

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 14th December, 2016

Present:

Cllr. M. Gale – Chair	Cllr. P. Horner
Cllr. S Cheeseman	Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. S. Plumb	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Cllr. P. Hyde	3 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Parish Cllrs. Hunt, White, Hyde and Mitchell; Borough Cllrs. Dewar-Whalley and Stokes. Cllr. Clark sent an apology but it was not received prior to the meeting and thus could not be accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr Cheeseman, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th November 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr Plumb, the Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 29th November 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr Langham, the notes of the Confidential section of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 29th November 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – Two residents attended to raise the issue of the increase in their Management Company's fees – GEM – and wondered why they had to pay the fees and where the money went. The Chairman advised that Gordon Henderson, M.P. has been looking into Management Companies. Clerk to write to GEM, asking for a breakdown of fees under the Freedom of Information Act. **Action: Clerk**

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – Non in attendance.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Non in attendance.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Linkway and outside School Parking Issues** – Disappointingly still no news on the request for yellow lines on the corners of Linkway; Clerk to chase yet again! **Action: Clerk**

The KCC Highways Officer was seen measuring outside the School this week; hopefully it means the zig zag lines will eventually arrive.

2. **Junction top of School Lane** – The Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk met with a KCC Highways Officer to look at the junction. County won't make any changes apart from cutting more vegetation back to allow a better sight line of traffic coming down from the Matthew Homes Estate.

3. **School Lane Recreation Ground and Pavilion** – The Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk attended a meeting with a Solicitor to look at the Head of Terms for the possible Lease with Swale Borough

Council. As a result of this meeting, and looking at the financial implications and the legalities of the Parish Council leasing the Pavilion and grounds, Members agreed not to go ahead with this but instead to recommend to the Iwade Herons that they take on both. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Herons and Swale Borough Council to discuss the way to take this forward. **Action: Clerk**

6. Planning – No applications.

7. Correspondence

1. **Parish Councillor Vacancy** – Councillor James Rook has resigned; Clerk to advertise this vacancy after the Christmas period. **Action: Clerk**
2. **NALC Dependant Carers' Survey** – Noted.
3. **Consultation on Local Validation Checklist for planning applications (November 2016)** – Noted.
4. **KCC Volunteer Support Warden Scheme** – Clerk to seek existing Warden's views. **Action: Clerk**

8. Finance

1. **Grass Cutting Contract 2016/17** – Still awaiting clarification of exact costs; Clerk to keep on the Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Lamp Column Poppies** – Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr. Langham, agreed the S.137 donation of £120 to the Royal British Legion for the 30 Lamp Column Poppies.
3. **Iwade Observer** – Owing to the rising cost of producing the magazine due to the increase in properties in Iwade, Clerk to seek the views of the Observer Team on a possible electronic version for websites and having paper copies placed in strategic places throughout the village. **Action: Clerk**
4. **KALC Communications and Media Conference January 2017** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Plumb; Agreed Clerk and Cllr. Langham to attend at a cost of £72 each; Clerk's other two Parish Councils to reimburse one third of the fee each. **Action: Cllr. Langham/Clerk**
5. **Extra Planter** – Agreed Clerk to obtain a quote for an extra planter (which The Mews Brewhouse would like to sponsor) on the corner of School Lane. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Quotation for Village Entrance Gates** – Clerk to go back to Tenderers and request they resubmit quotations for tantalised wood (10-year rot guarantee) in a natural stain finish. **Action: Clerk**
7. **Donation EMU (for assisting with Xmas Tree Lighting Ceremony)** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Horner; agreed the S.137 donation of £100. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Hire of Signs** – waiting for costs/invoice. **Action: Clerk**
9. **Porchlight Homeless Charity** – Proposed by Cllr. Cheeseman and seconded by Cllr. Plumb agreed the S.137 donation of £50. **Action: Clerk**
10. **Kent Community Rail Partnership - SwaleRail Line** – Noted.
11. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Clark and seconded by Cllr. White; agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 31st October, 2016.

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
14.12.16	1893	Clerk's Expenses	Telephone; use of Home as office, 12 x 1st and 12 x 2nd Class Stamps, Prize for Christmas Lights Competition - November	£44.50p
14.12.16	1894	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due December	£141.46p
14.12.16	1895	Cancelled	Cancelled	-
14.12.16	1896	Kingswood Christmas Trees	20ft Christmas Tree	£299.00p

14.12.16	1897	Pope & Co Solicitors	Consultation 14 th November	£80.00p
14.12.16	1898	Steve Wakeling	Handyman Fee & Materials Nov	£205.03p
14.12.16	1899	EMUS	Supplying Wardens/First Aid for Lighting Event	£100.00p
14.12.16	1900	RBL Poppy Appeal	S.137 Donation for 30 Lamp Column Poppies	£120.00p
14.12.16	1901	Porchlight	S.137 Donation	£50.00p
Six cheques in total				

Plus:

Clerk's Wages	November 2016	£777.06p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon:	Energy Supply, Street Lighting – Nov.	£47.16p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle	Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – Nov	£51.42p	Paid by Direct Debit

9. Project Updates

1. Twinning with Mannheim – this was discussed at the recent opening of the German Biomass Converter Plant at Ridham; the CEO is going to have a word with the relevant authorities to see if twinning with Iwade will work. If an update is received the Chair will bring this back to the next meeting.
Action: Cllr. Gale/Clerk

10. Reports from Representatives

The Barn – the new toilet has arrived!

Hall – Future events – a couple of race nights; quizzes, the Christmas Grotto on the 24th December; 60th Anniversary of the Hall event in the summer involving BBQ in the garden and stalls.

KALC – Nothing to report.

11. Any Other Matters Arising

Not very happy with the village Christmas Tree this year; perhaps next year could look to stringing lights on lamp columns from 'Telly Tubby Hill' to Ferry Road (near Sanderling).

12. Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th January, 2017, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.