

Ivychurch Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting

17th November 2022

(postponed from 15th September following the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II)

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

Apologies: Julie Devenish (**Jools**)

Members of the Public: 3

Meeting Opening

Declarations of Interest : Alan – Planning application 22/1779/FH ;

Previous Minutes : October minutes approved with a minor wording change to the Winter Warmth Grant Scheme item.

New Items for Discussion

Precept 2023/24

As in recent years, the council agreed the amount paid by Ivychurch households should remain unchanged. **Jools** will convey this decision to F&HDC.

Progress reviews of Warm Bank Initiative and Winter Grant Scheme

Nobody has taken up the **Warm Bank** offer yet. Not a big surprise given the relatively warm weather to date. The council agreed this should now be promoted on the village WhatsApp. **Alan** to ask **Jools** to put a short message together. (Still requiring people to take the leaflet along). No further news yet on the **Winter Warmth Grant** scheme.

Mowers Christmas Dinner

As a smaller group, and with funds being tighter this year – agreed to make £50 contribution on behalf of the Parish Council to say thank you for all the work during the year.

Coronation commemorative item

Julie raised that the Parish Council might like to sponsor a commemorative gift for the village children. All agreed, and Julie will look into options and costs. Most probably a Mug, with the Village sign on one side, and an official Crown logo / picture. It was felt there were probably around 30 children.

Actions from Previous Meetings

Warm Bank Initiative – The Bell Inn

Details in October minutes. See progress review above.

Ivychurch Winter Warmth Grant Scheme

Details in October minutes. See progress review above.

Permanent siting of picnic and memorial benches

Rick / Jools will liaise with the resident who has provided the memorial bench as to its best positioning. – ongoing.

Gardening services

No-one has been identified yet. The vacancy will be advertised initially via WhatsApp and the village Facebook page.

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Highways Improvement Plan

- Highways improvement plan: Invoice paid, but we have not heard anything from KCC. Agreed that Alan should send a chaser, copying in Tony Hills. Some discussion on the proposed speed zones. All of the view that we should press for the 40 mph limit to extend through to village and not stop at Echo engineering. We will also raise the point that large parts of the road between Ivychurch and New Romney do not sit within our boundary. We do want to support this, and would seek to fund, if necessary, but would like to explore sharing the cost with New Romney town council and St Mary in the Marsh. Tony agreed that we should not need to fund changes made outside of the village. Tony said that he would like to see 40 mph across the Marsh, with 20 mph in the villages. He will do all he can to support us in moving this forward with highways quickly.
- The sign just before Newchurch turning has blown down. Sign also still down on Ivychurch Road. Alan will log on website. Jools to put out reminder on WhatsApp that people can log these issues also themselves.

Ivychurch Interpretation Hub and Heritage Exhibition

The information board is expected 21st November, weather permitting. Once that is installed, the seats and information board will need to be added to the hall insurance. Jools - ongoing

Hall Refurbishment / Internal Decoration

- **Hall soffits and fascias** - Rick will obtain a quote to repair the rot. ongoing
- **Door security** – ongoing - Andy will ask his contact to review security of the hall's UPVC door. ongoing
- **Internal decoration** - account has been paid for the internal decoration. Has been agreed that we will paint the outside of the Hall in the spring now that the weather has turned.
- **Telephone Kiosk** likely to be done at the same time (still need a quote for this) – Alan ongoing
- **Toilet lights** – timer has been altered to keep the lights on longer. complete
- **Privacy frosting** - the hall administrator will obtain this and pass the bill to Jan. ongoing
- **Outside lights** – an enquiry was made about the outside lights which were only coming on for exaggerated movement on exiting the hall. It was pointed out that there is a timer button located in the kitchen which switches the outside lights on for a set period to enable safe exit from the hall. The PIR on the footpath side may need checking. (Rick)

Hall and Green

Playground Inspection Report : This year's inspection report has been received and circulated, invoice forwarded to Jan for payment. Rick and John will look at what work is needed. Rick/John - ongoing

Outside water options : Andy and Rick will check what pipework etc are needed. - ongoing

Indoor notice board – ready to instal. Rick

Community Speed Watch

- At the recent CSW session, 7 vehicles were logged as speeding, the fastest being 40mph.
 - Rick will check with our trainees for convenient times to come as observers. Alan is now trained.
 - Jools will sort out a fresh recruitment campaign.
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Treasurer's Report

November 2022:

Current Balance 6195.81 17/11/22
Previous Balance 10011.41 20/10/22

Debits

31/10/22 3088.00 BAC N Reynolds internal dec
03/11/22 600.00 BAC IAA
16/11/22 117.60 BAC Playsafe Ltd
16/11/22 30.00 BAC WSL Gardening

Credits

17/11/22 20.00 Bac Hall Hire Grogin

Not Represented

Nil

Notes:

Section 137 Spend (total available for 2022/23 = £1,682) – running total for period 1st April 2022- 31st August - £0

Pipeline

External decorating 1680.00 Delayed until spring
Highways 2000.00 approx
Warmth Support 1000.00 (section137)
Warm Bank Bell 200.00 per month kept under review
Hall Ins 1000.00 approx due Feb23

Planning - Ref: 22/1779/FH - Proposal: Proposed conversion of existing garage building to annexe. Location: 3 Moat Barn, Ashford Road, Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, TN29 0AZ. Everyone supportive and saw nothing of concern. Alan excluded himself as interest declared.

Diarised / Correspondence / Any Other Business

- **Goal mouths:** Rick has asked for a quote for tough turf for the worn goal mouths.
- **Road signs:** some road signs have been knocked askew or blown down. Jan will report the one in Ivychurch Road and Julie will report the blown-down 40mph sign to the south of the village. ongoing
- **Fire Extinguishers** – need replacing. Julie

Marsh Forum

John updated from the Marsh Forum. Discuss on Sewage across the marsh, and the challenge maintaining very old infrastructure. Discussion on sewage being released into the sea. Tony said that good progress had been made on this, and Southern Water actively working in Kent to improve. The quality of water in our rivers and beaches is actually quite good. PCO has retired and will not be replaced.

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.*

Next Parish Council meeting : Next meeting will be : **Thursday 19th January 2023, 7.30pm in Village Hall.**

Meeting closed.