

Ivychurch Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting

28th July 2022

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

Apologies: Jan Robertson (JR), Andy Daburn (AD),

Members of the Public: 6

Meeting Opening

Declarations of Interest : None ;

Previous Minutes : June minutes approved and signed off.

New Items for Discussion

Martins Farm, Wenhams Lane

The new owner gave the meeting a detailed account of the latest developments in progressing his application to build a family home on this site. The councillors have seen the paperwork and repeated that IPC is in favour – the challenges being face were noted, but it was pointed out that IPC is unable to do much to help. In an effort to satisfy the particular planning issues relating to this site, designs will be prepared for a building of exceptional quality– it is expected that it could take up to two years to prepare a submission. Rick expressed the council's thanks for being kept informed.

Lorry Watch

KCC run a scheme (similar to Speedwatch) which logs the movements of lorries – the aim is to identify lorries using the road, but not to register their speed. HGV's should only be using the road for legitimate access, not for taking shortcuts. It was agreed Ivychurch would not gain much out of such an exercise, and no action will be taken.

Otterpool Park

A number of parishes across the district have submitted comments on this development. The council discussed the various issues, Julie will put together a summary of IPC's response.

Actions from Previous Meetings

Ivychurch Interpretation Hub and Heritage Exhibition

After installation, both the seats and information board will become council property and will need to be added to the hall insurance. Jools - ongoing

Victim Support Donation Request

Jools has circulated a summary defining what is Section137 spending and what comes under the council's statutory powers. A running total for the year's Section137 spend is now included in the Treasurer section. Victim Support's request will be looked at in the next meeting. All

Play Area Cleanup

The play area was tidied up as planned, the inspection will have taken place some time this month. Report awaited. The preferred position for the frog seats has been marked in paint on the ground.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2021/22

Confirmation of exemption for this year has now been received from the external auditors.

Public Rights of Way - ongoing

- ongoing - John will discuss the Autograss footpath with track management and the farmer.

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Hall Refurbishment / Internal Decoration

- **Hall soffits and fascias** –ongoing. Rick will obtain a quote to repair the rot.
- **Internal decoration** – The hall is reserved for 2 weeks from 3/10 for the redecoration.
- **Door security** – ongoing - Andy will ask his contact to review security of the hall's UPVC door.

Hall and Green

Hall cleaning : The bookings administrator is happy to continue with hall cleaning. The council asked him to submit invoices reflecting the time he is spending on this. Hall admin

Playground Inspection Report : Rick and John will look at what else is needed. Rick/John - ongoing

Outside water options: the intended pump is unfortunately too dilapidated, but it was agreed a diaphragm pump would be sourced by Andy.

Indoor notice board – ordered, due 4th August. Cost approx £27.

Telephone kiosk - included in the quote for internal decoration.

Highways Improvement Plan :

A Microsoft "Teams" meeting is scheduled for this Friday to progress this.

Community Speed Watch

- Rick has been arranging sessions by email to operatives.
- Jools will sort out a fresh recruitment campaign.

Treasurer's Reports

July 2022:

Current Balance 19/05/22 12884.84
Previous Balance 21/04/22 13001.64

Debits

04/07/22 226.80 bac Hopkins
12/07/22 60.00 bac WSL gardening

Credits

27/06/22 20.00 bac hall hire J Ray
27/06/22 20.00 bac hall hire J RAY *there were 2 payments
08/07/22 20.00 Hall Hire Trailer Tent
14/07/22 110.00 Hall Hire via Tony 100502

Not Represented

25/07/22 80.00 Chq Marsh Magazine 000802 Bac transfer failed
27/07/22 75.00 bac Rick reimb for v sweeper

Notes:

Section 137 Spend – running total for period 1st April 2022- 31st March 2023 - £0

Pipeline

Hall Decoration 2865 internal 1680 external
waiting further quotes
Highways 3000 and 1500
IAA (Jubilee) 500-600
£140 due back for hall from engineering

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Planning -

- **Ref: 22/0839/FH** Proposal: Replace all existing double and single glazed windows and French doors with Residence 9 double-glazed units. Location: Ivy Lodge, Ashford Road, Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, TN29 0AL – IPC support this. **Jools**
 - **Ref 22/0871/FH** Lawful development certificate (proposed) for the conversion of garage to living accommodation and rear extension to replace existing conservatory. Location: Stepping Stones, The Gardens – IPC support this. **Jools**
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Diarised / Correspondence / Any Other Business

- The council discussed a proposal by a resident who wishes to instal a bench on the village green in memory of her late husband, who had been an active member of the community. This was approved in principle, council wishes to have sight of the proposed item to approve its quality. It was agreed the position of the old bench (recently removed) would be suitable.
 - Hall admin cover for a period in September was agreed – Alan can meet/greet/let in if necessary; Julie can check the condition of the hall mid-week following hirings. It was noted that some rubbish is being left following one of the regular hirings, which is contrary to the hire conditions.
 - Fire at Wenhams Lane – the police have been active following the recent fire at a farm building and trees which was quickly brought under control by the fire brigade.
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Energy usage - *Summaries of energy usage (KWH) as billed from the Smart Meter are shown here as they become available; please note billing dates and periods vary from month to month, so standing charge periods will also vary.*

TBA

Next Parish Council meeting : Please note there will be no August meeting. Next meeting will be :

Thursday 15th September 2022, 7.30pm in Village Hall. Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.