

## **IWADE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday 8 November 2017**

**Present:** Cllr. J. Hunt – Vice-Chair  
Cllr. S. Plumb  
Cllr. P. Horner  
Lynda Fisher, Clerk  
County Cllr. M. Whiting  
Borough Cllr. B. Stokes  
6 Parishioners

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Clark, Dollimore, Langham, Cheeseman, Hyde, Gale and Mitchell and the Community Warden.

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

Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School. Cllr. Hunt declared an interest in Item 6 and Cllr. Horner declared an interest in Item 5.4.

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

Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Horner, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11 October 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

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

1. **Visitors** – A visitor queried the condition of the new pathways in Woodpecker Park; the Vice-Chair will look into this. Another resident mentioned people not picking up after their dogs; there were no bins in the Persimmon site; the Vice-Chair advised that hopefully one will be installed in due course.

**Action: Cllr. Hunt**

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting reported:

Meadowfield School – has written supporting the expansion plans.

Junction 5 – KCC oppose Option 12a; Highways Agency acknowledge the opposition to this at all levels locally and will be reviewing their plans and publishing their preferred option for further consultation in January/February next year.

Coastal Defences – The Environment Agency has produced its preferred ‘Medway Estuary and Swale Flood Risk and Coastal Risk Management Strategy’ to manage our shoreline for the next 100 years. In general the strategy suggests ‘holding the line’ by raising the sea defences in line with projected sea-level rises, however, they plan to allow flooding to take place along the Raspberry Hill Lane stretch near Funton, where the road lies close to the coast. The Agency has public exhibitions at Eastchurch Village Hall, Sheppey, on 30<sup>th</sup> November from 3.00 to 7.00 p.m., and Riverside Country Park, Gillingham on 6 December again the same times.

Motorbikes, Sheppey Way, North of Iwade – following a complaint by a resident, the Police will be carrying out regular monitoring and road checks in the area to identify culprits.

Iwade Medical Centre – There will be an open day on Tuesday 14 November from noon to 2.00 p.m., when the PPG and Medical Centre staff will be present.

Borough Cllr. Stokes has been dealing with ASB issues. He referred to damage to the build out adjacent to Iwade Garage; the drain hole has been fenced off by KCC.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – The Community Warden has not submitted a report this month.

The PCSO advised he patrolled through and around the village on numerous occasions and found nothing of note or concern. ASB has been low which is always good. Was not working on Halloween however, colleagues commented that the community of Iwade has the best atmosphere and community engagement. Not as many calls into the control room as there have been in recent years and that goes for the district as a whole. Everyone is aware of the recent damage caused by a vehicle outside the car garage yesterday morning, there has been a positive result and enquiries are ongoing.

## 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Iwade Medical Centre** – Public meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> November, 12.00 to 2.00 p.m. when residents can meet the staff, the PPG will be present.
2. **KFRS/KALC Fire Hydrant Initiative** – Take off Agenda. *Action: Clerk*
3. **Cycling Clubs** – Still awaiting a response. *Action: Clerk*
4. **Mansfield Drive/Waterway Stream** – Take off Agenda. *Action: Clerk*
5. **Parish Councillor Vacancy** – Clerk to re-advertise. *Action: Clerk*

## 6. Planning

1. **17/505082/FULL**: Demolition of existing building and erection of 8 no. detached and semi-detached houses, parking, garaging and access (revised scheme to that approved under planning permission 15/508514/FULL): Coleshall Farm Ferry Road Iwade Sittingbourne Kent – Agreed to respond that Members objected to the last submission for this site but it was approved. Technically this is a change to the layout so are unable to raise any comments on strong planning grounds, although the Parish Council note KCC Highways have concerns, which we support. We strongly request that the Planning Committee take into account the concerns raised in the letters of objection from neighbours. Also agreed that the Clerk ask Borough Cllr. Stokes to bring neighbours' objections to the attention of the Planning Committee. *Action: Clerk*

## 7. Correspondence

1. **DCLG Consultation - Disqualification Criteria for Councillors and Mayors** – Noted.
2. **KALC Community Awards Scheme 2018** – Place on next Agenda. *Action: Clerk*
3. **Proposed Changes to Meadowfield School, Swanstree Avenue Sittingbourne** – Agreed to write supporting the changes. *Action: Clerk*
4. **KCC Budget Strategy 2018/19 Consultation - Invitation to Join** – Noted.
5. **Swale Borough Council, Draft Statement of Community Involvement 2017** – Clerk delegated to respond that Members agree that all Parish Councils should be fully engaged in this process. *Action: Clerk*
6. **2018 Boundary Review of parliamentary constituencies - deadline 11 December** – Noted; there are no changes proposed for Sittingbourne and Sheppey.

## 8. Finance

1. **Cairn for WW1 Memorial** – Clerk advised a revised quote has now been received for £7300; County Cllr. Whiting has promised £1000; Swale Borough Council £1520; Borough Cllrs. Clark - £200, Stokes - £200 and Dewar-Whalley - £750, which leaves £3630 for the Parish Council to pay, which is below the sum agreed at the October meeting. ARC instructed to begin work on the Cairn.
2. **Grass cutting contract** – Cllr. Hunt and the Clerk will be meeting with KCC and Swale Borough Council Officers tomorrow to look at two areas that that were not maintained under the previous contract. *Action: Cllr. Hunt/Clerk*

3. **Iwade Observer** – Clerk advised to print an extra 100 copies per month will cost £26 per edition. Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Horner; agreed to increase to 200 copies at a monthly cost of £52. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Shredding Quotes** – Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Horner; agreed to go with the firm Data Shred, at a cost of £69.50p for on-site shredding.
5. **Planter – Sanderling Way** – Clerk to check with KCC to see if they will permit installing a planter on the triangular piece of land at the junction of The Street/Sanderling Way and if agreeable to look to putting this item in next year’s budget. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr. Plumb; agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 31 October 2017:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Chq.</b>	<b>Details</b>		<b>Amount</b>
08.11.17	1976	Clerk’s Expenses	Telephone, Use of Office, Remembrance Day Flag, Cllr. Leaving Gift, Car Parking Fee – October	£42.42p
08.11.17	1977	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due November	£139.16p
08.11.17	1978	Steve Wakeling	Work carried out in October	£316.58p
08.11.17	1979	Swale Borough Council	TRO Fee for School Lane/Linkway/Springvale	£3000.00p
08.11.17	1980	Invicta Security Ltd	Alarm System, The Barn (Broadband Grant)	£1773.80p
08.11.17	1981	Russ Hodges	35% deposit Computer Desk, The Barn (Broadband Grant)	£1190.00p
08.11.17	1982	Russ Hodges	Balance Computer Desk, The Barn (Broadband Grant)	£2210.00p
08.11.17	1983	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit 2016/17	£360.00p
<b>Eight cheques in total</b>				

**Plus:**

Clerk’s Wages - November 2017	£789.73p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting – Oct	£53.29p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle: Hire of 110 Litre bin – Oct	£34.27p	Paid by Direct Debit

**9. Projects/Project Updates**

Tree Lighting up Ceremony – Tree now received; Clerk awaiting Road Closure notice from Swale Borough Council; she is seeking volunteers to operate the barriers and to assist with connecting the tree. It was agreed to purchase 6 Hi Viz Jackets, at a possible cost of up to £35. **Action: Clerk**

The Barn – the floor will be laid tomorrow.

**10. Reports from Representatives** – None.

**11. Any Other Matters Arising** – None

**12. Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 13 December 2017, commencing at 7.30 pm in **The Barn**.

**The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.**