

Ivychurch Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting

16th February 2023

Present: Rick Bailey (RB), Julie Bailey (JB), Alan Martin (AM), Jan Robertson (JR), Julie Devenish (Jools)

Apologies: John Goldsmith (JG), Andy Daburn (AD)

Members of the Public: 3

Meeting Opening

Declarations of Interest : none.

Previous Minutes : January minutes approved .

New Items for Discussion

Progress reviews of Warm Bank Initiative and Winter Grant Scheme

Still no uptake of the **Warm Bank** offer. Another reminder will be placed in March's Marsh Message with the suggestion that a member of the parish could be referred by a friend.

KALC Community Award Scheme 2023

A nomination was proposed and agreed unanimously, this will be conveyed to KALC.

SWARCO entity change on electric vehicle charging points contract

No remittance for 2021/22 received yet (invoice was sent 24th January. It was pointed out that some businesses may deal with payments on a monthly basis. SWARCO have now advised us that they expect to make these payments in advance, which means payment for the 2022/23 period is also overdue, and a further invoice has been raised. Council diary has been amended to raise future invoices in October for the next 4 years. **Jan**
Novation agreement therefore still remains to be signed and returned. **Rick**

Annual Parish Meeting

Agreed to hold this on 1st April, in the form of a village brunch as these have proved popular. **Alan** will progress.

Actions from Previous Meetings

Ongoing agenda items from last month are dealt with in the section above. (Winter initiatives, KALC award, SWARCO)

Worn notices on Village Green

A number of "No Dogs" signs have been obtained and will be installed. **Rick** ongoing

Hall Heating

Paines have corrected the allocation of the heaters on the wrong circuit and the hall heaters were set to 10degrees. It was reported that the film club had still found the hall very cold. Further measures were discussed. **Alan** will look for quotes to install more heaters, on the ceiling. St. Mary's Bay hall was mentioned as a possible example. It was agreed the circuit correction was not billable.

Coronation commemorative item

The mug design was circulated. It was agreed that **Julie** will place an initial order of 45 would be made at £4.40/pc, if there was additional interest then more could be ordered as the upfront design costs have already been met. The availability of the mugs will be mentioned via WhatsApp and Marsh Message (**Jools**).

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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

Further efforts will be made to find a new gardener. **Jools**

Highways Improvement Plan

- See January minutes for costing details. (Actions **Alan**, **Julie** and **Jan**) Julie attended New Romney Town Council's meeting, they were sympathetic to the cause but said they had no budget to contribute towards the £6,500 shortfall. Cllrs Hills and Goddard have no budget remaining from 2022, and KCC are effecting severe cuts; F&HDC were considered a possible source, and with anticipated VAT refunds, SWARCO's annual payments and less uptake on the Warmth Grant than expected, it will be decided by **all** at the April meeting about confirming to Highways when funds become available from all the expected streams. **Jan** will check whether the £3,000 (already paid) included VAT or not. **Alan** will ask Cllrs Hills and Goddard if they could keep us in mind for funding if/when budget becomes available.
- Sign also still down on Ivychurch Road. **Alan** will log on website. **Jools** to put out reminder on WhatsApp that people can log damaged/dislodged road sign issues themselves on Highways website.

Hall Refurbishment / Internal Decoration

- **Hall soffits and fascias** - **Rick** ongoing
- **Door security** – ongoing - **Andy** will ask his contact to review security of the hall's UPVC door. ongoing
- **External decoration** - Agreed that we will paint the outside of the Hall in the spring. ongoing
- **Telephone Kiosk** likely to be done at the same time (still need a quote for this) – **Alan** ongoing
- **Privacy frosting** – installed. **complete**
- **Outside lights** – The PIR on the footpath side may need checking. (**Rick**) ongoing

Hall and Green

Playground Inspection Report : 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** - ongoing

Community Speed Watch

- A session was scheduled but had to be cancelled due to fog.
 - **Rick** will check with our two trainees for convenient times to come as observers.
 - **Jools** will sort out a fresh recruitment campaign.
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Treasurer's Report

February 2023:

Current Balance 6164.47 16/02/23

Previous Balance 6614.57 19/01/23

Debits

20/01/23 1051.49 bac Hall Insurance

20/01/23 3.87 bac Business stream

Credits

23/01/23 20.00 bac hall hire grogin

25/01/23 320.00 paid in by tony 100504

13/02/23 20.00 bac hall hire Grogin

15/02/23 245.06 bac HMRC vat reclaim

Outstanding

16/02/23 91.99 bac hall cleaning

15/02/23 1309.63 Submitted vat reclaim

Notes:

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

Pipeline

Ext Decorating 1680.00 delayed til spring

Highways 11500 approx

Warm Hub 200.00 per month til march

Warm support 1000.00

Guttering repair 460.00

Swarco 1250x2 annual payment overdue

Planning - none.

Diarised / Correspondence / Any Other Business

- **Provisional Diary Dates :**
 - IAA Quiz – 17/3* (*since the meeting this date is to be changed, TBA);
Litter Pick – 26/3;
Annual Parish Meeting – 1/4;
 - IAA Coronation Planning Meeting (for everyone) will take place in the hall at 7.30pm **13th March**. Ideas welcome.
 - It was agreed the kindly donated baby changing unit could be placed in the Ladies toilet – if there is a problem it can simply be removed again.
 - After dealing with the possible mouse issue, the playgroup paraphernalia can be returned under the stage.
 - Further vandalism has occurred in the church.
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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.*

Still in credit.

Coin meter : - .

Next Parish Council meeting : Next meeting will be : **Thursday 16th March 2023, 7.30pm in Village Hall**. Meeting closed 8.35pm.