

Iwade Parish Council

Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 10th February 2009 at 7.30pm

Present:

Chairman Phil Fearn
Vice Chairman Brian Groves
Cllr Derek White
Cllr Peter Wilks
Cllr David Manning
Cllr Janet Gregory
Cllr Phil Hyde
Borough Cllr Ben Stokes

Apologies

Cllr John White
Cllr Amanda Hurrell
County Councillor Roger Truelove

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 13th January 2009 were proposed by Cllr Peter Wilks and seconded by Cllr Brian Groves, as a true and accurate report. All members present were in agreement.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

3.1 Additional Letter Boxes in the Village

Cllr Ben Stokes reported that a new post box would be installed within the next 5 weeks at the top of School Lane at the junction of the new estate. Cllr Groves suggested that the letterbox outside the village Post Office should be increased in size to accommodate the volume of post. Cllr Stokes will investigate.

3.2 Hillread Development

The Chairman reported that he still had not received a reply to his letter

4 Visitors Time

4.1 Stream Update

Cllr Peter Wilks reported that the Environmental agency was now based in Stickfast Lane. He expressed his concern to them with regards flooding in the village in the light of the increased development. The EA agreed that they did not have all the facts when they wrote their letter saying that they had no objections to the new Hillread Development. Cllr Manning was also concerned that no one body was responsible for

the attenuation ponds. Cllr D.Manning also expressed his concern that the fence around the pond in the park needs repairing or replacing. The Chairman agreed to chase up this matter. Cllr Ben Stokes also noted that he was still chasing up for the ownership of the land at Woodpecker Drive.

4.2 Police Community Support Officer Update

No comments were submitted this month.

4.3 New Burial Ground

Cllr J.Gregory was concerned at last months minutes in which a section was added after the meeting where it was stated that the new burial ground in Iwade was to replace Sittingbourne and Sheppey cemeteries. The Chairman and Cllr P.Wilks explained that the Parish Council could not afford the development and upkeep of a cemetery and apologise for this addition to the minutes. It was agreed that any additions to the minutes should be noted as a prefix note after the meeting or added to the agenda for discussion at the following meeting. This was proposed by Cllr D. Manning and seconded by Cllr D. White.

5 Planning

SW/09/0019EE Detached dwelling and garage at King Fisher Close

The council objected to this application on the grounds of lack of amenity and use of open green space. The Chairman noted that he had also received a signed petition from people living in King Fisher Close objecting to this house being built.

SW/09/0021EE Change of use of land for storage of fencing & barriers at Raspberry Hill

No objections providing lorries are not permitted to enter site through village.

Cllr P.Wilks presented to the parish Council the Swale Borough Council Core Strategy document.

Cllr B. Groves and Cllr J.Gregory expressed their concerns at comments made at a recent School Parking / PACT meeting where it was said that the police could not uphold weight restrictions through the village. The Chairman said he would investigate with the police and Highways and report back

6. Business of the Council

6.1 Gas Main Supplies

The Chairman has received a letter from Scotia Gas with regards recent disruptions to supplies. The problems have been caused again by water in the gas pipes. They stated that Iwade has a back up supply pipe which they have discovered is not working. They say that anyone who has a gas supply problem should contact the emergency gas supply number given in your telephone book.

6.1.1 Graffiti and parking on grass verges

Cllr J.Gregory reported that if anyone finds any graffiti around the village or people parking on grass verges then they should telephone SBC Street Warden on 01795 417850

6.1.2 School parking

Cllr J.Gregory and Cllr Ben Stokes reported that County Cllr Roger Truelove will be setting up a sub committee to discuss traffic congestion around the school and shop area.

6.1.3 Allotments

A meeting was held at SBC which confirmed there was no money allocated for allotments. The Chairman confirmed that SBC was in discussions with the developers to provide allotments. Cllr J.Gregory said that the allotment committee was looking at other ways of funding

6.1.4 Lighting Grant

The Chairman and Cllr B.Groves attended a meeting at Bobbing Village Hall and that a further meeting will be arranged with the KCC to explain and discuss the lighting grant. Borden Parish Council is incurring all the costs of these meetings and has asked for a small contribution towards the costs. The council agreed to contribute.

7. Correspondence/ Notices

The Chairman has received a letter from Lamp Lighters thanking them for the PC contribution.

Cllr Ben Stokes announced that a new batch of roads have been adopted by SBC. A list is available on the web site.

The Chairman announced that a Broadband meeting will be arranged soon in the village hall. NOTE: Since the PC meeting the meeting has been arranged for 14th April 2009 at 7.00pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 8.00pm

8. Finance

In light of the current financial position the Chairman and Cllr D. White proposed to speak to the Parish Clerk when she is out of hospital, to discuss our finances for the next financial year.

Meeting Closed 10.15pm

Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th March 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall