

Iwade Parish Council

Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 13th January 2009 at 7.30pm

Present:

Chairman Phil Fearn
Vice Chairman Brian Groves
Cllr Derek White
Cllr Peter Wilks
Cllr David Manning
Cllr Amanda Hurrell
Cllr Janet Gregory
Cllr Phil Hyde
Mrs Sarah George, Parish Clerk

Apologies

Cllr John White
County Councillor Roger Truelove
County Councillor Brenda Simpson
Gordon Henderson
Borough Cllr Ben Stokes

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 9th December 2008 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

No further development to report. Clerk written to Royal Mail for update have has not received a reply to date. Parish Council to see if Borough Councillor Ben Stokes can get proceeding moving

3.2 Traffic Gate Entrance by Medical Centre

No further development to report. Clerk to continue to chase KCC

3.3 Iwade Village Hall

Election of new officer and Chairperson have been appointed. Village Hall meetings are now on the first Wednesday of every month starting at 8pm

Farmers market has been arranged to raise funds for the village hall. First farmers market is 1st February 2009 from 10am to 2pm in the village hall. Has been over subscribe with 16 stalls offering all fresh produce.

3.4 Car parking in School Lane Recreation Ground

Iwade Herons have not updated Parish Council on current situation in regard to carparking in recreation ground. Clerk to chase for lead time.

3.5 Subsidiarity Grant

Clerk advised the Parish Council that the paperwork had gone to Laurence Young of Swale Borough Council for the Church Project and the village stream investigation. Subsidiarity funds should be received shortly.

3.6 Burial Ground

The Swale Borough Council Executive considered the report of the Regeneration Director and the above Executive Member, which set out proposals for a new cemetery site to replace those in Sittingbourne and the Isle of Sheppey, both of which were close to capacity.

Councillor Lewin advised that a decision would be made in principle with the caveat that any financial implications would be considered as part of the 2009-10 budget proposals, to be considered at the Executive meeting on 11th February 2009. He thanked the Burial Working Group for their hard work.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) That the Section 106 land at Iwade described in the report be transferred to the ownership of Swale Borough Council with the aim of using it as a cemetery to replace the present cemeteries at Sittingbourne and Sheppey which were close to capacity.

(2) That £100,000 be retained in the capital budget to carry out the necessary work to create the burial ground subject to approval as part of the budget proposals to be considered at the next Executive meeting on 11th February 2009.

3.7 Incinerator at Ridham Dock

Clerk advised Parish Council that she had written to Morrisons Supermarkets who confirmed they were aware of the applications for the incinerators and intend to monitor them accordingly.

4 Visitors Time

4.1 Community Warden Update

Open morning has been arranged for 21st January for Shortlisted Recruits which will take place at the lecture Theatre, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone. The event will commence at 9am. Marilyn Howells, Head of Operations – Community Wardens of Kent County Council. Kent County Council have invited the Paris Council

to attend this open morning so the Parish Council would have an opportunity to meet some of the candidates and also hear presentations on the role of a warden.

Interview will take place during the first week of February and successful candidates will start a training module on 23rd march 2009.

4.2 Police Community Support Officer Update

The next PACT meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th January 2009 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. PSCO Woods reminded residents that there is a parking only meeting to be held before the PACT meeting at 6.30pm, this meeting is to discuss the parking complaints the police are constantly receiving and there will be a discussion of a zebra crossing at the school as well as the opportunity for all the residents and shop owner4s to put forward suggestions and ideas. PSCO Woods stated that if parking is an issue to residents they must attend this meeting as if they do not attend, the police will take the view that parking in Iwade is not really a high priority issue for Iwade. This parking meeting will allow the resident to say what they wish to happen to this one off community meeting.

PSCO Woods is also arranging her diary for 2009 of one off events or regular events. If residents have something that they would like her to be aware of or like her to attend... talks/events/extra body, then she needs to be contacted so she can make arrangements to be present.

4 Planning

SW/08/1140 RDM Case 22058 Two posts and gate on driveway at 2 Woodpecker Drive, Iwade

This planning application has gone to Swale Borough Council planning committee and has been refused by the Borough Council

Notice of Appeal, E H Nicholls Holding Ltd App/v2233/x/08/2076431 and Appl/V2255/x/08/2077462. Lawful Development Certificate for road contractor's depot and storage.

Bobbing Parish Council is objecting to this lawful development Certificate. Iwade Parish Council also agreed to object to this lawful development certificate as concerns were raised if the haulage depot was established it would be detrimental to the village. Cllr Brian Groves advised the Parish Council that Hillreed Homes needed to be made aware due to the new development would also be affected by this proposal.

Chair Phil Fearn to action

Planning Application SW/08/1127JRW, Hillreed Homes 327 Dwellings at Colehsall Farm, Iwade

Hillreed Homes has written to the Parish council asking the Council to sign a formal letter acknowledging that they do not own the recreation ground at the end of school lane and that it is leased from the owner.

The Clerk produced the Lease and members noted the details. That village had the use of the land for a peppercorn rent and that; the field was to be used only as a cricket and football field, and recreation ground, and for athletic sports or playing other games, and for general village use. Members expressed the view that they hoped that the field would continue to have a mixed use in the future.

Members instructed the Clerk to write to Hillreed Homes and confirm that the Parish council has leased the field from the Landlord since 1st October 1980. Also to confirm that representatives of The Council have discussed with Hillreed Homes the proposed layout of this facility.

5. Business of the Council

5.1 Completion of the Annual Audit for 2007/08

Parish Clerk advised the meeting that the Audit Commission had agreed the accounts for 2007/08 and sent the certified annual return for the financial year ending on 31st March 2008

5.2 KALC

Chairman Phil Fearn advised the Council that the next KALC meeting was 2nd March 2009

6. Correspondence/ Notices

7. Finance

Sarah George	Clerk fee, phone/ fax, stationary for December	£698.18
Office Technical Solutions	Photocopier	79.51
Graham Chambers	Handyman fees for December	£160.00
Phil Fearn	Chairman's Expenses for December (inc dictation machine)	£44.49

Under the Local Government Act 1972, (Sch 2) the signing of the cheques were proposed by Cllr Derek White and seconded by Cllr Amanda Hurrell. All Councillors present were in agreement.

Meeting Closed 9.25pm

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