

**Iwade Parish Council**

**Monthly Parish Council Meeting**

**Held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Chairman Peter Wilks  
Mrs Sarah George, Parish Clerk  
Cllr John White  
Cllr Derek White PCSO Lyndsey Woods  
Cllr Brian Groves  
Cllr Lisa Older  
Cllr Sue McGoldrick

**Apologies**

Cllr Malcolm Hutchings  
Cllr Phil Hyde  
Vice Chairman Phil Fearn  
County Council Brenda Simpson  
County Councillor Roger Truelove  
Borough Cllr Ben Stokes  
Gerry Cox Community Warden

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007 were signed by the Chairman Peter Wilks. These were proposed by Cllr Brian Groves and seconded by Cllr Derek White, all members were in agreement.

**Matters arising from the minutes**

**3.1 Additional Letter Boxes in the Village**

Clerk contacted KCC and no response to date

**Parish Clerk to action**

**3.2 Traffic Gate Entrance by Medical Centre**

Clerk chased KCC about replacement gate – no response to date

**Parish Clerk to action**

**3.3 Land Registry Requests**

Paperwork sent to Land Registry waiting for reply.

**Parish Clerk to action**

### **3.4 Planning Committee Meeting regarding section 106 land north of church**

Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007 by the Parish Council Planning Committee. Meeting very productive. Cllr Phil Fearn had distributed a copy of minutes to all Councillors for consideration.

### **3.5 Barn Refurbishment**

The Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman met with a contractor at the site. The conclusion of the meeting was that the contractor was unable to give a satisfactory estimate on costing, until after Ward Homes made the Barn weatherproof and sound. It was agreed that this project would be put on hold until such time as Ward Homes complete the barn and the Parish Council were able to obtain accurate estimates. The current estimated costs are in the region of £20,000 to £25,000.

## **4 Planning**

The following members declared an interest: Cllr Brian Groves, Cllr Lisa Older and the Parish Clerk Mrs Sarah

Chairman advised the meeting that the Local Plan Review Inspectors Report is available on the Swale Borough Council website. The Chairman gave members a copy of pages 48-59 of Chapter 5, Area Action Plan Iwade

It advised the public that the presence of great crested newts had caused the Borough Council to reconsider two of its current housing allocation. Firstly the parcel of land to the north of the church and the allocation to the east of Woodpecker Drive, comprising part of an old orchard which also has nature conservation and biodiversity interest, especially with regard to great crested newts. The inspector considered that the most responsible and appropriate course of action is to safeguard the old Orchard from development, along with an appropriate area around it.

The development North of the Church is to go ahead.

## **5. Business of the Council**

### **5.1 Speed Watch in the Village**

Community Police Officer Lindsay Woods advise the Parish Council that she had spoken to Warren Jarvis who deals with criminal damage, speeding vehicles, off road bikes etc and he was looking to set up projects around Kent but need the community to be involved.

It requires a minimum of 6 volunteers to assist and a fund of £2,000, then the community is set up with tripods which read vehicle number plates etc, the computer then reads the speed. The aim of this project is to have more number plates and camera pictures of these offenders.

Warren Jarvis will come to the January 2008 Parish Council meeting to discuss this project in more detail.

**Parish Clerk to action**

**6. Correspondence/ Notices**

**7. Finance**

Sarah George	Clerk fee, stationary, phone/fax, postage, flowers	£706.00
Wicksteed Leisure	Wet pour repair and fixing of roundabout in School Lane playing field due to vandalism	£2,368.12
Graham Chambers	Handyman fees for November	£278.00
Peter Wilks	Chairman's Expenses	£20.00
Office Technical Solution	Photocopier	£17.47

Meeting Closed 9.10pm

**Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008**