

Ivychurch Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting

24th February 2022

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

Apologies: Jan Robertson (JR)

Members of the Public: 2

Meeting Opening

Declarations of Interest : None ;

Previous Minutes : January minutes approved and signed off.

New Items for Discussion

5th Continent interpretation hub proposal

This was agreed in principle and possible sites for a new board were discussed. Julie has spoken to Liz Grant and will now arrange for her to make a site visit to discuss with **Julie and Alan**.

Brunch, Annual Parish Meeting

- The helpers hope to meet after the March Movie Night to plan the brunch. **Alan / Julie / Jools**
- This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be limited to the usual reports and will take place just before the monthly Parish Council Meeting in April.

Village Survey

Alan presented his summary of the feedback received. It was agreed that it had been a worthwhile exercise. Rick suggested further surveys might help more issues to be brought to the fore, especially from the parish extremities. It was felt it might be worth using other websites to help promote hall hire. **Jools** will add the survey results to the parish council website. Currently the website does not provide statistics on site usage, **Jools** will ask Aubergine about this.

Public Rights of Way

- A bar has been placed across a route (Mountain Lane, Brookland) shown on OS as an existing Public Right of Way, although KCC does not have this on its map. **Julie** will email Cllr Hills.
- Access to a footpath by the Autograss track is being limited, despite it having been in use for around 20 years. **John** will discuss with track management and the farmer.

Further Covid grant funding

The council agreed not to apply for the latest Omicron Hospitality & Leisure Grant. **Jools** will reply to F&HDC.

“Utility Aid” energy brokers for not-for-profit organisations

The council agreed this was not needed at this time.

Platinum Jubilee arrangements

A member of the Ivychurch Amenities Association (IAA) briefed the meeting on some of the ideas currently under development for the Jubilee weekend – these include the lighting of a beacon on the village green, a “street party” on the village hall grounds, a Dog Show and a Barn Dance (or Line Dance). Councillors agreed that the parish council will make a financial contribution, amount to be advised.

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Actions from Previous Meetings

Community Engagement / Awareness – see Brunch notes above.

Hall Refurbishment / Internal Decoration

- **Curtains** : agreed to look at getting these cleaned and reproofed for fire resistance. **Julie** - ongoing
- **Fluorescent lighting** – Paines recommend replacing the entire units, not just the tubes. Approved. Paines will arrange a visit early March. **Andy/Paines**
- **Fire Escape light** – this was reported as malfunctioning by the recent fire inspection. **Andy** will add to Paines' To-Do list.
- **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.
- **Internal decoration** – repainting plus repairs to dado rails – **Alan** has obtained some quotes, but some declined to quote.

Hall and Green

Hall cleaning : **Alan / Julie / hall booking admin** feelers have not been producing any results. A resident suggested an agency and will forward details to **Jools** who will pass these to the hall admin. Payment can be made via BACS. **Julie** will look for the cleaning tasks list which was compiled by the resident.

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: Rick will look at repairing and installing a handpump for water storage. **Rick** – 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 ongoing (NB: Paines also to check about inspection)**

Football nets – council agreed to order one set at £51 - **Rick**

Village Green Gate work completed and invoice passed to **Jan**.

Indoor notice board – **Rick** 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**

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.

Hall keys – council will consider installing a key safe. **all**

Highways Improvement Plan :

- Damian Cock has moved on. Wendy Boorman will let Julie know his replacement; she can meet in office hours.
- The **speed check strips** statistics have been received, and need further looking into. **All** **Andy** will create a "digest" of the statistics for display at the Brunch.

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- **Road signage** (see minutes October 2021) – some installed.
 - **Static vehicle-activated speed sign** : **Julie** will add this suggestion to the HIP to be looked at after the existing actions are addressed.
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Community Speed Watch

- **Session results**: last week's observed session logged 5 speeders. It is hoped to conduct another session shortly. **Rick** will check observers' availability.
 - **Jools** will sort out a fresh recruitment campaign and forward details to interested new recruits. Also possibly 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 12978.40 24/02/22

Previous Balance 14066.38 13/01/22

Debits

14/01/22 104.20 dd Octopus Energy

07/02/22 131.48 Bac Reimburse Jan for outgoing hall admin's gift

14/02/22 996.75 cheque Hall insurance 000801

15/02/22 115.55 dd Octopus Energy

Credits

10/02/22 20.00 Hall rental via hall admin 100497

23/02/22 240.00 Hall rental via hall admin 100498

Outstanding

Signs 92,66+15 delivery - phoned but no invoice - will chase them again

Pipeline : Expenses (or income) approved or anticipated

Garden gate £300;

Hall decoration £2,865 internal, £1680 external;

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 £1,810+VAT

Lighting and timer TBC

Planning

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Diarised / Correspondence / Any Other Business

- **Spring Litter Pick** – now scheduled for 10th April.
- **Electricity Meter** – **Alan** is querying the day/night figures as they may be mislabelled. **Rick and Andy** will look at the £ rate for the coin meter in view of escalating prices.
- **Door security** – Julie suggested the hall's UPVC doors' security could be improved. **Andy** will ask his contact to review security.
- **Community Woodland** an update was provided. Some community ward grants have been obtained.

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Energy usage

Monthly summaries of meter readings and energy usage (KWh) from the Smart Meter now shown here:

January 1st 2022 - February 1st 2022

DAY: 1/1/22 316.1 1/2/22 565.6 usage 249.5

NIGHT: 1/1/22 354 1/2/22 744 usage 390

February 1st 2022 – March 4th 2022

DAY: 1/2/22 565.6 4/3/22 804.8 usage 239.2

NIGHT: 1/2/22 744 4/3/22 1097.5; usage 353.4

Next Parish Council meeting : Thursday 17th March 2022, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.