

Ivychurch Parish Council

Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Council

6th May 2021 - meeting held remotely via Zoom

Present: Andy Daburn (AD), Rick Bailey (RB), Julie Bailey (JB), John Goldsmith (JG), Jan Robertson (JR), Julie Devenish (Jools)

Members of the Public: 1

Item	Actions
Meeting Opening	
<p>Election of Parish Council Chairperson Cllr Richard Bailey was proposed for this year's Chairperson by Andy, seconded by John. This was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Apologies/Absent None</p> <p>Declarations of Interest None</p> <p>Previous Minutes April minutes approved.</p> <p><i>Please note that, in the interest of expediency, the agenda for this meeting has been reduced.</i></p>	
Special Items for Discussion – brief reports from each councillor	
<p>Alan has passed tariff details to Jan, along with details of the brokers, which she will chase. Alan also reported that there have already been a couple of good village mowing sessions this season and he is hoping to develop involvement during the year. He has spoken to the treasurer of the Ivychurch Amenities Association (IAA) about the mowing group funds, and this will be discussed later tonight in the IAA's committee meeting. Andy suggested that a business reserve account might be considered.</p>	Jan
<p>Andy reported that he is waiting to meet with Paines regarding updating the hall heating, and felt that the council is currently thriving and it's recent investments have been very good to help future finances (replacement roof, solar panels, vehicle charge points).</p>	
<p>Julie advised we now have a Highways Improvement Plan, and that we are waiting to hear from KCC for some solutions to the traffic issues. Progress is being made with the new website, it looks more usable and good to work with.</p>	
<p>John expressed disappointment that the Marsh Forum had been unable to meet over the past year owing to the lockdowns. He considered the council is doing well and was pleased to see new people. He mentioned that he had been approached by a local farmer who asked if people could please refrain from going through fields with their dogs, where crops are growing. There was a general feeling that some people were driving into the village with their families and dogs as there are safe routes for walking and cycling.</p>	
<p>Rick began by thanking the councillors, clerk and treasurer for their hard work over the past year. He then advised that the new noticeboard is now ready to instal – he and John will do this next week. The new benches have a lead time of 8 weeks.</p>	RB/JG
Treasurer's Report (O/L=online)	JR
<p>Current balance 15132.21 Previous Balance 16941.42</p> <p>Expenditure</p> <p>21/04/21 360.00 O/L Aubergine</p> <p>21/04/21 158.78 O/L KALC subs</p> <p>22/04/21 990.00 O/L Sustainable Furniture Benches</p> <p>22/04/21 738.45 O/L Signmaker (Noticeboard)</p> <p>27/04/21 500.00 Chq Air Ambulance 000799</p> <p>28/04/21 45.18 DD British Gas</p> <p>07/05/21 51.00 O/L WSL Gardening</p>	

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<p>Credits 06/05/21 1030.00 bac F&HDC</p> <p>Pipeline : Large expenses (or income) approved or anticipated (1) <i>Income</i> anticipated of £1,250pa for 7years from installation of vehicle charge points. (2) potential large outlays for village green hedging (3) potential large outlays for traffic calming measures (£unknown) - Highways Improvement Plan submitted (4) contribution towards Village Litter Pick £TBA (5) contribution to village event after easing of lockdown restrictions £TBA</p>	
Any Other Business	
The IAA member attending advised that the village green event is anticipated for around June.	
Jools advised that a litter pick is being arranged for 6 th June in collaboration with the Romney Marsh Litter Pickers. Alan will speak to a resident about the use of his trailer as in past litter picks. Alan will also speak to the pub landlords as the pickers are hoping to finish there for refreshments.	AM
Next Meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Parish Council meeting : Thursday 24th June 2021, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. 	Jools
Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.	
Normal agenda items will be reinstated from the next meeting.	