

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 12 October 2022

Present: Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair
Cllr. S. Waters - Vice – Chair
Cllr. P. Hyde
Cllr. S. Lancashire
Cllr. R. Stalley-Moores
Cllr. D. Waters
Cllr. S. Tolhurst
Cllr. S. Cheeseman
Lynda Ives, Acting Clerk/RFO
5 Residents

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Cllrs. Langham and Whiting.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. S. Waters, the minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held 30 September 2022, were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – A resident attended to mention the issue of children in the village causing a nuisance; he asked what can be done? Cllr. S. Waters mentioned the Youth Provision Initiative, funds have been allocated and Iwade is included in this. In the past there have been Youth Clubs, but these gradually folded and a youth Games Bus. A Teen Shelter was suggested, but residents objected to this being near to their properties. The Council involved itself in the search for a Skate Park and did try to form a Youth Council, so that youngsters in the village could put forward ideas and get involved in initiatives, sadly this did not come to fruition. The resident agreed to speak to a contact and come back with information about possible initiatives.

Residents attended to see if there was any update on parking issues in Sheerstone, which they raised at the September meeting. Land ownership has been determined (part Swale Borough Council/part KCC) and the Chair asked residents to email details of the proposal to the Clerk, who in turn will forward them to Officers at both Councils. **Action: Clerk**

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – None attended, no reports received.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Neither attended, no reports received.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) Review** – Agreed to add Swallow Avenue yellow lines to the HIP. Councillors to assist with distribution of consultation letters. **Action: All Councillors/Clerk**

2. **Planters, The Street** – no update, take off Agenda for the time being. **Action: Clerk**

3. **Iwade Village Centre** – Clerk chased the village centre management group and received the following response: “One of our approved Contractors will be attending the site to remove all the loose and stored ricks around the area. Will also look at the prospect of reducing the height of the wall and capping it off whilst we wait for the Developer to respond to our communications.”

4. **Speeding, Sheppey Way** – PCSO has asked for random speed checks to be carried out.
5. **Site Entrance Pond Farm** – Clerk has written to Swale’s Planning Officer objecting to the entrance on Sheppey Way; she has received an acknowledgement.
6. **Parking Issues, Sheerstone** – see Item 4.1 above.
6. **Planning** – applications are viewable on: Swale: <http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications>; KCC: <https://cloud2.atriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do> - None.

7. **Correspondence**

1. **Tracker** – Cllr. Tolhurst put forward a proposal for a tracker to enable Councillors to keep up to date with the progress on projects/work, which was agreed. Cllr. S. Waters volunteered to look at the Council’s Microsoft 365 package to see if a central database can be kept which will enable all Councillors to log in and view the data. The Tracker will be used purely for updating purposes, not for decision making. **Action: Cllrs. Tolhurst/S. Waters**
2. **Lamp Column painting** – Cllr. Hyde raised the issue of KCC lamp columns in the village needing repainting; some were showing signs of rust at the base of the column. Clerk to contact KCC Lighting to see if they will undertake any remedial work. Failing this the Parish Council to investigate costs and feasibility of undertaking this work. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Update on the Swale Borough Local Plan** – noted the next stages of the local plan review are paused due to the uncertainty around the Government’s direction of travel for the planning system.

8. **Finance**

1. **Sign-Post Telly Tubby Hill/School Lane – Quote £430 + VAT** – Cllr. Tolhurst negotiating with existing company and looking at another supplier with a view to replacing the fingerpost at the bottom of School Lane. Bring back to next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Tolhurst/Clerk**
2. **Grounds Maintenance Contract – to include additional areas in revised maps – Note cost TBA by Swale Borough Council** – still awaiting information, bring back to next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
3. **The Queen’s Green Canopy – Memorial Tee Planting for her Majesty** – Clerk has sought advice and a quote for the supply of a native species tree. Bring back to next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Pond Management** – Cllr. Tolhurst spoke to David Carey, Chairman of the Kent Tree and Pond Partnership; he is happy to come out and look at the pond in Woodpecker Park. Cllrs. Tolhurst and Cheeseman agreed to meet with this gentleman. Bring back to next meeting. **Action: Cllrs. Tolhurst/Cheeseman**
5. **Plaque for Beacon** – agreed to investigate costs for a bass plaque to commemorate the late Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** - Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, members noted the budget figures and the accounts to the 30 September; the following payments were agreed. Cllrs. Lancashire and Hyde to log in and authorize payments. **Action: Cllrs. Lancashire/Hyde**

EXPENDITURE				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payable to	Reason	Amount
09.09.22	DD	NEST	Pension	£27.65p
26.09.22	DD	NEST	Pension	£35.55p
12.10.22	BACs	L. Fisher	Expenses: Phone, home as office, 10 Lamp Post Poppies	£48.00p
12.10.22	BACs	H.M. Revenue and Customs	Tax September plus £12.18 underpayment Month 3	£35.80p

12.10.22	BACs	Steve Wakeling	Handyman Fee and materials August	£189.00p
01.10.22	SO	Staff Salaries	September	£1192.54p
01.10.22	DD	NEST	Pension contributions	£19.75p
01.10.22	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	13 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes and Exchange	£63.70p
01.10.22	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee	£29.99p
27.10.22	DD	Npower	Electricity Supply, Sept	£90.68p
30.10.22	DD	Countrystyle	Supply of Waste Wheelie Bin, monthly	£55.40p
INCOME				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Received from	Reason	Amount
13.09.22	BACs	KCC	Grounds Maintenance Grant	£3190.87p

9. Projects – Updates on Current and New

1. **Christmas Lights Event 2022** – Taking place 4 December 2022. Snow Machine has arrived, and an application for a grant has been submitted to offset some of the cost. Cllr. Dollimore to provide vouchers for those who helped with the village clean up to obtain food as a thank you. South-East 4X4 will again assist with the road closure. Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore seconded by Cllr. S. Waters, agreed to donate £200 to this voluntary group. **Action: Cllr.Dollimore/Clerk**
2. **Next Village Clean up** – Sunday 23 October. Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire agreed £250 to meet costs associated with the clean-up. **Action: Clerk**

10. Village Hall

No further updates.

11. Reports from Representatives

1. **Hall** – Painting now finished; new door locks and CCTV installed. Maintenance to floor being carried out during half-term and new carpet will be laid in due course.
2. **KALC** – Nothing to report.
3. **Swale Western Area Committee** – Next meeting 1 December; Cllr. S. Tolhurst to attend. **Action: Cllr. Tolhurst**
4. **Swale West Parishes** – Next meeting 17 October, Cllr. S. Waters to attend. **Action: Cllr. S. Waters**

12. Any Other Matters Arising

Cllr. Hyde advised – Woodpecker Park – the lifebuoy is again missing. There is graffiti near to the Cairn, around the nature walk on the bridge and on the Lifebuoy cover. Clerk to report to Swale Borough Council. **Action: Clerk**

King's Coronation – Clerk to add this to the next Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

13. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 9 November 2022, 7.30 p.m., in Iwade Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.