

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 13th October, 2009

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. D. Manning (Chairman)	Clerk
	Cllr. P. Fearn	Community Warden, Julia Warner
	Cllr. P. Wilks	1 Parishioner
	Cllr. P. Robb	Cllr. Mike Whiting
	Cllr. J. Gregory	
	Cllr. J. White	
	Cllr. A. Hurrell	

1. **Apologies**

Received from Councillors. D. White (due to illness) and Hyde.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None

3. **Minutes of the previous Meetings**

Agreed by Members and signed by the Chairman as a true transcript.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Village Hall Roof – No further information received from the Committee.

5. **Visitors/Public Time**

Parishioners – No comments put forth.

Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes – was not able to attend due to a prior commitment.

County Councillors – Cllr. Willicombe sent his apologies. Cllr. Whiting informed that K.C.C. will be moving the zigzag lines outside the school. He referred to K.C.C. funds available for projects within the village. The village hall car park needs resurfacing and this might be eligible for a grant; the Parish Council is interested in obtaining a Parish Map for the village. Cllr. Gregory to contact the Hall Committee with reference to the car park; Clerk to contact Bill Ronan at K.C.C. to determine funds available and how to apply for a grant.

Action: Cllr. Gregory/Clerk

The issue of car parking at Budgens was raised and the knock-on affect of cars parking in School Lane near to the junction with the High Street, resulting in traffic flow problems. The lack of parking restrictions means that no action can be taken to prevent this. Cllr. Whiting suggested seeing if double yellow lines can be located in this and other problem areas in the village (parking around Sheerstone green was raised). He also mentioned that he has not heard any news on when the School Lane/Ferry Road junction changes will take place.

Community Warden – appraised the Council of work she had carried out in the village to date. She too is aware of the parking problems in the village centre area and confirmed that because there are no restrictions (double yellow lines) action cannot be taken.

PCSO – the new PCSO, Melanie Platt, was unable to attend and sent her apologies.

6. Finance

Green Waste Bin – The Clerk reported that she is trying to find a cheaper alternative to Country Style’s quote and will report back in due course.

Action Clerk

Laptop – Agreed the sum of up to £600 to purchase a laptop, software and hardware for the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk

Community Project Funding – Clerk received further details from Councillor Stokes but it was not possible to prepare a submission for a grant this year and meet the deadline set by Swale Borough Council.

Repairs to Lamp Columns – Clerk has received a quote from LCP for the repair to a column outside number 5 Springvale – the column has been vandalised and the cost to replace the lamp will be £300 and a further £300 for the one near 60 Sheerstone. Clerk instructed to contact LCP to see how much it would cost to completely replace a column.

Action: Clerk

Cheques raised at this meeting:

Chq.	Date	Details	Amount
1246	13.10.09	PFL Electrical Lighting	£176.25p
1247	13.10.09	Wages	£400.37p
1248	13.10.09	Inland Revenue	£107.78p
1249	13.10.09	Stiddard Forbes	£5.75p
1250	13.10.09	Royal Mail	£125.75p
1251	13.10.09	Steve Wakeling	£205.15p
1252	13.10.09	Office Expenses – Stamps, Photocopies	£24.04p
Seven cheques in total			

7. Correspondence

None.

8. **Environmental Adviser**

Cllr. Wilks referred to the possibility of three applications for incinerators at Ridham Dock and the one at Kemsley paper mill. In light of this all Members agreed that at the appropriate time the Parish Council appoint an accredited expert to assist when dealing with these applications.

10. **Planning**

SW/09/0755 – the provision of temporary haul road (3 years) whilst land to the west of Woodpecker Drive/Helen Thompson Close is developed – The letter sent to Swale Borough Council was noted and agreed by all members.

SW/09/0756 – Erection of 98 dwellings – Land off Grovehurst Road, Iwade – the letter to Swale Borough Council was noted and agreed by all members. If the Officer's report does not give full details to Members of Swale's Planning Committee, it was agreed that up to the sum of £1,000 could be used to enlist the services of an expert to take up this matter – agreed unanimously by all Members.

The following appeals were dismissed by the Planning Inspector:

1. SW/09/0021 – Change of use for external storage of portable/demountable fencing and barriers with associated parking – land adjoining Marshbank Industrial Estate, Raspberry Hill, Iwade
2. Case 23485 – one detached dwelling and detached garage – land at Kingfisher Close, Iwade.
3. SW/08/1288 – variation of opening hours – Unit C, Iwade Village Centre, Iwade

11. **Resignation**

It was with sadness that the Chairman read out a letter from Cllr. Fearn, who had made the decision to resign due to the traumatic events over the past year, which had had an impact on his family life and health.

Members thanked Cllrs. Fearn and White for the difficult work they had undertaken over the past year and particularly wished to thank Cllr. Fearn for his dedication and hard work during his many years as a Parish Councillor. They wished him and his family well for the future.

12. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 10th November, 2009, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.