

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Cllr. J. Hunt – Chair	Cllr. P. Hyde
	Cllr. M. Gale – Vice-Chair	Cllr. S. Plumb
	Cllr. L. Mitchell	Cllr. J. Rook
	Cllr. P. Horner	Cllr. R. Clark
	Cllr. J. White	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
	Cllr. S. Cheeseman	Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes
	Cllr. D. Gale	9 Members of the public

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Nick Mayatt, Community Warden.

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

Cllr. Hunt and Cllr. Clark, being on Swale Borough Council's Planning Committee, will not take part in discussions under Item 6.1 Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School.

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

Proposed by Cllr. D. Gale and seconded by Cllr. R. Clark, the Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Horner, the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

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

1. **Visitors** – Several residents attended to complain about the constant nuisance of ball games on the green at the bottom end of Sheerstone; Clerk to take this up with Swale Borough Council's Green Spaces Officer as the area is maintained and owned by them and Amicus Horizon. **Action: Clerk**

A resident raised concerns regarding a property in School Lane; Parish Councillors agreed to investigate.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – Borough Cllr. Stokes advised that he has been investigating the flooding in Meadow Brown View; the Environment Agency cannot do anything, however Rob Bailey, Planning Officer at Swale is looking into this and it would appear that the issue is the run-off from the field. He has also been dealing with a complaint regarding Arriva buses using the top of School Lane and Chetney View as a turning point and a complaint about trees being cut down in Ferry Road and a burnt out car – the Chair advised that the car has now been removed and the trees are on private land.

3. **Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** – The Community Warden's report was circulated. During February he investigated an issue in Sheerstone involving children kicking footballs; spoke to a resident about dog fouling, especially in Fans Lane. Reported fly tipping in Old Ferry Road, dealt with an abandoned vehicle in a ditch and checked out a fallen tree on a footpath.

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

1. **Grovehurst Roundabout and Slip Roads** – Still no response; agreed to ask Borough Cllr. Whiting to set up a further site meeting with all interested parties. **Action: Clerk**

2. **Flagpole relocation and Fly the Flag for the Commonwealth Day 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2016** – Looking at the responses received to this it would appear that the majority of residents want the pole to stay

where it is. There is the possibility of relocating it to the village hall but Members felt that this would mean extra expenditure. Members agreed to leave the flag pole in situ and fly the flag at all times. The Chair will raise the Commonwealth Flag on the 24<sup>th</sup> March and take photographs to send to the Commonwealth Pageant Master. *Action: Chair*

3. **England Coast Path – Iwade to Grain – updates on Presentation** – Agreed to ask request that the presentation take place at the beginning of the April meeting. *Action: Clerk*

4. **Update on inspection of verges and signs** – The Chair and Environment Warden walked around the village looking at verges; these inspections will continue. The Warden issued a warning notice on a vehicle and if within six months that car is on verges anywhere in Swale the owner will be given a ticket and fined. The Clerk advised that she has ordered the verge signs and is awaiting notification that they are ready for collection.

5. **Linkway Parking Issues** – Agreed to bring back to the April meeting. *Action: Clerk*

Cllr. Horner has been approached by residents who are having problems gaining access to their drives during School dropping off/picking up times; this also affects a carer who has had access difficulties. Clerk to set up a meeting with Mike Whiting the Chair of the JTB; KCC, the School, Borough and County Councillors; possibly meeting up at 3.00 p.m. to look at the issues and to also discuss the impact this is having on Linkway and other nearby roads. Cllr. Plumb added that staff vehicles are queuing in School Lane waiting to get into the car park *Action: Clerk*

6. **Vodafone Rural Sure Signal** – Cllr. Gale advised that the project has now been completed; there are now five aerials in the village and these will improve the signal for Vodafone users. It doesn't cover the whole of Iwade as 10 sites were needed and only 5 came forward; however it does cover most places and hopefully more volunteers will come forward in the future. Iwade is the only village in Kent to be chosen for the project. There will be a press release in a couple of weeks' time.

## 6. Planning

1. **16/500065/FULL/PAGR:** Erection of first floor side extension with carport below, loft conversion with rear dormers and roof light to front: 25 Meadow Rise Iwade Kent ME9 8SB – Agreed to object on the grounds of over-shadowing and loss of privacy/overlooking.
2. **KCC/SW/001/2016** – The construction and operation of a gypsum recycling building with plant and machinery to recycle plasterboard and the re-configuration of the existing lorry park to include office/welfare facilities and ancillary supporting activities, including rain water harvesting tanks, container storage, new weighbridges, fuel tanks, hardstanding, safe lorry sheeting access platform and automated lorry wash – Countrystyle Recycling Storage Lane, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Kent, ME9 8SR: A resident raised concerns of dust but Members agreed this wouldn't be a problem as the facility is indoors. Agreed to respond that Members raised no objections to the building; the main concern is traffic and the impact on the roundabout; if possible we would request that Barge Way be used and a one way system be utilised.

## 7. Correspondence

1. **Lower Thames Crossing Route Consultation 2016 – Have Your Say** – Agreed Members to respond individually. *Action: All Councillors*
2. **Electoral Review of Kent** – Noted; in future Iwade will come under Swale West.
3. **Swale Playing Pitch Strategy 2015 – 2025** – Noted.
4. **Government Update - Neighbourhood Planning and a new Consultation on planning changes - deadline 15 April** – Noted
5. **London Southend Airport Standard Instrument Departure Procedures Consultation** – Possible impact on Kemsley; the whole of Sheppey and the SSSI site. Agreed to look further into this and bring back to the April meeting. *Action: Clerk*

## 8. Finance

1. **Gateway Entrances quotations** – Varying quotations received; Cllr. Rook to prepare a specification and Clerk to re-approach companies asking them to quote based on it. **Action: Cllr. Rook/Clerk**
2. **Operation of School Lane Playing Field & Pavilion – Parish Council/Iwade Herons** – although Persimmon consider the Pavilion finished and built to spec some of the block board walls, e.g. in toilets and kitchen, have not been painted. Following a meeting with Persimmon and Graeme Tuff, from Swale Borough Council this issue will be taken up with the Planners. Members agreed that the Parish Council should not accept the Pavilion in this state. Agreed to take this item off the Agenda until the pavilion is complete and Swale Borough Council is ready to discuss. The Herons have forwarded dates when they would like to use this facility; Clerk to forward to Graeme Tuff and at the same time as if there is any progress on the paint issue. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Village Clean-up Day** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, all agreed the date of 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2016; from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., followed by a BBQ in the grounds of The Woolpack – maximum expenditure £250. Clerk to place an article in the April Iwade Observer. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Village Landscape Maintenance** – The Chair mentioned the shrubs and the annual cut by the contractors, which is insufficient. It was agreed that the Parish Council ask the Handyman to cut back areas (e.g. around street nameplates) when necessary and to only cut up till August/September so that KCC won't stop their contract. Agreed that Clerk be notified by e-mail of any issues, either by residents or Councillors. **Action: Clerk**
5. **CPRE Membership Renewal 2016/17** – Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr. Mitchell; agreed to renew at a cost of £36. **Action: Clerk**
6. **ACRK Membership Renewal 2016/17** - Proposed by Cllr. Clark and seconded by Cllr. White; agreed to renew at a cost of £50. **Action: Clerk**
7. **Village Garden Competition** – progressing well; Amanda Hurrell has managed to get vouchers donated and free seeds.
8. **Flag Pole ground sleeve quote** – No action in light of 5.2 above.
9. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Members agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
09.03.16	1830	Clerk's Expenses	Tele, office use, Refreshments, 10 Ink Cartridges	£21.70p
09.03.16	1831	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due March	£153.95p
09.03.16	1832	Steve Wakefield	Handyman Maintenance Feb 2016	£198.30p
09.03.16	1833	B.W. May & Son Ltd	Two Anti-glare shields	£264.48p
09.03.16	1834	J. Hunt	Reimbursement for 6 Planter Banners	£60.00p
<b>Five cheques in total</b>				

Plus:

Clerk's Wages: March 2016	£755.07p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting - February	£39.25p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle: Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin - February	£32.50p	Paid by Direct Debit

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

Planning Permission has now been granted and the next stage is Building Control; once agreed, hopefully work can commence in the next two months and the Barn Committee will be approaching those who have agreed to help. Broadband will be the next project and at the appropriate time the Parish Council will be approached by a separate Broadband Committee regarding the Broadband funding it holds, which originally came from Kent County Council.

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

1. Hall – Cllr. Gale reported that the new cleaner is doing a good job. They have been carrying out some maintenance work and the floor has now been sealed and all the holes have been filled. They now have a new Chair in place.
2. KALC – Cllr. Clark agreed to act as the representative for the Parish Council. *Action: Cllr. Clark*

**11. Any Other Matters Arising**

1. Cllr. Gale attended the first meeting of the Orchard Community (OC) Project (Solar Farm); construction of the array is finished and although it is generating power the National Grid is not being fed into; the National Grid need to sort the issues. OC will not take ownership of the project from the Spanish company until accreditation from OfGen, which is needed by the 30<sup>th</sup> June. Twelve subscribers come from Kent; there are sixty-five in total. There will be another Bond offer in April; Cllr. Gale will have more details when this comes forward.

**12. Next Meeting(s)**

The next monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 9.09 p.m.**