

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 14 October 2020

MEETING HELD VIA 'ZOOM' DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. S. Cheeseman – Chair	Cllr. B. Smith
	Cllr. S. Lancashire	Cllr. R. Clark
	Cllr. R. Langham	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
	Cllr. B. Whiting	County Cllr. M. Whiting
	Cllr. P. Hyde	

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the Zoom video conferencing meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllrs. Dollimore and De Fede, Borough Cllr. Woodford, the PCSO (who could not attend due to Kent Police not supporting the use of Zoom because of security) and Community Warden.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - None

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. B. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16 September 2020 were agreed and will be signed by the Chair as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

Residents, County and Borough Councillors, PCSOs and Community Wardens were advised that they could attend as normal but public speaking time might be limited; they were also invited to forward reports/questions to the Clerk beforehand.

1. Visitors – No visitors or questions raised.

2. County and Borough Councillors – County Cllr. Whiting advised - the issues relating to activities at Raspberry Hill Farm in Iwade continue still ongoing. He urged residents to forward any photographs to him. KCC have launched their budget consultation. Covid has had a massive affect on KCC finances; there is a need to save 50 million pounds. Had further complaints about yellow lines in Cormorant Drive. Some lines are proposed that residents are not happy with; there will be a formal consultation and members of the public will have the opportunity to respond to it. Cllr. B. Whiting asked who would police the lines, County Cllr. Whiting advised this would be down to Swale Borough Council as it is on-street parking.

3. Community Warden/PCSO – Community Warden – no report

The PCSO written report – Crimes of note: Vehicle stolen after breaking down near the fishing lakes and left overnight. Crime report submitted. The rear numberplate was taken from a vehicle parked in School Lane overnight. A crime report has been submitted. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: There was a total of 8 calls (3 for the same incident) for anti-social behaviour over the past month, all of which were attended by patrols. The vast majority of these were for noise issues around the bus shelter. Efforts are ongoing to bring this number further down. Report of youths going into scrubland opposite the medical centre on several occasions, and suspected drug activity there. I have visited the area often, but have found no evidence of drug taking, and I have yet to find anyone there myself. I will keep an eye on this area. Reports of youths camping in the woodland near Meadow

Brown View on the new estate. Patrols attended and did find a group nearby, but they had walked off before they could be spoken to. There was a small campfire, which was put out. No further reports in the past few weeks. Nuisance vehicles have been reported drifting round the roundabout near the Sheppey Bridge. This is being monitored, to try to prevent this becoming a regular occurrence once again. A large amount of fly-tipping was reported on Raspberry Hill Lane. Highways were alerted and eventually cleared the rubbish after closing the road.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Highway Improvement Plans (HIPs)** – Clerk is still awaiting a response from the Officer invited to attend a meeting; Clerk to chase. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Ponds and Hedgerows** – Cllr Langham still carrying out the survey; Clerk to bring back to next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Langham/ Clerk**
3. **School Entrance and Assisting the School** – Community Warden advised that signs are sited on both sides of the gateway entrance. Clerk has written to the School offering assistance during the Covid Pandemic but has not had a response.
4. **Parking in The Street** – Cllr. Hyde advised there are still issues with parking on the pavement in The Street. Clerk advised that the PCSO had delivered a leaflet to each house from Kent Police regarding parking on pavements. It was agreed that this issue exists in other areas of the village and that a solution needs to be found, as footpaths are for pedestrians, not vehicles. Starting with The Street, Members will take photographs of any parked vehicles in this area. They also instructed the Clerk to post a notice on the Village Facebook page asking for photographs of vehicles (no number plates) parked on the footpath in The Street, the date and time logged to be forwarded to the Council; to add that this survey is being done for safety reasons. **Action: All Councillors/Clerk**
5. **Parish Councillor Vacancies** – Take off the Agenda until after Covid. **Action: Clerk**

6. Planning

1. **20/504351/FULL:** Conversion of existing single garage to study/playroom: 65 School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8SD – no objection as long as this does make any difference to parking around the area, and that no static caravan is parked on the driveway.

7. Correspondence

1. **Installation of Telecommunications Equipment at BT Pole NDSIT-3357-00, off Footway at Grovehurst Road and School Lane Iwade** – No comments.

8. Finance

1. **Internal Audit Report 2019/20** – noted and adopted.
2. **Parking at the Top of School Lane** – Place on next Agenda. **Action: Cllr. De Fede/Clerk**
3. **Salary Increase** – Proposed by Cllr. Clark and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire: all agreed Clerk to progress to Point 23 on the Salary Scale with effect from the 1 November 2020. Also noted and accepted cost of living rise, backdated to 1 April 2020.
4. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, Members noted the budget figures, agreed the accounts to the 30 September 2020 and the following cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
14.10.20	2221	L. Fisher	Expenses: August – Telephone, office use 1st and 2nd Stamps	£35.36p
14.10.20	2222	H.M. Revenue and Customs	Tax August	£305.97p

14.10.20	2223	Steve Wakeling	Handyman duties September	£168.00p
Three cheques in total				

Other outgoings during month:

Staff Wages: September	£1214.34p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting	£72.37p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle: Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin	£34.27p	Paid by Direct Debit
Invicta IT Solutions: 12 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes	£54.72p	Paid by Standing Order

Paid In:

Swale B.C. 2nd Instalment Precept 2020/21	£25739.00p	Paid by BACs
Swale B.C. 2nd Instalment Lighting Grant 2020/21	£550.00p	Paid by BACs

9. Projects – Updates on Current and New

1. Hornbeam Trees Woodpecker Park – Proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire: all agreed to purchase 8 trees, stakes, ties and compost at a cost of £1100, excluding VAT (recoverable) for planting either side of the footpath leading up to the Cairn in Woodpecker Park. **Action: Clerk**
2. Christmas Lights – Noted that due to Covid lighting engineers will not be able to switch on the lights as they have done in past years, nor will the annual Switch on Event be taking place. Members therefore agreed that all festive lighting will be switched on, on the 29 November. **Action: Clerk**

10. Reports from Representatives

1. Hall – still closed, only Tinkerbells Nursery using it and are cleaning in line with Covid regulations. To open the hall up to numerous users would incur a huge cost as it would have to be deep cleaned after every use. Mrs. Preston has stepped down as Chair, this post being taken up by Matt Gale.
2. KALC – nothing to report

11. Any Other Matters Arising

12. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 11 November 2020, commencing at 7.30 pm, due to Covid-19 restrictions venue to be advised.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.