educational link. Cllr. Rook will discuss twinning with the resident who has links with Malawi; Clerk to place on October Agenda. **Action: CllrRook/Clerk**
2. **Persimmon Development** – Clerk still waiting for a firm date from Swale to discuss the Parish Council's complaint. Cllr. Gale advised that Lorries are using School Lane again. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Countrystyle Update** – Place on October Agenda. The Chair advised that a meeting will be set up to include the Parish Council and representatives from various companies, to be held at Knauf, to discuss the upgrading of the old Ridham Dock Road. **Action: Cllr. Mitchell/Clerk**
4. **Iwade Allotments** – Nothing further heard from Swale Borough Council; Clerk to place on October Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

5. **Sheppey Crossing Concerns** – The Parish Council was dismayed to see that County Cllr. Truelove voted against lowering the speed limit on this road. Gordon Henderson, M.P. will be holding a meeting regarding the bridge; Cllrs. Hunt and Gale to attend. **Action: Cllrs. Hunt/Gale**
6. **Grass Cutting – Verges** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Wastall, all agreed to accept the quote of £300.93p plus VAT for the period 1st October, 2014 to 31st March, 2015 and to provisionally accept the quote for 2015/16 of £601.86 plus indexation plus VAT, subject to confirmation of the exact cost by Swale Borough Council. **Action: Clerk**
7. **Mobile Signals in the Village** – OfTel advise that individual mobile users to contact their relevant providers to complain about the poor signals; OfTel do not deal with complaints. Members agreed to place an article in Iwade Observer for residents' information and it is understood that Gordon Henderson, M.P. is also looking into this problem. **Action: Cllr. Hunt**
8. **Ramp Bittern Avenue/Woodpecker Drive** – See item 4.2 above.
9. **Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) 2013-20: Submission Document Consultation – 31st July to 12th September, 2014** – Cllr. Hunt to look at this. **Action: Cllr. Hunt**
10. **Iwade 20 mph** – Clerk to contact County again regarding 20 mph in School Lane. **Action: Clerk**
11. **Christmas Tree and Electrics** – Cllr. Gale has arranged for an Electrician to look at the lighting column connection; Clerk is in contact with Persimmon regarding the Christmas tree. **Action: Cllr. Gale/Clerk**
12. **Village Hall Disco and Emergency Services Use** – Clerk has spoken to the Village Hall Chair who advised that the Fire Service is being charged £15 a day to use the hall site as the Committee is not able to hire it out on these days. Following concerns raised regarding adults being CRB checked; the presence of a qualified First Aider and sufficient number of adults to children the Parish Council understands the Disco was cancelled.
13. **Emergency Plan** – Cllr. Rook to place an article in the Iwade Observer; Clerk to ascertain prices for Flood Sax. **Action: Cllr. Rook/Clerk**

6. **Planning**

New Applications:

1. **14/501315/AMRCON/EMEI** – The conditions are no longer relevant or necessary in the context of the amended proposal (see drawing 1308/3A) for a permanent agricultural access (amended) and agricultural hard standing. Condition 2 to be varied to allow permanent retention of approx. 70m of haul road for use as an agricultural hard standing; retained and amended (gated) agricultural access to Grovehurst Road; deletion of all other conditions attached to planning permission SW/09/0755-Iwade East Development Site, Sheppey Way, Iwade, Kent – Agreed to respond that the Parish Council is disappointed that the condition has not been adhered to and object on this ground. Members and nearby residents are unhappy that the land has been left in an unacceptable state, contrary to the provisions of the original planning condition. If Swale Borough Council are minded to agree this application, the Parish Council request that:
 - security gates are installed to stop unwanted use
 - the hard standing is not used for any storage or overnight keeping of vehicles, and
 - heavy planting screening is carried out to minimise the visual impact from the road.
2. **14/501060/REM/ROMC** – Application for reserved matter for recreation area including 2 football pitches, pavilion, play area and associate hard and soft landscaping – Iwade South West Development Site, School Lane, Iwade – Members raised no objection to this application. However, referring to drawing reference 2226_DR_114, the Parish Council would ask that the Playbark (because of its nature to break down and deteriorate) shown in the S.E. corner of the LEAP is replaced with artificial grass to provide a clean sitting area for families.

3. **14/500690/FULL/EMEI** – Erection of a single storey rear extension, replacement windows and doors and replacement of roof tiles – 35 School Lane, Iwade, ME9 8SE Members raised no objection to this application.

Determined Applications: None

7. Correspondence

1. **Community Trigger Briefing** – Noted.
2. **DCLG Technical Consultation on planning** – Agreed Cllr. Gale to look at this consultation.
Action: Cllr. Gale
3. **Leader Programme in Kent** – Noted.
4. **Community Asset Transfer policy review - consultation exercise** – Agreed Cllr. Hunt to draft up a response.
Action: Cllr. Hunt
5. **Accessible Britain Challenge - Letter from the Minister of State for Disabled People** – Noted.
6. **Invitation to Planning Training Sessions** – Cllrs Hunt and Gale to attend the 5th March 2015 training session at Swale House.

8. Electric Shocks, Sheppey Way

Members have been made aware of several incidents when cyclists riding underneath high voltage lines have received ‘shocks’. Clerk to contact Medway Velo, who regularly use the Sheppey Way, to see if any of their riders have experienced the same.
Action: Clerk

9. Water Leaks in the Village

Members were concerned about the many incidents of water leaks in Iwade relating, e.g. in School Lane, Grovehurst Road, Teal Way, Springvale and numerous properties around the village. There have also been Sewage problems in Sheppey Way and residents have reported drops in water pressure. Members agreed to monitor the situation.

12. Finance

1. **Cheques raised and Accounts** – Members signed the following cheques and agreed the accounts to the 31st August, 2014:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
10.09.14	1720	Clerk's Expenses	Telephone; use of Home as office – August 2014	£12.83p
10.09.14	1721	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due August 2014	£79.80p
10.09.14	1722	Steve Wakeling	Handyman and materials work – August	£148.50p
Three cheques in total				

Plus:

Clerk's Wages	August 2014	£547.10	Paid by Standing Order
Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting	August 2014	£52.32	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin	July 2014	£47.76	Paid by Direct Debit

13. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

10 Point Plan and Village Hall – nothing to report.

The Barn – Nothing to report.

14. Any Other Matters Arising

1. Clerk to request that the white lining in the village refreshed.

Action: Clerk

15. Next Meeting(s)

The next Monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th October, 2014, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.35 p.m.