

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 9 October 2019

**Present:** Cllr. A. Dollimore – Vice-Chair Lynda Fisher, Clerk  
Cllr. B. Whiting Lee Fennell, PCSO  
Cllr. S. Lancashire Adam McKinley, Community Warden  
Cllr. T. Trower Representatives from Bloomfields  
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#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Clark, Langham, Cheeseman, Hyde, Boniface; County Cllr. Whiting and Borough Cllr. Woodford.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - None**

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

Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Trower, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 11 September 2019 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

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

1. **Visitors** – A resident attended to put forward his concerns and objections to the 19/503974/HYBRID planning application.

Jamie Finch and Beth Watts, representatives from Bloomfields attended to put forward their view that the new reservoir near Culnells farm would not add to flooding to the Village. Members listened to their arguments but at the end declared that their objections to this application still stood.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting written report received – he updated again on talks with SGN and the gas main replacement along the A2. Is trying to resolve the parking issue in Cormorant Road. Borough Cllr. Woodford sent a written report advising of the requests for nominations for the annual Volunteer Swale Awards; Orchard Community Energy and Kent Community Energy: now open for funding applications and SGN works on Kingsferry Bridge.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Adam McKinley introduced himself he is our new Community Warden; he previously worked as a Warden in Maidstone and has a background as a youth worker.

The PCSO advised of the following – nuisance motorbikes, patrols have been unable to find anyone. Vehicle stolen from Wigeon Road and damage to a vehicle in Avocet Way. There have been fewer reports of any issues around the village. He has been looking at parking in Cormorant Road.

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

1. **Speeding and Speed Watch** – Agreed to take off the Agenda. *Action: Clerk*
2. **Drains, School Lane – County Cllr. M. Whiting** – Bring back to next meeting. *Action: Clerk*
3. **Parish Councillor Vacancies** – Positions advertised, closing date 23 October. Agreed to arrange a separate meeting to meet applicants. *Action: Clerk*
4. **HIP Committee First Meeting** – Held a meeting to discuss whether to form a Committee; agreed to put on hold for the time being because the whole of The Meads is now a 20-mph zone and it might be worth looking at this for Iwade. The Meads obtained this by petitioning the Cabinet Member for

Highways, KCC Cllr Mike Whiting. Members agreed to look at ways of raising a petition in Iwade. The other reason for putting on hold is because it was felt that costs of any schemes will be pushed on to the Parish Council by KCC. **Action: All Councillors/Clerk**

## 6. **Planning**

1. **19/504426/FULL:** Single storey rear extension and internal alterations: 10 Ringlet Grove Iwade Kent ME9 8XE – no objections.
2. **KCC/SW/0187/2019:** Section 73 application to vary condition 6 of planning permission SW/18/500195 (to allow for a revised phasing and restoration scheme) and seeking approval of details pursuant to conditions 33, 41 & 43 (relating to noise mitigation measures, drainage and habitat management and monitoring): Orchard Farm, School Lane, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8QH – no objections.
3. **19/504467/FULL:** 7 Turnstone Close Iwade Kent ME9 8TU: Conversion and extension of existing garage to garden room and single storey side extension to form new garage – agreed to object on the following grounds - The impact this will have on the adjacent property, it will be overbearing. It will directly abuts the boundary between the properties. Loss of light to the adjacent properties (windows are on the side of the building). Query whether meters shown on the applicants' details will actually sit on the adjacent properties land? Manhole cover shown on plans will be inside the proposed garage, will provision be made for this to be accessible in the event of blockages, etc?
4. **19/504650/FULL:** 42 Ferry Road Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8RH: Conversion of existing garage to an annexe with a single storey extension – no objections.
5. **19/504687/LDCEX:** Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) for material start to development in breach of planning conditions: Plot 3 G-Park Barge Way Sittingbourne Kent ME10 2TD – agreed to respond as follows - The Parish Council objects on the grounds that this sets a precedent and will give the impression that others can go down this route. The Parish Council is not pleased to see yet another development in breach of planning. It is disappointing to see that this has not been picked up by Planning Officers until several years have passed, especially as it abuts the SSSI site.
6. **KCC/SW/0210/2019:** Amendments to surface water and process water arrangements at Ridham Dock Biomass Facility, Iwade, Kent to enable discharge to the River Swale: Mvv Environment Ridham, Lord Nelson Road, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Kent ME9 8FQ – agreed to respond - Councillors note that this company has had its environmental permit taken away because of contaminated water. Members object to this application until such time as confirmation is given that an independent company is monitoring the water to ensure it is not contaminated, evidence of this is produced to the relevant authorities and the necessary strategies are put in place so that in future contaminated water from the plant is not fed into the Swale, which is an important SSSI/Ramsar area.
7. **KCC/SW/0220/2019:** Construction of a footbridge to provide safe staff access from the Ridham Dock Biomass Facility to the SUDS pond: Ridham Dock Biomass Facility, Lord Nelson Road, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Kent ME9 8SR – no objection.

## 7. **Correspondence**

8. **Area Committee Online Survey** – responses agreed, Clerk to complete online survey. **Action: Clerk**

## 8. **Finance**

1. **Tree Lights PAT Testing** – Cllr. Dollimore to arrange. Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire; agreed estimated cost of £65. **Action Cllr. Dollimore**
2. **Conclusion of External Audit 2018/19** – Clerk advised that the Audit has been signed off with no issues raised. She posted the legally required notices on the Parish Council noticeboards and website prior to the 30 September.

3. **Internal Audit Report 2018/19** – Internal Audit Report prepared by Auditor David Buckett noted.
4. **Bank Mandate** – Agreed to add three more Councillor signatories. **Action: Clerk**
5. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 30 September August 2019:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Chq.</b>	<b>Details</b>		<b>Amount</b>
09.10.19	2139	Clerk's Expenses	Tele, Office Use – September	£18.66p
09.10.19	2140	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due for September	£302.77p
09.10.19	2141	Steve Wakeling	Handyman duties September	£203.00p
09.10.19	2142	Iwade Village Hall	Hall Hire July and September	£43.50p
09.10.19	2143	Pamela Horner	S.137 Donation to Iwade PPG	£100.00p
09.10.19	2144	Iwade Village Hall	Replacement Shed for one damaged by IPC	£299.00p
<b>Six cheques in total</b>				

Other outgoings:

Staff Wages - September	£1219.54p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting – September	£t.b.c.	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle: Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – September	£34.27p	Paid by Direct Debit

**9. Projects/Project Updates**

1. Festive Lights – Agreed event to take place on 1 December, lights switched on at 5.30 p.m. and the road closed from 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Clerk to ask 'Iwade Can Sing' Choir if they will join in. Agreed to spend £150 on Cadbury Selection Boxes (Cllr. Lancashire to action) for children meeting Father Christmas. S.E. 4x4 to be asked to man the barriers and Cllr. Dollimore to investigate obtaining a Snow Machine. **Action: Cllrs. Dollimore/Lancashire/Clerk**
2. Community Flood Plan – Next meeting 4 November to discuss whether it is worth getting multi-agencies involved. Take off the Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

**10. Reports from Representatives**

1. Hall – Nothing to report.
2. KALC – nothing to report

**11. Any Other Matters Arising**

1. The wooden fencing near to the front of Woodpecker Park play area is broken; Clerk to report. **Action: Clerk**
2. Clerk to order a Wreath for Remembrance Sunday from Royal British Legion – put on the November Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

**12. Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 13 November 2019, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.**