

Iwade Parish Council

Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 9th September 2008 at 7.30pm

Present:

Chairman Phil Fearn	Mrs Sarah George, Parish Clerk
Vice Chairman Brian Groves	Dave Davey Community Warden
Cllr John White	1 Resident
Cllr Derek White	Borough Cllr Ben Stokes
Cllr Amanda Hurrell	County Councillor Roger Truelove
Cllr Peter Wilks	Jane Millgate – SBC Street Warden
Cllr Phil Hyde	
Cllr David Manning	

Apologies

County Councillor Brenda Simpson
Gordon Henderson

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Alterations from the last minutes of 12th August 2008 were as follows:

- 4.2 Should also state KCC footpath officer has granted temporary closure without referring to Parish Council or the Planning Conditions. Parish Council expressed disappointment that no reference was made to the Planning condition and that the footpath has been closed unnecessary for 3 months. Parish Council to make sure that when the six months closure is over, the Footpath Officer does not just send an extension without considering the relocation/ Rerouting of the footpath during the building work.

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 12th August were proposed by Cllr Derek White and seconded by Cllr Amanda Hurrell, as a true and accurate report. All members present were in agreement.

Matters arising from the minutes

3.1 Additional Letter Boxes in the Village

Clerk has been in contact with Quinton Long of Royal Mail. Clerk telephoned Romec, Royal Mails contract, allegedly there was a problem with paperwork, which they e-mailed to Paul McCormick, but not passed on so this became time, expired.

Quinton Long now have to start from scratch, but has made a start, will have to photograph sites and re-apply to utilities, but has promised to give this his full attention; it will take up to 28 working days for all to reply. He will then authorise this installation

Clerk to chase progress beginning of October

3.2 Traffic Gate Entrance by Medical Centre

Subsidiarity Grant money can not be used to purchase new gate. Parish Council have been informed by Kent County Council Highways that new gate has been ordered and to be installed by end of month

3.3 Land North of the Church regarding section 106 requests

Future meeting regarding the Parish cemetery to be arranged, Cllr Wilks awaiting dates from Andy Jeffers of Swale Borough Council. Borough Councillor Ben Stokes offered to contact Andy Jeffers

Cllr Wilks to action

Visitors Time

Community Warden Update

1. Reported the following problems to KCC Highways Two x Man hole covers broken.
2. Reported six fly tipping incidents in the areas of Old Ferry Road, Sheppy Way and School Lane
3. Made a number of reassurance house visits
4. Carried out a number of vehicle checks, Parking, untaxed, illegal sales and speeding issues
5. made contact with user groups in village Hall
6. Attended a meeting re: Community Housing
7. Dealt with two animal issues. Two lost dogs
8. Carried out a number of holiday house watches
9. Carried out evening and weekend patrols
10. Attended house alarms calls and one personal alarm call
11. Contact with the new village shop ref illegal sales
12. Organised a visit of a Street Warden to the Parish Meeting
13. Attempted to make contact with new PCSO

New Warden Update

A new Warden has been recruited for Iwade, Course start 29th September. New warden starts on area second week of November 2008

Swale Borough Council Street Warden Report

Jane Millgate was invited to come to the Parish Council meeting to discuss what roles the Street Warden had. Jane Millgate gave a detailed presentation to the Parish Council on the roles of the Street Warden, answering any questions the Parish Councillors had at the end

Police Community Support Officer Update

Parish Council, Parish Clerk and Community Warden have not been able to establish contact with temporary replacement, PCSO Jade HOYLE. Parish Council felt Parish Clerk should write to Area Police Commander enquiring why our existing PSCO was relocated when she had just got on top of the situation within Iwade and formed bridges with residents.

County Councillor Update

- * County Councillor Roger Truelove advised the Parish Council of the following:
- * New design is in progress for the new road junction at School Lane.
- * Entrance Gate by medical centre has been ordered
- * Pot hole resurfacing in School Lane is due to commence shortly
- * County Councillor Truelove is still perusing the completion of adoption of roads within Iwade.
- * Grant has been given to Iwade Herons Football club for the new car park and goal posts. (Clerk to contact Iwade Herons to request information of what type of surfacing they are going to use)

Cllr Peter Wilks expressed concern that over a year has passed in regard to the enforcement notice given to the development at Raspberry Hill and Parish Council has not had any confirmation that this has been actioned.

4 Planning

SW/08/0935 PDV Case: 19778 Construction of two storey side extension and single storey rear kitchen extension and with integral garage at 25 Sheerstone, Iwade

No Objections

Sw/08/0923 PDV Case 21699 Single storey garage to the side and a rear conservatory including associated works at 2 Greenshanks, Iwade

No Objection

5. Business of the Council

5.1 Cooption of new Parish Councilor

Two applications have been received and candidates are to be invited to October monthly Parish Council meeting before ballot takes place.

Parish Clerk to action

5.2 Project Allocation for Subsidiarity Grant

Iwade PC has £8,510 in hand in total. Parish Council proposed that £4,500 should be allocated to All Saints Church in the rewiring that needs to be done and the Clerk to arrange for the safety surfacing for under the swings at the School Lane Recreation Ground to be done

This was proposed by Cllr Peter Wilks and seconded by Cllr Dave Manning, the majority vote passed.

Parish Clerk to action

Clerk to see how much a new bus shelter for the Woodpecker Drive bus Stop would cost

5.3 Parish Lighting Grant

Clerk to written to Andrew Bowles to see if Swale Borough Council would take over the Parish lighting and advised the Parish Council that the request will be presented at the next Budget Task Force Meeting. Parish Councilors asked Borough Councilor Ben Stokes to report back after this meeting regarding the outcome.

5.4 Preparation of Land Availability Assessment

Parish Councilors confirmed receipt of the letter dated 1st September 2008 in regard to the land Availability Assessment. The Borough Council is commencing work on its Local Development Framework and will over time replace the adopted Swale Borough Local Plan 2008 and provide policies and proposals to guide the boroughs future sustainable development.

The Borough Council has written to developers/ landowners and other parties to submit prospective sites, which are considered to have development potential.

Parish Council expressed its concerns about this and requested that the Clerk write to Julie Davies Senior Planning Officer to see if any sites have been submitted for Iwade. Deadline for developers/ land owners to submit a proposal is 1st October 2008

Parish Clerk to action

5.5 Horticultural Committee

Cllr David Manning advised the Parish Council that he felt he would like to build on community spirit within the village that a Flower Show should be organized. Cllr Amanda Hurrell also advised the Parish Council she and the Parish Clerk could obtain free trees from Swale Borough Council which could be used to replace the vandalized trees in Woodpecker Drive Park.

The Parish Council felt both ideas were worth investigation and Chairman Phil Fearn proposed that a Horticultural Sub committee could be formed to work on these types of projects. Cllr Phil Hyde suggested that the annual village clean up could also come under this sub committee. Therefore it was proposed that, Parish Clerk, Cllr Phil Hyde, Cllr Amanda Hurrell and Cllr Dave Manning would form the Horticultural subcommittee, all Parish Councilor present were in agreement.

6. Correspondence/ Notices

Parish Clerk advised the Parish Council that the Flowerbed Nursery was organizing a Santa Visit for Sunday 30th November. Father Christmas would travel through the village on a trailer, leaving from the Woolpack Public House and making its way through the centre of the village, ending up at the Flowerbed Nursery where a snow machine and the UK Paper Concert band would be playing Christmas Carols.

Residents would be able to follow Father Christmas and make their way to the Flowerbed Nursery and also look around at the animals up there.

7. Finance

Sarah George	Clerk fee, phone/ fax, stationary for August	£588.35
Kent County Council	Election Charges	£105.96
Graham Chambers	Handyman fees for August	£291.67
Phil Fearn	Chairman's Expenses for August	£20.00
Office Technical Solutions	Parish Photocopier and printing	£73.39
Rospa	Play ground safety inspection for 2008/09	£77.55

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

The Parish Clerk advised the Parish Council that the village had been targeted with Graffiti. With the permission from the Chairman she had arranged for Henwood to come out and remove the offending artwork. Cost £287.88

Meeting Closed 9.45pm

Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th October 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall