

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10th December, 2014

Present:

Cllr. J. Hunt – Chair
Cllr. M. Gale – Vice Chair
Cllr. S. Plumb
Cllr. L. Mitchell
Cllr. R. Rook
Cllr. D. Wastall
Cllr. J. White

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Nick Mayatt, Community Warden
Elspeth Baecke from Smile Malawi
1 Resident

Cllr. Rook introduced Elspeth Baecke, who addressed the meeting. Elspeth commented that she started up Smile Malawi nearly eleven years ago and it had its 10th Anniversary this year. In 2003 on a visit to Malawi she was shocked by the plight of orphans and children in Africa and wanted to do something. Her answer was to build a Childrens' Centre in Malawi which opened in October 2006. Originally the Centre took in homeless street children from the city of Blantyre and gave outreach care to children in the local village of Ndokota but now takes others. Most of the children are orphans because of Aids. Originally all of the funding came from her own pocket and was used to build the orphanage; these days she manages to raise over £60,000 a year to run it. The orphanage started with 11 children and now has 38; they also work with the nearby School is Machemba and the orphanage village is known as Khumbanyiwa. She is very interested in the proposal to twin Iwade with Malawi and when she visits the country in March 2015 she will research how to set this up at that end and advise the Parish Council of her findings.

The Chair thanked Elspeth for her very interesting and thought provoking talk and then opened up the meeting.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Cllrs. Hyde and Preston and Borough Cllr. Stokes.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - None

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Rook and seconded by Cllr. Plumb, the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 12th November, 2014, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. White, the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 18th November, 2014, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – No comments.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – None present.

3. **Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** - The Community Warden's report had been circulated. He had a few telephone calls from Borough Cllr. Stokes regarding children playing football around Cormorant Drive; Cllr. Stokes also referred him to parking in Chetney View and parking on the pavement and roads causing problems at weekends. He referred to the vandalism at the bus shelter. Cllr. Hunt mentioned that he and the Clerk had walked around the village with Steve Wakeling, the Handyman, and looked at trees, posts, damaged verges, etc. As a result of this Steve has quite a long list of things to do, which also includes building 4 planters for the corner of School Lane and two for the grassed area in Grovehurst Road; Clerk to contact Swale Borough Council for approval to site on these areas of land.

Action: Clerk

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Twinning** – Agreed to approach Swale Borough Council to see how this can be taken forward; Cllrs Hyde and Rook to speak to Swale's Officer, Lynne Newton. **Action: Cllrs. Hyde/Clerk**
2. **Persimmon Development** – Still no feedback from Swale Borough Council; agreed to write to Cllrs. Bowles and Lewin and copy in the Chief Executive. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Electric Shocks, Sheppey Way** – Cllr. Wastall has a meeting with U.K. Power Networks Engineers on the 18th December to look at the height of the cables. **Action: Cllr. Wastall**
4. **Obtaining Listed Building Status for Kingsferry Bridge** - Chair advised that application is still being validated.
5. **Ward Homes – Surplus Land** – Councillors had a meeting with the company to discuss a piece of land to the rear of the Woolpack Public House; basically they are looking to see if they can hand it over to the Parish and will also be bringing a few other things to the Parish Council at some point.

6. Planning – No applications.

7. Correspondence

1. **SBC Statement of Intent and KALC Swale Area Committee meeting 1 December 2014** – At the moment it looks as though Swale Borough Council is not taking Parish Councils' comments on board.
2. **Local Validation Checklist Webpage and Consultation** – Clerk to respond. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Kent County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 Submission** – Noted.
4. **New DCLG programme - Delivering Differently in Neighbourhoods** – Noted.
5. **Early Notice of Consultation Period Swale Local Plan** – Place on January Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

8. All Weather Pitch, Iwade School

As the area of School land in question is only useable for nine months of the year Cllr. Gale informed that he and Iwade Herons have written a letter stating that they will support this project. The School is interested in going down this road and to see if there is any funding. Cllr. Gale stated that the pitch needs to be open to all residents. Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Mitchell; all agreed the Parish Council to approach County Cllr. Burges stating that we support the investigation of an all-weather pitch for Iwade School and would want to be involved in this. **Action: Clerk**

9. Broadband Signal Boosters

Cllr. Gale advised that Vodafone is running a Rural Community Programme and there are ten volunteers in the village with a Sure Signal Box attached to the outside of the house; the School is one of them, as is the Health Centre and the rest are residents. This group forms a circle around the village. Everything is free, apart from the running of the boxes which costs £30 per year.

10. Finance

1. **Defibrillator** – agreed not to pursue this.
2. **Iwade Public Events** – Clerk to look into future licences for events and check coverage. **Action: Clerk**
3. **NALC Salary aware for Clerks 2014** – Defer till January meeting. **Action: Clerk**

4. **Budget and Precept - 2015/16** – draft budget noted, bring back to January meeting. **Action: Clerk**
5. **Cheques raised and Accounts** – Members signed the following cheques and agreed the accounts to the 30th November, 2014:

| Date | Chq. | Details | | Amount |
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| 10.12.14 | 1733 | Clerk's Expenses | Telephone; use of Home as office, Inks – Nov 2014 | £21.25p |
| 10.12.14 | 1734 | H.M. Revenue & Customs | Tax due Nov 2014 | £79.60p |
| 10.12.14 | 1735 | Steve Wakeling | Handyman duties October 2014 and materials | £251.51p |
| 10.12.14 | 1736 | David Buckett | Interim Audit 2014/15 & Financial support The Barn | £486.90p |
| 10.12.14 | 1737 | Swale Borough Council | Street Nameplate for Grovehurst Road | £150.00p |
| 10.12.14 | 1738 | Chegworth Graphic Services (Kent) | 25 Dog Fouling Signs | £300.00p |
| 10.12.14 | 1739 | Kingswood Christmas Trees | 20ft Nordman Christmas Tree and Delivery charge | £288.00p |
| 10.12.14 | 1740 | B.W. May & Son Ltd. | 3 Swan Necked Lighting Columns and installation | £7350.42p |
| 10.12.14 | 1741 | J. Hunt | Christmas Banner | £15.00p |
| Four cheques in total | | | | |

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| Clerk's Wages | November 2014 | £547.10 | Paid by Standing Order |
| Eon: | Energy Supply, Street Lighting - Nov | £47.46 | Paid by Direct Debit |
| Countrystyle | Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin - Nov | £39.06 | Paid by Direct Debit |

11. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

1. Agreed to hold a further Localism meeting in February and to place the School Travel Plan and building work on the Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
2. The Barn – Nothing further to report.

12. Any Other Matters Arising – None.

13. Next Meeting(s)

The next Monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th January, 2015, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.