

# Ivychurch Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting

## 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**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 :** November minutes approved and signed off.

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### New Items for Discussion

None

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### Actions from Previous Meetings

Precept – confirmed to F&HDC unchanged for 2022/3. **complete**

Donation to Litter Picking Watch Romney Marsh - paid. **complete**

Donations to IAA and Mowers - paid. Mowers' thanks were conveyed to the council. **complete**

#### Community Engagement / Awareness

The "Brunch" event has been postponed to March 19<sup>th</sup> (10.30). **Alan / Jools / IAA**

#### Hall Refurbishment / Internal Decoration

- **Curtains :** agreed to look at getting these cleaned and reproofed for fire resistance. **Julie**
- **Fluorescent lighting** – tubes to be replaced by LED equivalent. **Andy/Paines**
- **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 – **Alan** has spoken to local resident and checked some questions – decision to be taken after basic quote received, as to whether or not to use a darker colour below dado rails.
- **Outside PIR lights:** agreed to repair cracked sensor and where necessary. **Andy**
- **Outdoor timer switch** to be added to Paines' list. **Andy**
- **Hall soffits and fascias** – **Rick** will check about getting these renovated.

#### Hall and Green

**Hall cleaning :** **Alan / Julie / hall booking admin** ongoing

**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

**Outside water options:** John has been looking at water barrels, and is chasing up. Rick will look at whether the disused tank under the carpark might be used with a handpump for water storage. **Rick/ John** – ongoing

**Hall Heating** Andy has been getting in quotes for removal of 4 old storage heaters, installation of 2 new ones in main hall plus 2 lower power ones in the toilets. Approximate costs : 1200W £385+VAT each; lower power £230+VAT each; Installation and removal £120+£460; Agreed for Andy to proceed. **Andy** (NB: Paines also to check about inspection)

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**Football nets** – council agreed to order one set at £31.99 - **Rick**

**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** provided figures for different size and colour boards. Agreed to obtain a 1200m x 600mm wood effect board and to swap walls with the existing board which will be placed under the tapestry.

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

## Highways Improvement Plan :

- The **speed check strips** have been in place, statistics awaited.
  - **Road signage** (see minutes October 2021) – some installed.
  - **Cutting back of hedge and siding-out** on Ashford Rd - **done**.
  - **Bridge at Melon Lane / Ashford Road** : (see minutes September 2021) – no further action.
  - **Escort of over-size vehicles** : (see minutes September 2021) – no further action.
  - **Static vehicle-activated speed sign** : **Julie** will add this suggestion to the HIP to be looked at after the existing actions are addressed.
  - It was noted that there were some 20mph signs displayed by the construction company in New Romnay.
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## Community Speed Watch

**Rick** has emailed some suggested session times.

**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. **ongoing**

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## Treasurer's Report

**Current Balance** 14066.38 13/01/22

**Previous balance** 15109.59 18/11/21

### Debits

24/11.21 300.00 bac Donation to Litter Pickers

30/11/21 500.00 bac Donation to IAA

06/12/21 200.00 bac Reimburse Alan for contribution to mowers xmas dinner

06/12/21 73.37 bac EK Fire

07/12/21 23.91 dd Castle water

15/12/21 19.87 dd Octopus Energy

04/01/22 30.06 bac R bailey for replacement first aid kit

04/01/22 36.00 bac Aubergine web hosting

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## Credits

12/01/22 140.00 pay in 100496 via new hall admin

## Outstanding liabilities

Signs 92.66+15 delivery will need to chase up invoice

departing hall admin gift 130.00 still to transfer

Octopus Energy 110.11 dd dec invoice due 14.01.21

## 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

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## Planning

- **Ivychurch Business Park** – various issues regarding temporary structures and roof heights were discussed. Agreed to take no further action. **Closed**
- **Application 21/2492/FH** – Stable Block, Castle House – the council saw no problems with this.

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## Diarised / Correspondence / Any Other Business

- **Community Award Scheme 2022**, discussed. **Jools** will circulate proposed wording and convey this year's nomination to KALC.
- **Diarised**: electrical test report; Andy will contact Paines. **Andy**
- **Crashed village "gate"** – a witness to this incident had been unable to get a registration. **Rick** will arrange for repair.
- **The Platinum Jubilee** was discussed. A meeting is being arranged by the IAA for 27<sup>th</sup> January for anyone to attend.
- **Hall keys** – council will consider installing a key safe.

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## Energy usage

*Meter readings are no longer possible in the old format. Monthly summaries of energy usage (KWh) from the Smart Meter now shown here:*

**December 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 - January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022:**            (day) 226.0            (night) 352.0

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**Next Parish Council meeting** : Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9 pm.