

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 22nd April, 2015

Present: Cllr. J. Hunt – Chair
Cllr. M. Gale – Vice Chair
Cllr. S. Plumb
Cllr. J. White
Cllr. R. Rook
Cllr. P. Hyde

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Nick Mayatt, Community Warden
Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes
Nigel Randall, Labour Candidate
7 Members of the public

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Cllrs. Mitchell and Wastall. He thanked Cllr. Rook for her hard work and dedication to the Parish Council (she has made the decision not to stand again in the May elections) and wished her well for the future.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

An existing dispensation is still valid for those Councillors who have an interest in the School and a Dispensation has been granted to Cllr. Hunt in relation to The Barn.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. White, the Minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 11th March, 2015, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Plumb, the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 31st March, 2015, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – No comments.
2. **County and Borough Councillors – Borough Cllr.** Stokes had a site meeting with KCC to get more signs in Sheerstone/Coleshall Cottages to make it easier for locating addresses. He worked on behalf of four residents in Iwade. He commented that it has been quiet lately because of the forthcoming elections.
3. **Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** - The Community Warden's report had been circulated. He has dealt with football nuisance football; fly-tipping at Raspberry Hill Lane, the litter bin at Woodpecker bus shelter, etc. Nick advised that Canterbury and Swale Community Wardens have now been combined. Co2 canisters had been found in Dunlin Walk; Nick will investigate.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Twining** – Cllr. Rook to continue updating the Clerk on this. ***Action: Cllr. Rook***
2. **Persimmon Development** – Agreed to remove from the Agenda until further notice.
3. **Parish Lighting possible adoption by KCC** – Clerk awaiting a response from KCC.

6. Planning

1. **15/501847/FULL** - Single Storey pitch roof extension to the side of the property , single storey flat roof extension to the opposite side of the property leading to a new pitched roof garage and workshop

extension, along with internal alterations - Kimlee Grovehurst Road Sittingbourne Kent – Members raised no objections to this application.

2. **15/501887/FULL** - Retrospective - Replacement of existing 1m High Side fence with 2m High close boarded fence and proposed 1m high division fence frontage between 19 Teal way and apartments 7-17 Teal Way - 19 Teal Way Iwade Kent ME9 8WR – No objections but Members would question land ownership on the corner of the adjacent green space.
3. **KCC/SW/0105** - Phased extraction of brickearth over 4 summer campaigns, storage and transportation of materials to nearby brickworks throughout the year, creation of a new vehicle access and the phased restoration of land back to agricultural use - Orchard Farm, School Lane, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8QH – Agreed to respond as follows:
 - A traffic assessment has been carried out but does not include the Solar Farm and the Lorries associated with this development, nor does it include other projects going on at the same time.
 - The Parish Council strongly requests that as part of any conditions traffic is not allowed through Iwade Village.
 - A condition is included that states traffic will not use the Sheppey Way, via Bobbing, during 8.15 to 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 to 4.00 p.m. weekdays, due to the parents dropping off and picking up children from Bobbing Village School.
 - If this is approved, Members would ask that land drainage is installed to take away water run-off from the fields and thereby alleviate flooding to nearby houses and School Lane.
4. **KCC/SW/0010/2015** - Land off Barge Way, Kemsley Fields Business Park, Kemsley, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2FE - 4Evergreen Technologies is proposing to install an advanced thermal conversion and energy facility at the Kemsley Fields Business Park to produce energy and heat a project known as the Garden of England Energy Project. The project will involve: construction of new buildings to house the thermal conversion and energy generation plant and equipment; construction of associated offices; erection of external plant including storage tanks; and the erection of a discharge stack – additional details; documents dated 1st April, 2015 – noted.
5. **14/505217/FULL/ROMC** - Construction of five-bay car port with annex above and new boundary wall with entrance gate - Tiptree Bungalow School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8QE – To object on the following grounds:

Members considered this application at the April meeting of the Parish Council and wish to object on the following grounds:

This is an over development of the site and excessive parking when compared to the existing Tiptree Bungalow and in this respect we would draw Swale’s Planning Committee’s attention to the following applications in school Lane which were refused on these grounds:

- SW/14/504785/FULL and SW/14/0244 SW/14/0588 –
 1. Tip Tree Bungalow proposal was refused because the proposed extension, by virtue of its scale and massing would not amount to a modest extension to the original dwelling and would harm the visual amenities of the area and the character and appearance of the countryside in a manner contrary to policy RC4 of the Swale Borough Local Plan 2008 and to the adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance entitled ‘Designing an Extension – A Guide for Householders’. This new proposal could be argued as an ‘extension’.
 2. The provision of all the parking to the front of the dwelling would be contrary to the Council’s adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance entitled ‘Designing an Extension – A Guide for Householders’, would harm the visual amenities of the area and would represent an unacceptable and visually obtrusive encroachment into an otherwise wholly open area in the countryside, to the detriment of the character and appearance of this rural area.

- The proposed development would be contrary to the Council’s adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance. Members have concerns over the living accommodation being over what is referred to as parking for ‘executive’ cars; is this for a commercial enterprise?
- It is not ‘secure parking’ but open car ports.
- There are concerns that the proposal could be converted to a complete dwelling in the future, by way of its design conversion of the ground floor area will be simple. ‘If’ approved the Parish Council would request a condition that conversion does not take place in the future.

7. Correspondence

1. **DCLG Consultation on Local Government Ombudsman & Larger Parish Councils** – Noted and for future reference.

8. Finance

1. **Scooter Training** – Cllr. Gale advised the School will contact the organisers and will contribute 50% of the cost and the remaining 50 % to be paid by the Parish Council for the Scooter Training. Clerk instructed to leave on the Agenda. **Action: Cllr. Gale/Clerk**
2. **Woodpecker Park Bus Shelter Quotes** – Agreed to place back on the July Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Annual Village Clean Up** – BBQ, Bouncy Castle and litter pickers organised; see if the Environment Agency will assist and to ask the Village Handyman to install the replacement fencing to the Grovehurst Road entrance and paint this cream. Agreed everyone to e-mail suggestions for areas to be cleaned up. **Action: All Cllrs/Clerk**
4. **Hall Floor** – Donation no longer required.
5. **KALC Subscription 2015/16** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Plumb, all agreed to renew at a cost of £877.63p.
6. **Citizens Advice Bureau request for Donation 2015/16** – Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. White, agreed to donate £50
7. **Seed of Hope and Village Centre Rams** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Gale, agreed the Parish Council will insure the Seed of Hope at a cost of £113.95p per annum and will maintain it in the interest of the Parish, but will not take on ownership of the sculpture. Agreed to respond to Chamonix that the Rams remain but that the missing horns are replaced. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Quote for Grass Verge Signs** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Rook, agreed to purchase 15 signs at £8 each. **Action: Clerk**
9. **Village Garden Competition** – Suggested a trophy for the winner and shield for the runner up; agreed to place on the May Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
10. **Cheques raised and Accounts** – Proposed by Cllr. Rook and seconded by Cllr. White, all agreed, Members signed the following cheques and agreed the accounts to the 31st March, 2015:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
22.04.15	1756	Clerk’s Expenses	Telephone; use of Home as office, 12 x 1 st and 12 x 2 nd Class Stamps	£26.87p
22.04.15	1757	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due March 2015	£82.80p
22.04.15	1758	Steve Wakeling	Handyman duties and materials March 2015	£198.00p
22.04.15	1759	McCabe Ford Williams	Salary Preparation to 31 st March	£39.00p
22.04.15	1760	C.P.R.E.	Subscription 2015/16	£36.00p
22.04.15	1761	Action with Communities in Rural Kent	Subscription 2015/16 (inc. The Barn)	£65.00p

22.04.15	1762	Swale Borough Council	Printing – Iwade Observer 2014/15	£3050.00p
22.04.15	1763	Iwade Women’s Institute	Donation 2015/16	£241.50p
22.04.15	1764	Iwade Mother & Toddler Group	Donation 2015/16	£850.00p
22.04.15	1765	Iwade Herons Football Club	Donation 2015/16	£1795.00p
Six cheques in total				

Plus:

Clerk’s Wages	March 2015	£558.04	Paid by Standing Order
Eon:	Energy Supply, Street Lighting - March	£49.05	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle	Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – March	£26.04	Paid by Direct Debit

9. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

1. The Barn – Have now seen a Solicitor and there are a few points which the Trust needs to go through and then go back to Swale Borough Council. Still waiting for electricity to be sorted; U.K. Power Network thought it had been done and the developer informed but the Trust has heard nothing from the developer who they will now chase.
2. Neighbourhood Plan – Ward Homes would like to set up a meeting once the new Parish Council is in place. Cllr. Plumb attended a training session in Hythe; it would appear that an increasing number of Parish Councils are looking at Neighbourhood Plans. Cllr. Hunt has spoken to a Councillor at Arun District Council (an area with the most Neighbourhood Plans) who is happy to give some guidance.

10. Reports from Representatives (Village Hall and KALC)

1. Hall – Cllr. Gale updated Members on the last Village Hall Committee meeting. Members agreed the Parish Council to hire a cupboard in the kitchen for storage at a cost of £2 per month. The question of use of the garden arose; Clerk to check with ACRK regarding insurance, hiring, possible fees, and anything else that should be taken into account. **Action: Clerk**
2. KALC – No report.

11. Any Other Matters Arising

1. Cllr. Gale reported that Iwade has been chosen by Vodafone as one of the villages in the country for the flagship ‘Sure Signal’. They will be visiting on the 8th May to do a tour of the village and the houses/buildings that have been put forward as sites for the equipment.
2. Cllr. Gale commented that the foundations are laid for the Pavilion and the hard-core for the parking area and it looks as though the grass area is being prepared.
3. Cllr. Gale advised that t Swale Borough Council and KCC met at the school to discuss the artificial playing surface. It is going to be included in the strategic plan for Swale and mentioned that there should be an artificial playing surface in the school. It is hoped the school pitch will be suitable for football, rugby, cricket, hockey, etc.
4. Cllr. Hunt asked the Clerk to obtain a price for a salt bin to be used for the annual delivery of salt to the village (and to check that the hall is happy for it to be located on site). **Action: Clerk**

12. Next Meeting(s)

The Annual Parish, Annual Parish Council and Monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th May 2015, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 09.50 p.m.