

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 12th January, 2011

Present: Cllr. P. Hyde Clerk, Lynda Fisher
Cllr. J. Hunt Cllr. M. Whiting
Cllr. J. White Community Warden
Cllr. J. Gregory 2 Parishioners
Cllr. A. Hurrell
CllrA. Menzies

The Parish Council was shocked at the sudden death of its Chairman, Councillor David Manning, at the beginning of January. David had been a politician for many years and was an Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Swale. He joined the Parish Council in May 2008, and was Chairman from May 2009 to date. He was passionate about Iwade (a true 'Iwadian') and fought alongside other Parish Councillors to improve amenities within the Village. He was keen on sports facilities and one of his wishes was to see a cricket pitch within Iwade, particularly for young budding cricketers. He had recently become part of the team running and organising the Iwade Farmers Market and had thrown himself wholeheartedly into the enterprise. His Local Government expertise and enthusiasm will be sorely missed by his colleagues on the Parish Council. Our hearts go out to his wife and Sons.

As the Parish Council is without a Chairman, Councillor Gregory agreed to take the chair for this meeting and proposed a few minutes silence to reflect on our lost colleague and friend.

Cllr. Gregory then opened the meeting declaring that in view of the Chairman's death it will be kept brief and only important points will be dealt with.

1. **Apologies** - received from Parish Cllr. Plumb and Cllrs. Stokes and Willicombe
2. **Declarations of Interest** - None.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** - Agreed by Members and signed as a true transcript.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Countrystyle – Clerk to circulate copy of responses to all Members and to forward the company's contact details to the Iwade Website. *Action: Clerk*

5. **Visitors/Public Time**

Parishioners – The Chairman read out an e-mail from the Hall Committee (Chairman of which was present at this meeting) requesting that representatives of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee meet to discuss the possibility of a new hall. Agreed the Cllrs. Hunt, Hurrell and Clerk attend. *Action: Cllrs. Hunt, Hurrell and Clerk*

County Councillor and Borough Councillors – Cllr. Whiting – expressed his sadness at the death of the Chairman. He was pleased that the land for the allotments was agreed by Swale Borough Council.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – Warden’s report was circulated and noted by Members. He added that the Warden Scheme has been funded for further two years. PCSO – did not attend.

6. Finance

Precept 2011/12 – Clerk advised that she will be submitting the Precept forms to Swale B.C. and as agreed at the last meeting; there will be no increase in the Precept this year.

Budget 2010-2011 – Clerk advised that following information received from Swale Borough Council regarding Elections, she will increase the amount for the purpose in the budget to £2,000.

Bus Shelter – Cllr. Hunt has obtained two quotes from Haymac; one for softwood the other hardwood. Cllr. Whiting suggested there might be some funding available from KCC. Clerk to contact Highways to ascertain whether permission is needed to replace the existing shelter; particularly if the existing base needs to be altered and whether there are any services under it. This item to be placed on the next agenda. *Action: Clerk*

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Date	Cheque	Details	Amount
12.01.11	1376	M. Gordine	£25.00p
12.01.11	1377	C. Abela	£25.00p
12.01.11	1378	Iwade Village Hall	£168.00p
12.01.11	1379	Stiddard Maidstone Ltd	£23.70p
12.01.11	1380	Inland Revenue	£116.64p
12.01.11	1381	Wages	£414.52p
12.01.11	1382	Clerk Expenses (18 months)	£389.76p
12.01.11	1383	Kent County Council (KCS)	£99.65p
12.01.11	1384	Audit Commission	£334.88p
12.01.11	1385	Iwade Village Hall – P.C. Hire	£269.50p
12.01.11	1386	Steve Wakeling	£190.00p
Eleven cheques in total			

7. **Resignation – Cllr. Peter Wilks** - this vacancy has been advertised.

8. **Correspondence** – deferred till next meeting

9. **Planning**

SW/08/1127 Land adjacent to Coleshall Farm, Sheppey Way, School Lane, Iwade, ME9 8QY – Clerk advised that she had only just received details of the report for Swale’s Planning on 6th January. Cllr. Stokes attended and the part relating to the Playing Field has been deferred.

10. **Next Meeting**

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 9th February 2011, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.