

Ivychurch Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting

20th October 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**), Julie Devenish (**Jools**), Jan Robertson (**JR**), Andy Daburn (**AD**)

Apologies: none

Members of the Public: 3

Meeting Opening

Declarations of Interest : None ;

Previous Minutes : September minutes approved and signed off.

New Items for Discussion

Warm Bank Initiative – The Bell Inn

The council agreed to collaborate with the Bell Inn to provide a warm space for Ivychurch residents to visit, with a bowl of soup and a roll, plus a hot or cold drink provided free of charge, the basic cost of which would be invoiced by the Bell Inn to the parish council. An initial upper limit of £200 per month was agreed, with the situation to be reviewed on a monthly basis to monitor the success and uptake.

Alan will write a letter to the pub confirming the above arrangement, and **Jools** will prepare publicity for this via the parish council's email list, a village-wide letterbox drop, and via the village WhatsApp groups. The scheme will start from 1st November. Many residents are already known to the pub's staff, but first-time visitors should bring their copy of the note they will receive through their letterbox.

Ivychurch Winter Warmth Grant Scheme

The IAA are aware that some Ivychurch residents are worried about their ability to meet the rising costs of food and fuel this winter, and it is anticipated that several more households will also be struggling. A scheme will be set up to provide some financial assistance to Ivychurch residents in need, this will be administered by the Ivychurch Amenities Association. The council agreed to hold aside a sum of £1,000, to be passed to the IAA in the event that the scheme gets good uptake and uses up the funds which the IAA holds for the Mighty Mowers and any other fundraising for it which the IAA carries out. This is in addition to the funding already agreed towards the Jubilee celebrations earlier this summer and, if called upon, would come under the council's Section137 discretionary spending allowance for this year. **Jan**

It was considered that a grant of up to £100 per household would be appropriate, payable in two instalments. Residents will be invited to apply to the IAA for this.

Other Warm Bank measures

Village Hall

A "cuppa club" already uses the village hall on the Tuesday afternoons when the mobile library visits the village. This will be publicised along with the other measures above, and hours extended to provide an opportunity for residents to leave their house and come for a social afternoon in the warm. There are also plans for the IAA to open the hall on other occasions, especially during the school holidays.

Romney Marsh Community Hub

Details are awaited of the RMCH's plans to provide a warm bank at their premises in New Romney.

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Actions from Previous Meetings

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.

Gardening services

Jools has asked the current gardener if she can recommend someone to replace her, but has not yet received any suggestions. If no-one is identified, the vacancy will be advertised initially via WhatsApp and the village Facebook page.

Extra clause in hall hire terms&conditions

The IAA website is updated and now links to the latest terms & conditions. **complete**

Highways Improvement Plan

Highways has now passed their invoice to **Jan** for £3,000 to the parish council for payment.

Julie has conveyed the parish council's view that a single 40mph limit between New Romney and Ivychurch would be far less confusing to motorists than the current plan for a unlimited section to remain between Echo Engineering and the start of the 40mph limit at Ivychurch Business Park.

Ivychurch Interpretation Hub and Heritage Exhibition

The information board is still awaited. Once that is installed, the seats and information board will need to be added to the hall insurance. **Jools** - ongoing

Public Rights of Way

- No further action will be taken.

Hall Refurbishment / Internal Decoration

- **Hall soffits and fascias** - **Rick** will obtain a quote to repair the rot. ongoing
- **Internal decoration** – **complete**.
- **Door security** – ongoing - **Andy** will ask his contact to review security of the hall's UPVC door. ongoing
- **Toilet lights** – **Andy** will let the electricians know about the toilet lights – the gent's wash-basin lobby timer goes off too quickly, and the ladies cubicle light does not come on. It was also suggested that privacy frosting film was desirable on the windows – the **hall administrator** will obtain this and pass the bill to Jan.
- **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 is still awaited. **Jools** will chase. 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**

Telephone kiosk repainting - **Alan** will chase a quote for this.

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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. The Police are running a couple of road campaigns over the next few weeks. Jools will let Rick know the dates.
- Jools will sort out a fresh recruitment campaign.

Treasurer's Reports

October 2022:

Current Balance 20/10/22 10011.41

Previous Balance 29/09/22 12836.85

Debits

17/10/22 140.00 bac Tony for kettle hall cleaning tissues

17/10/22 36.96 bac Rick toilet seat

20/10/22 3000.00 bac KCC highways

20/10.22 8.48 bac business stream water

Credits

18/10/22 360.00 deposit Tony hall hire 100503

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

Hall Decoration 2865 internal 1680 external
Highways TBC

IAA (Jubilee) 500-600

IAA 1000 (Section 137 for Winter Warmth Support Grant) – agreed at meeting

Bell Inn 1000 (by instalments over 5 months for “warm space” provision) – agreed at meeting

Planning - None

Diarised / Correspondence / Any Other Business

- VAT: in hand. complete
- 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
- Homeless man: PCSO has been made aware of the latest situation.

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 17th November 2022, 7.30pm in Village Hall.**

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.