

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13 January 2021

MEETING HELD VIA 'ZOOM' DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

Present: Cllr. S. Cheeseman – Chair
Cllr. A. Dollimore – Vice-Chair
Cllr. S. Lancashire
Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. B. Whiting
Cllr. R. Clark
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
County Cllr. M. Whiting

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - None

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9 December 2020 were agreed and will be signed by the Chair as a true transcript.

Clerk advised there was an error in the Minutes of the 14 October 2020, Item 2, County Cllr. Whiting referred to Cormorant Drive in his report, this was incorrect it is Cormorant Road.

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 residents attended.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** - Cllr. Whiting expressed concern that Sittingbourne is not included in the 1,000 vaccination centres named by Government. He suggested looking at <https://www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/your-health/coronavirus/covid19vaccine> which is updated daily and best explains how NHS will roll the vaccines out in the weeks ahead. Mass testing is now available to all residents in Swale, a new test centre opens this week in Kemsley. He urged everyone to get tested. The Consultation regarding improvements to Key Street junction and Grovehurst junction runs until 26 January 2021. The Consultation Booklet, is downloadable from the consultation website via the following link: www.kent.gov.uk/A249swalejunctionimprovements. KCC welcomes input and any comments regarding the proposals, these can be provided via the 'Have Your Say' section within the Virtual Consultation Hall. If you have any questions for the project team or require any of the consultation material printed, please email them at A249swalejunctionimprovements@kent.gov.uk or leave a message on 03000 42 14 37. He met with Kent Police, Swale Council, KCC and the Environment Agency just before Christmas to discuss the ongoing works at Raspberry Hill. Various actions have been taken in the past weeks will continue and any reports or photos sent to him by residents are passed onto the relevant authorities.

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

The PCSO written report – Crimes of note: Two drones were stolen from the area of Orchard Farm, School Lane. A crime report is being investigated. A digger and some power tools were stolen from a company near Ridham Dock. This is currently being investigated. A group of young people attempted to steal some Christmas decorations from a property near Bittern Road. Patrols attended, but the group had disappeared. Nothing was taken, but a crime report was submitted. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: More issues around Ridham Dock, Kemsley, with nuisance vehicles speeding and drifting. Patrols have attended on numerous occasions and moved vehicles on. There was a call for nuisance youths in the village over the Christmas period, when a small group were trying to cause trouble near the shops. A patrol attended, but the group had dispersed. A group of around ten young people were spotted in the village, against Covid rules. A patrol attended and broke up the group, issuing words of advice.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Parking in The Street and other areas within the Village** – Residents have planted up many of the new Planters in The Street; the Clerk has instructed the Handyman to plant the rest. Clerk has also instructed the Handyman to install bollards on the verges at the bottom of Woodpecker Drive, to stop vehicles driving onto the area and damaging the grass.

6. Planning

1. **19/501332/FULL:** Erection of 69 dwellings accessed from Grovehurst Road; public open and amenity space; together with associated landscaping and ecological enhancement works; drainage; utilities; and internal access roads, footpaths, cycleways, and parking: Land at Pond Farm Grovehurst Road Iwade Kent – agreed the Parish Council’s previously lodged objections still stand.
2. **20/505595/FULL:** Creation of earth bund: Land at Swaysdown Game Farm School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8QH – no objections.

7. Correspondence

1. **Kent County Council Safeguarding SPD and Statement of Community Involvement** – Cllr. Langham advised that having looked at the details, this does not affect us at this stage and would only affect minerals. The Parish Council is on the list of consultees.
2. **KALC Community Awards Scheme 2021** – Agreed to award to a single retailer within the village as KALC will only allow one nominee per year. **Action: Clerk**
3. **A249 Key Street and Grovehurst Road Junction Improvement - Public Consultation** – Agreed Members to respond individually and Clerk to collate comments and respond on behalf of the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Climate Adaptation Survey for Kent and Medway** - Agreed Members to send comments to Clerk for collating and then sending a response. **Action: All Councillors/Clerk**

8. Finance

1. **Precept and Projects 2021/22** – Proposed by Cllr Lancashire and seconded by Cllr Whiting; agreed a budget of £59,497.00 and agreed no increase in the 2021/2022 Precept, the additional council tax for band D properties being £35.43p. Projects suggested for the new year to include Trees, bulbs, snow machine and raising the height of the Cone Christmas tree. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Repair to Village Hall Car Park** on Agenda in error, discussed at December meeting.
3. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Langham, Members noted the budget figures, agreed the accounts to the 31 December 2020 and the following payments were agreed. Cllrs Lancashire and Whiting to log in and authorize payments. **Action: Cllrs. Lancashire and Whiting**

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payable to	Reason	Amount
17.12.20	BACs	B&K Masters	13 Planters and Topsoil	£4000.00p
21.12.20	BACS	AJGIBL	Extra Insurance Premium	£51.30p
13.01.21	BACs	L. Fisher	Expenses: December – Telephone, office use	£23.00p
13.01.21	BACs	H.M. Revenue and Customs	Tax November	£352.34p
13.01.21	BACs	R. Langham	Telephone Expenses re Planning Committee Meeting	£13.44p
01.01.21	SO	Staff Salary	December	£1324.52p
01.01.21	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	12 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes	£54.72p
01.01.21	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee	£29.99p
23.01.21	DD	Eon	Electricity Supply, monthly	t.b.a.
31.01.21	DD	Countrystyle	Supply of Waste Wheelie Bin (to be formally notified)	£34.27p.
Ten payments in total				

9. Projects – Updates on Current and New

1. 2021/22 Projects – see Item 8.1 above.
2. Hornbeam Trees have arrived at the nursery, Clerk trying to sort out a planting date. **Action: Clerk**

10. Village Hall – No further updates.

11. Reports from Representatives

1. Hall – Cllr. Langham advised at the moment only the Nursery is using the hall.
2. KALC – Cllr. Clark advised KALC has issued details of training courses for Clerks and Councillors.
3. Swale Western Area Committee - Nothing to report.

12. Any Other Matters Arising – None.

13. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 10 February 2021, commencing at 7.30 pm, due to Covid-19 restrictions venue to be advised.

The meeting closed at 8.38 p.m.