

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 8th October, 2014

Present: Cllr. J. Hunt – Chair
Cllr. M. Gale – Vice Chair
Cllr. S. Plumb
Cllr. L. Mitchell
Cllr. D. Wastall
Cllr. J. White
Cllr. L. Preston

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
5 Parishioners
'Sam', from Creative People and Places

Prior to the meeting 'Sam' from Creative People and Places addressed those present. She explained that two years ago the Art Council of England carried out an overview of where money was being spent throughout the U.K. and particular areas which applied for more grants, and they decided they would accept bids from consortiums, Swale CVS and Medway CVS was included.

The main push of all of the work is that it comes from the community and decisions are made with communities. Creative People and Places Swale and Medway are an Action Research Programme which learns by doing, and all activities are guided by the following:

Three Key Principles:

1. **Inclusive, removing barriers to participation.** Will not be limited by size of organisation or idea, or whether a group is professional or amateur, or the type of art they make. We will actively engage with non-arts organisations from the voluntary sector, public sector and business.
2. **Adaptable.** The programme is designed to be flexible to different, shifting contexts and take on feedback and ideas from participants. Listening and learning is key to this.
3. **High Quality.** Wants the highest possible quality of process and art in they we do.

Five Aims:

1. **Increase Arts Participation.** Tests pioneering approach to creating and showing art and creative product, and broaden and diversify routes into creativity by presenting the arts in new, inspiring ways.
2. **Strengthen Community Leadership.** Supports communities to take the lead in new sustainable creative initiatives
3. **Develop the professional and amateur Arts Community.** Facilitate networks, provide learning and support for the amateur and professional sector and create the right 'conditions' for innovation, collaboration and serendipity.
4. **Increase understanding of the value of arts.** Grows understanding and support for the value of the arts at a local, regional and national level; aligned with mapping the impact for the arts sector and beyond.
5. **Place creative communities at the heart of change.** In ten years Swale and Medway will be known as places where creativity is a natural part of communities and communities creatively contribute to shaping of place.

Funding is available for projects and a member of The Barn Trust put forward a possible proposal for a Son et Lumière, which the Chair thought was a good idea to progress. Sam commented that she needs ideas by the end of October/7th November at the latest.

The Chair thanked Sam for her useful input and then opened up the monthly meeting.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Cllrs. Hyde and Rook; Borough Cllr. Stokes and Community Warden, Nick Mayatt.

2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** - None

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 10th September, 2014, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. **Visitors/Public Time**

1. **Visitors** – The power cuts caused by a generator linked to a substation was raised.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – No Borough or County Councillors in attendance.

3. **Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO** – Nick’s report has been circulated to Members and contents noted, issues covered fly tipping instances in Ferry Road, vehicles parking on pavements, litter and overgrown footpaths.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

1. **Twining** – Bring back to November meeting.

Action: Cllrs. Hyde and Rook/Clerk

2. **Persimmon Development** – Members had a meeting with James Freeman, Jim Wilson and Andy Jeffers of Swale Borough Council’s Planning Department regarding enforcement and received some very positive comments. It was agreed that the Parish Council needs to report incidents (which is has been doing over the past year) and this needs to be backed up with evidence, e.g. photographs or video. Planning is looking into conditions, etc. and has promised to come back within two weeks to confirm what the points were and how they are going to go forward. They did mention that action could be taken. Cllr. Gale advised that Lorries are using School Lane again.

Action: Clerk

3. **Countrystyle Update** – Cllr. Mitchell is aware of smells in Murston and Sittingbourne which are coming from the site. He is trying to arrange a meeting with the Environment Agency to discuss the issue.

Action: Cllr. Mitchell

4. **Grass Cutting – Verges** – Nothing further heard from Swale Council; need to chase as hedges still have not been cut; confirm that the new cutting schedule for grass is in place and arrange a ‘walk around’ with Alan Marolia.

Action: Clerk

5. **Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) 2013-20: Submission Document Consultation – 31st July to 12th September, 2014** – No further comments to add to original response.

6. **Iwade 20 mph** – Agreed not to progress this due to huge costs involved, which would have to be paid by the Parish Council, with no support from Kent County Council.

Action: Clerk

7. **Christmas tree and Electrics** – Persimmon are donating £200 towards the cost of this year’s Christmas tree and the Clerk will now place the order for a 20 foot tree. ‘Happy Days’ have shown an interest and are proposing a ‘switch on’ on Sunday 30th November, at 5.00 p.m.; they will open up their site and also provide hot dogs. Cllr. Hunt to order a sign and look towards purchasing some white fencing to surround the tree. A budget of £200 has already been agreed for items relating to the tree. Cllr. Gale advised that the electrics are in hand.

Action: Cllrs. Gale and Hunt/Clerk

8. **Emergency Plan** – Agreed not to pursue the purchase of Flood Sax due to the huge cost implications and only having a shelf life of five years.

9. **Electric Shocks, Sheppey Way** – Clerk to chase UK Power Network.

Action: Clerk

6. **Planning**

New Applications:

1. **114/502369/AMRCON/EMEI** – Variation of condition 4 of SW/03/1343 to extend the opening hours to 7.30 a.m. from 8.00 a.m. – Location Crosswinds, Grovehurst Road, Iwade Members raised no objection to the Nursery opening half an hour earlier each day.

Determined Applications: None

7. **Correspondence**

1. **KALC L & D Update Late Summer 2014 – Openness and Transparency and KALC Training** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hunt, agreed the Clerk to attend at a cost of £6.25p (quarter share of original cost).
2. **Community Warden Consultation** – Members were very concerned about the proposals and do not want to lose the services of Nick Mayatt, our community Warden, who is an asset to the village. It was agreed to put a link to the consultation on ‘Iwade Does Facebook’, place an article in Iwade Observer; place notices in the Medical Centre, Woolpack Public House and other shops. Also agreed Members would respond individually and the Parish Council to complete the questionnaire and also write to each of the KCC Cabinet Members. Parish Councillors will also get parents to sign a petition outside the School.
Action: All Councillors/Clerk

8. **Obtaining Listed Building Status for Kingsferry Bridge**

Members agreed to approach English Heritage with a request that Kingsferry Bridge is given Listed Building Status and to get Swale Borough Council support this request. *Action: Cllr. Hunt*

9. **Cllr. Wastall’s Report on the KALC Area Committee Meeting**

Cllr. Wastall attended the meeting on the 1st September; the main focus was on Marissa White (KCC) who spoke about traffic around schools and in residential areas and schemes to reduce this problem. Cllr. Wastall agreed to attend the meeting on the 1st December.

10. **Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

Bring back to the November meeting.

Action: Clerk

11. **Ward Homes – Surplus Land**

It is understood that Ward Homes are considering selling the land they own to the rear of The Woolpack; the Chairman to arrange a meeting with Wards to look into this further.

Action: Cllr. Hunt

12. **Finance**

1. **Defibrillator** – Cllr. Gale to approach the School, who can apply for funding from the British heart Foundation; Clerk to approach the Medical Centre to explore the possibility of siting one there.

Action: Cllr. Gale/Clerk

2. **KALC Finance Conference** – Proposed by Cllr. Wastall and seconded by Cllr. Gale; agreed the sum of £18 (quarter share of full cost) for the Clerk to attend the Conference.

3. **2013/14 Year End External Audit** - Clerk advised that the Annual Return for the year ended 2013/14 has been signed off by the External Auditor and she has posted the necessary notice advising of the completion.

4. **Cheques raised and Accounts** – Members signed the following cheques and agreed the accounts to the 30th September, 2014:

Date	Chq.	Details		Amount
08.10.14	1723	Clerk's Expenses	Telephone; use of Home as office, Stationery – Sept 2014	£23.52p
08.10.14	1724	H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax due August 2014	£79.60p
08.10.14	1725	James Hunt	Post Box (re. Iwade@theBarn)	£29.99p
08.10.14	1726	McCabe Ford Williams	Quarterly Payroll Preparation to Sept 2014	£39.00p
08.10.14	1727	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit 2013/14	£360.00p
08.10.14	1728	Steve Wakeling	Handyman duties September 2014	£169.00p
Six cheques in total				

Plus:

Clerk's Wages	Sept 2014	£547.10	Paid by Standing Order
Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting	Sept 2014	£50.63	Paid by Direct Debit
Countrystyle Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin	Sept 2014	awaiting details	Paid by Direct Debit

13. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

10 Point Plan and Village Hall – Nothing to report at the present time.

The Barn – Wards have now allowed access so that work can commence internally. Have been having a few issues with the electricity supply; have been chasing to see what is happening with the outside cladding.

14. Any Other Matters Arising

1.Cllr. Rook has resigned from the Village Hall Committee due to some concerns she has. Clerk to discuss this with Action for Communities in Rural Kent and report back to Members. **Action: Clerk**

15. Next Meeting(s)

The next Monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th November, 2014, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.