

Ivychurch Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting

17th March 2022

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

Apologies: Julie Devenish (Jools)

Members of the Public: 0

Meeting Opening

Declarations of Interest : None ;

Previous Minutes : February minutes approved and signed off.

New Items for Discussion

Annual Return 2021/22

Instructions now received from PKFL. Deadline for submission is 1st July. Jan/Jools

Actions from Previous Meetings

5th Continent interpretation hub proposal

Julie met with Liz Grant. Proposal received and circulated just prior to the meeting. New Bench in corner of playground. Liz attending brunch, so aiming to speak with her again then. All agreed that we should proceed with proposal assuming no financial cost to us.

Brunch, Annual Parish Meeting

- Brunch arrangements are in hand for this Saturday.
- This year's Annual Parish Meeting will include annual reports from councillors, police and church warden. It was agreed for this to take place just before the monthly Parish Council Meeting in April.

Village Survey

The survey results have been added to the parish council website. Currently the website does not provide statistics on site usage. Enquiry to be made to Aubergine. Jools

Public Rights of Way - ongoing

- 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

Complete.

Hall Refurbishment / Internal Decoration

- **Curtains** : agreed to look at getting these cleaned and reproofed for fire resistance. Julie
- **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

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- **Hall soffits and fascias** – Rick will check about getting these renovated.
- **Internal decoration** – repainting plus repairs to dado rails – Alan has obtained two quotes, but struggling to find a third. Andy agreed to obtain one through a work contact..

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 : complete

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 met with Paines and agreed plan for heating, lights etc. Quote obtained covering heaters, lighting, new tariff on coin meter, electrical condition installation report, total cost materials and labour £3,325+VAT. All agreed to proceed on this basis. Hall booked for 4th and 5th May for heaters and lights to be fitted.

Football nets – complete

Village Green Gate complete

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

Crashed village “gate” – complete

Hall keys –key safe will cost £65, all agreed. Rick will fit.

Hall Gardening – the hall gardener has advised her new hourly rate is now £15/hr. All agreed.

Highways Improvement Plan :

- **Speed check strips statistics** : Andy will display the statistics at the Brunch to share analysis. Data suggests the average speed through both the testing points (and in both directions) show a average speed below 44mph. We believe this entitles us to proceed with 40 mph speed zone. Julie and Alan to meet with Wendy Boorman to discuss this, and the results of the survey more generally (Julie to arrange)
 - **Road use by HGVs** : Julie has spoken to Cllr Hills about the HGV traffic through the village, since which PCSO John Gorham has spoken to site management at Pentland and registered a complaint.
 - **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.

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- **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 12,514.32 17/03/22

Previous Balance 12,978.40 24/02/22

Debits

07/03/22 360.00 bac gate

11/03/22 104.08 dd octopus energy

Credits

none

Outstanding

Signs 92,66+15 delivery - still no invoice

Pipeline : Expenses (or income) approved or anticipated

Hall decoration £2,865 internal; £1,680 external, further quotes awaited;

Potential large outlay for village green hedging;

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

Replacement of storage heaters in hall £1,770+VAT;

Lighting and timer £1,550+VAT

Planning

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Diarised / Correspondence / Any Other Business

- **Spring Litter Pick**—scheduled for 10th April. Alan confirmed some refreshments will be provided in The Bell's back bar. Details to be confirmed nearer the time. **Alan**
 - **Electricity Meter** – Alan has had confirmation the two tariffs were mislabelled. Summaries of readings and usage are now being reproduced on these minutes as statements are received.
Rick and Andy will look at the £ rate for the coin meter in view of escalating prices. Paines have included zero cost for updating the coin meter tariff in their quote for the other electrical works detailed under hall maintenance.
 - **Door security** – **Andy** will ask his contact to review security of the hall's UPVC door.
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Energy usage

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

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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 meetings in the Village Hall : Thursday 21st April 2022,

7pm - Annual Parish Meeting – then : **7.30pm:** Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.