

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11 April 2018

Present: Cllr. M. Gale – Chair
Cllr. S. Cheeseman – Vice-Chair
Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. P. Horner
Cllr. R. Clark
Cllr. S. Plumb

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
County Cllr. M. Whiting
PCSO, Jason Wilde
11 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Mitchell, Hyde, Dicker, Mills and Cllr. Dollimore, who due to an accident that afternoon had been taken to Hospital and was awaiting treatment. The Community Warden also sent his apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr. Cheeseman, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14 March 2018 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – A resident raised an ongoing issue with an adjacent property; this is a private dispute and the Parish Council does not have the power to assist. Another resident mentioned overgrown vegetation in All Saints Close; advised this possibly falls to the Management Company to remedy; they will forward a copy of any sent correspondence to the Clerk.

1. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting advised, in 2016 a decision was taken to withdraw the mobile library service where it was not being used by more than two people on average each visit. The library stop at Sheerstone was monitored for the past year and averages only one user per visit. This service will be withdrawn, but KCC may offer those affected the use of an iPad to access library services and books online. Regarding yellow lines in Springvale, have asked for confirmation that there was proper consultation.

2. **Community Warden/PCSO** – The Community Warden reported two fly-tipping incidents near Sheppey Crossing. After a number of garage break-ins around Iwade carried out a ‘Sheduction’ initiative delivering around 200 information postcards to properties in Redwing Avenue, Bittern Road, Woodpecker Drive, Sanderling Way and Sheerstone. After a reported break in at Fulmar Avenue, delivered postcards to residents for them to order free smart water packs from the Swale Community Safety Unit. Have been checking out car parking issues in School Lane, now hopefully resolved.

PCSO has noticed an increase in bikes in the area and is looking into this. Burglaries have been increasing in most areas of Sittingbourne. Bikes in Ferry Road are on his radar!

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Facebook Page** – Parish Council page created – agreed to place the URL on the Council website.

6. Planning

2. **18/501211/COUNTY:** Countrystyle Recycling Storage Land Kemsley Fields Business Park Ridham Dock Road Sittingbourne Kent: County Matters-Details pursuant to condition (6) - 'Ecology mitigation strategy' of planning permission SW/17/504034 at Countrystyle Recycling Ltd, Ridham Dock Road, Iwade, Kent, ME9 8SR – already decided, Parish Council not included in consultation.
3. **18/501163/FULL:** Loft Conversion with insertion of a dormer window, 4 no. roof windows and 2 roof lights, external window alterations: 27 Swallow Avenue Iwade Kent ME9 8FS – agreed to request that building work only takes place between 8am-5pm weekdays and no external work at weekends.

It was reported that a boundary wall to this property had been taken out to the road, Clerk to raise this with Swale Borough Council's Enforcement. **Action: Clerk**

7. Correspondence

1. **Government consultations on the National Planning Policy Framework & Developer Contributions** – Cllr. Clark to put together bullet points and circulate to Members, bring back to next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Clark/Clerk**
2. **Swale Borough Council draft Open Spaces and Play Strategy: 2018-2022** – Noted.
3. **Publication of Parish Council information** – Agreed to respond that the information is in the public arena and can be obtained from the Parish Council website.
4. **Consultation - Refresh of Kent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy** – Agreed Members to respond individually. **Action: All Councillors**
5. **Draft Economic Regeneration Framework for Swale 2018-2021** – Noted.

8. Finance

1. **Grass cutting contract** – Details received and cost less funds from KCC are £3816 (plus V.A.T.) for 2018/19. Proposed by Cllr. Cheeseman and seconded by Cllr. Horner, all agreed to accept the cost and continue the contract with Swale Borough Council. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Neighbourhood Watch Group request for Financial Assistance** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Langham, agreed the sum of £90 for the supply of Neighbourhood Watch signs. Further agreed that the Parish Council will pay for printing leaflets about Neighbourhood Watch, the Chairman of the Iwade Group to supply the Clerk with the details. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Horner agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 31st March 2018:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
11.04.18	2017	Clerk's Expenses	Tele, Use of Office, SLCC Subscription (50% of cost - £88.50p, Restore Datashred Fee for shredding 29 sacks confidential documents- £122.94p – March	£223.03p
11.04.18	2018	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due February	£295.24p
11.04.18	2019	Steve Wakeling	Work carried out in March	£341.92p
11.04.18	2020	Iwade Village Hall	Hall Hire Jan to March, 2018	£72.25p
11.04.18	2021	B&K Masters	Planter – Sanderling Way	£345.00p
11.04.18	2022	McCabe Ford Williams	Quarterly Payroll Preparation	£39.00p
11.04.18	2023	Swale Borough Council	Printing Iwade Observer 2017/18	£2631.68p
11.04.18	2024	Swale Borough Council	Enhanced Grass Cutting & Ancilliary Maintenance 2017/18	£7545.47p
11.04.18	2025	1 st Iwade Brownies	Donation 2018/19	£663.00p
11.04.18	2026	1 st Iwade Scout Group	Donation 2018/19	£1271.00p

11.04.18	2027	Iwade Women's Institute	Donation 2018/19	£366.00p
11.04.18	2028	Action with Communities in Rural Kent	Subscription 2018/19	£50.00p
Twelve cheques in total				

Plus:

Staff Wages - March	£1159.86p	Paid by Standing Order
Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting – March	£53.29p	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin – March	£34.27p	Paid by Direct Debit

9. Projects/Project Updates

Clerk advised the central bronze for the Cairn is being caste.

10. GDPR

Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Clark, agreed to go with the firm of GDPR-info, who will act at the Data Protection Officer, supply templates/policies and carry out an audit, for the yearly cost of £482.50p. Clerk advised a firm would be carrying out confidential shredding this month.

11. Reports from Representatives

1. Hall – Decorating finished.
2. KALC – nothing to report.

11. Any Other Matters Arising

1. Persimmon site – Cllr. Clark advised pathways have not been finished, they are a health and safety issue; there appears to be no contractors on site. Clerk to check with Enforcement and ask that in accordance with the planning conditions this be done. Parts of the new public open space have not been fenced; Clerk to raise this with Swale's Green Spaces Officer.

12. Next Meeting(s)

Parish, Annual Parish Council and Monthly meetings - Wednesday 9 May 2018, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.