

Ivychurch Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting

18th November 2021

Present: Rick Bailey (RB), Julie Bailey (JB), Andy Daburn (AD), Alan Martin (AM), Julie Devenish (Jools)

Apologies: John Goldsmith (JG), Jan Robertson (JR)

Members of the Public: 2

Meeting Opening

Declarations of Interest : None ;

Previous Minutes : October minutes approved and signed off.

New Items for Discussion

Precept

Agreed to keep precept unchanged for 2022-23 – Jools will confirm to F&HDC. **Jools**

Donation to Litter Picking Watch Romney Marsh

Agreed to show appreciation of Litter Pickers' efforts by sending a donation of £300 in time for Christmas. Jools to get details how this is to be paid and pass to Jan for payment. **Jools / Jan**

Community Engagement / Awareness

After discussing ways to improve residents' understanding of what the Parish Council does, it was agreed to hold a "Parish Brunch" on 15th January 2022 – primarily this will be a social event with appropriate refreshments, along with some displays at the back of the hall to showcase some of the village's current projects and recent achievements, such as : Hall maintenance/refurbishment (including solar panels), Electric Vehicle Charging Points, Highways Improvement Plan, Speed Watch, Community Woodland, with a possible presence of local PCSO. Alan and Jools will start planning this, help was also offered from IAA. **Alan / Jools / IAA**

Hall Refurbishment / Internal Decoration

- Curtains : agreed to look at getting these cleaned and reproofed for fire resistance. **Action?**
 - Fluorescent lighting – tubes to be replaced by LED equivalent. Also
 - Fire Escape light – this was reported as malfunctioning by the recent fire inspection. **Andy** will add to Paines' To-Do list.
 - Internal decoration – repainting plus repairs to dado rails – quotes to be obtained, **Alan** will speak to local resident and/or other decorators.
 - Outside PIR sensors have been malfunctioning – after cleaning, one has been found to be cracked. To be monitored. **All**
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Actions from Previous Meetings

Donations to IAA and Mowers

In Jan's absence, donation of £500 to Ivychurch Amenities Association not yet confirmed as sent. Likewise the £200 donation to the Mowers in time for Christmas. **Jan**

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Hall and Green

Hall cleaning : having drawn a blank with local resident who used to clean the hall, it is necessary to spread the search for a new cleaner – one option is to follow up Julie’s contact in Appledore. **Alan and Julie** will speak to the Hall Bookings Administrator to see if he would be prepared to take on the task of finding someone.

Gardening : invoices have now all been dealt with. **complete**

Outgoing hall bookings administrator : items have been obtained. **Jan**

Playground Inspection Report : one bench has been removed, and another one moved. Rick and John will look at what else is needed. **Rick/John** - ongoing

Carpark Signs : signs have been put up. **complete**

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

Solar : The new meter has been installed. Export tariff will now come online. **complete**

Hall Heating : Andy will chase for the quotes that he has requested. He 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** ongoing

Indoor notice board – **Rick** will check online for a second noticeboard.

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 :

- The **speed check strips** have been in place, statistics now awaited.
- **30mph repeater signage** – see minutes October 2021.
- Julie has ordered **junction warning and bend signs**.
- **Cutting back of hedge and siding-out** on Ashford Rd - date still awaited.
- **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.

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

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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. **ongoing**

Treasurer's Report

Current balance 15109.59

Previous Balance 15156.70

Debits

08/11/21	106.77	bac	WSL gardening 2 months
08/11/21	95.16	bac	Hopkins AED electrodes
15/11/21	5.18	bac	Business Stream water

Credits

03/11/21	140.00	10045	Hall hire
11/11/21	20.00	bac	hall hire Kent Wildlife Trust

Outstanding

Signs £92.66 +vat +15 delivery

IAA £500

Mowers £200

Departing hall administrator gift £130

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

Replacement of storage heaters in hall £TBA

Planning

- **Ivychurch Business Park** – Rick has been asked to re-send the papers. **Rick**
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Diarised / Correspondence / Any Other Business

- Nominations have been invited for KALC's **Community Award Scheme 2022**, deadline is 14/2/22. **All**
- **Diarised**: electrical test report; Andy will contact Paines. **Andy**
- KCC have forwarded some mental health posters. Jools will laminate some for the public noticeboard. **Jools**
- **Crashed village "gate"** – no-one has come forward to claim responsibility for the damage. **Julie** will ask a possible witness. It may be repairable. **Andy** would be happy to have a word with a nearby farmer.
- The following issues were mentioned by the members of the public attending:
 - Social tomorrow night (19/11)
 - A historical document has been discovered in a late resident farmer's items which could be framed and displayed in the hall.
 - Arrangements were made for lights to be erected in the hall for the Childrens Christmas Party on 15/12.
 - The current Marsh Matters carries a date for a parish council meeting in December, but the next meeting is now scheduled for 13th January 2022.
 - There is a beacon being held which was left over from 1977, this could be used in next year's Platinum Jubilee.

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Meter Readings (not taken November 2021)

October's readings:

Coin Meter – not emptied

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

Solar : not recorded. Previous reading 2663.54

Next Parish Council meeting : Thursday 13th January 2022, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9 pm.
