

# Ivychurch Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting

## 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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

**Apologies:**

**Members of the Public:** 0

### Meeting Opening

**Declarations of Interest :** None ;

**Previous Minutes :** September minutes approved and signed off.

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### New Items for Discussion

Donation to IAA

Agreed to donate £500 to Ivychurch Amenities Association to support them following the recent Covid lockdowns. **Jan**

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### Actions from Previous Meetings

Hall and Green

**Hall cleaning :** Julie has found a contact, **Andy** will follow up. **John** offered to approach Carla.

**Gardening :** **Jools** to check invoices to ensure they have all been forwarded to Jan.

**Outgoing hall bookings administrator :** Jan made some suggestions what would be suitable – the type of gift was agreed, for an expenditure of £100. **Jan**

**Playground Inspection Report :** The latest inspection report has been circulated – some maintenance has been recommended. Rick and John will look at what is needed. **Rick/John - ongoing**

**Carpark Signs :** These have been ordered, £92.66+VAT and delivery. They are expected next week. **Rick – ongoing**

**Outside water options:** John has been looking at water barrels, and is chasing up. **John – ongoing**

**Solar :** A new meter is needed, this is being installed Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November. **Alan**

**Hall Heating :** Paines have given Andy a basic quotation and suggested a website to look at. A larger unit is £505+VAT, the smaller units for the lavatories would be £350+VAT. Total spend £2,700+VAT supply&fit. Discussion ensued regarding how many quotes would be needed, also it was felt that in view of the radiant wall heaters now in place, it might be best to instal just one storage heater in the main hall plus a smaller one each in the two lavatories. Andy will ascertain comparative quotes from online, and will also ask Paines to replace the fluorescent tubes with LED ones. **Andy (NB: Paines also to check about inspection)**

**Village Green Gate** Simon has quoted £300 to supply and fit, which is within the amount agreed last month. **Rick**

**Wildflower area:** Strimming has been carried out. Jools has emailed the gardener about the ivy. **Complete**

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**Indoor notice board** – a second noticeboard was generally agreed to be a good idea. **Jools** - ongoing

**Telephone kiosk** Repainting will be attended to when possible. **Rick/John** ongoing

**Dead trees at northern approach to village** These have been removed. **Complete**

## Highways Improvement Plan :

Julie circulated an email to the council and has been in communication with Highways. We paid £358 for the **speed check strips** on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. **Julie** to chase for the survey – the attending councillors agreed the best position for this is near the Newchurch Road junction. If the results are favourable then KCC will authorise a **40mph limit**. (cost to Parish Council £2,500-£3,000 depending on result).

### Additional issues –

- Julie asked whether additional **30mph repeater signage** was wanted to Ashford Rd (at approximate cost to Parish Council of £1,500). Council agreed to wait for suggestions for location of these, as it could result in an excess of road signs. Alan suggested the static vehicle-activated sign could be more effective than repeater signs, and this is cheaper than it was a few years ago.
- Also additional **junction warning and bend signs** can be added to the Ashford Rd/Newchurch Rd junction. The council agreed for **Julie** to go ahead and order these, (KCC will pay for this).
- Also **cutting back of hedge and siding-out** on Ashford Rd (i.e. making good the carriageway) after August. At the time of writing we still do not have a date.
- **Bridge at Melon Lane / Ashford Road** : see minutes September 2021.
- **Escort of over-size vehicles** : see minutes September 2021.
- **Static vehicle-activated speed sign** : **Julie** will add this suggestion to the HIP to be looked at after the existing actions are addressed. Cost of this is now around £1,500 (powered from a street light) to £1,969 if powered by solar panel.

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## Community Speed Watch

The batteries for the Speed Indicator Device have been charged. **Rick** circulated some suggested roadside sessions using the CSW system with no takers. He will email operatives directly in future. **Jools** will sort out a fresh recruitment campaign and forward details to existing CSW operatives in case they wish to view the online CBT as a refresher as it has been a long time since the last session.

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## Treasurer's Report

**Current balance** 15156.70

**Previous Balance** 14167.55

### Debits

05/10/21	British gas	10.84	dd
07/10/21	Littlejohn	240.00	bac
13/10/21	Octopus	10.01	dd

### Credits

06/10/21	Swarco	1250.00
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## Outstanding

WSL for sept 51.00

Hopkins defib electrodes 95.16

Signs 92.66 +vat +15 delivery

## Pipeline : Expenses (or income) approved or anticipated

Potential large outlays for village green hedging, also internal redecoration/refurbishment of Village Hall

Highways Improvement Plan : £3,000 + £1,500

Donation to Ivychurch Amenities Association £500

Replacement of storage heaters in hall £TBA

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## Planning

- **Ivychurch Business Park** – Rick has been asked to re-send the papers. **Rick**

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## Diarised / Correspondence / Any Other Business

- **Remembrance Sunday** : **Rick** will represent the parish council at the service.
- **Grit Bin** : this is full, but set hard. No new salt required, but a pick will be needed if and when it has to be used.
- **Bees, Flowers & Trees** : an evening social has been arranged at the village hall on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, starting 6.30pm. Dr. Nikki Gammans and Clare Alley will lead the evening.
- **Community Engagement** : Alan asked how the council might raise awareness (of what we and other layers of local councils do) with villagers who do not or cannot attend parish council meetings. This will be added to next month's agenda to discuss. **Jools**
- **Mowers Christmas Lunch** : The Mowing Team's efforts around the village is very much appreciated, and the Council agreed to contribute £200 towards the Mowers' Christmas Lunch. This will be passed to Alan. **Jan**
- **Hall refurbishment / internal decoration** : ideas for further refurbishment and internal decoration were discussed briefly, will be placed on next month's agenda for further discussion.
- **Diarised**: electrical test report; Andy will contact Paines. **Andy**

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## Meter Readings (taken July 2021)

Coin Meter – not emptied

Rate 1 : ..... 4928 (previous 4896) ; Rate 2 : ..... 15658 (previous 15648)

Solar : ..... not recorded. Previous reading 2663.54

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## Next Parish Council meeting : Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.1 pm.

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