

Ivychurch Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting

16th March 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:4

Meeting Opening

Declarations of Interest : none.

Previous Minutes : February minutes approved .

New Items for Discussion

Progress reviews of Warm Bank Initiative and Winter Grant Scheme

Alan will check with the pub tonight re the **Warm Bank** offer. One household has been suggested for the Winter Grant.

SWARCO entity change on electric vehicle charging points contract

Payment for 2021-22 has been received. The novation agreement has now been signed and returned. Payment of the further invoice for 2022-23 now awaited. Jools will chase.

Council Elections

Notices of election will be published shortly. Information for prospective councillors will be posted on the village Facebook page. Jools

Air Ambulance request for donation

This will be reviewed next month in the light of the decision on outlay for the signage under the Highways Improvement Plan. Jools will add to April's agenda.

Litterpick

Arrangements are in hand for the litterpick on 26th March. The pub are happy to serve soup, Parish Council has offered to fund. Alan will check re trailer availability and will meet the litterpickers when they arrive to set up their event van.

Actions from Previous Meetings

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

Annual Parish Meeting

Doors will open for 10.30am. Catering will be organised between Alan, Jan and Julie. Jools will invite our District Councillors.

Worn notices on Village Green

A number of "No Dogs" signs have been obtained and will be installed. complete

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 is obtaining quotes to install more heaters on the ceiling. It was noted that the coin meter had £1.30 credit at the start of the meeting – with all 4 wall heaters switched on this lasted approximately one hour.

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Coronation commemorative item

The mugs have been ordered and will be available for distribution at the Parish Brunch. **Jools** will include in the Brunch publicity.

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

A new gardener has been found. **Jools** will liaise.

Highways Improvement Plan

- See January minutes for costing details. (Actions **Alan**, **Julie** and **Jan**) Alan attended St.Mary-in-the-Marsh meeting – they will look at this in their May meeting (after the elections). No further feedback from other councils. Alan also contacted Magnox about their Socio-Economic Fund – they will discuss next week. It will be decided by **all** at the April meeting about confirming to Highways when funds become available from all the expected streams. It is believed that VAT is included in the £14,000, if so it will need to be itemised on the invoice. Alan is asking Cllrs Hills and Goddard to keep us in mind.
- The downed signs have been reported. Ashford Road was fixed, Ivychurch and Newchurch Roads reported but not yet fixed.

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
- **Outside lights** – The PIR on the footpath side needs replacing. (**Rick**) ongoing

Hall and Green

Playground Inspection Report : Rick and John will look at what work is needed. Some pruning has been done. Some tidying-up is still needed, a working-party will be formed after the litterpick. **Rick/John** – ongoing

Goals – Grasslands have supplied turf which has been laid and top-dressed by a resident. Bungee cords are being provided for the nets to be hung up when not in use.

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

- Sessions have been carried out with newly-trained recruits in attendance, several speeding vehicles logged.
 - **Jools** will sort out a fresh recruitment campaign.
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Treasurer's Report

March 2023:

Current Balance 8731.42 16/03/23

Previous Balance 6164.47 16/02/23

Debits

16/02/23 91.99 bac tony cleaning +materials

16/02/23 100.69 dd octopus energy

Credits

17/02/23 1309.63 bac vat reclaim

20/02/23 20.00 bac Hall hire

20/02/23 1250.00bac Swarco 21/22

01/03/23 120.00 pay in 100505

09/03/23 20.00bac hall hire

14/03/23 20.00 bac hall hire

15/03/23 20.00 bac hall hire

Outstanding

150.00 credit for alternative fuel octopus

4.72 payment due to business stream

202.50 coronation mugs

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 1250x1 annual payment overdue

Post office 200,00 hall hire til dec 23

Possible 2000 donation from magnox

Poss vat reclaim on 11500 from highways

Planning - A concrete base in Clubb Lane was reported to Planning who said planning permission was required. The householder has been given 5 weeks to apply for planning permission.

Diarised / Correspondence / Any Other Business

- **Provisional Diary Dates :**
 - Annual Parish Meeting – 1/4;
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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.*

28th January – 27th February: Credit Notes £-16.17 and £-150.00 (grant)

Energy Usage: 458.2 KWh @ 18.77p/KWh = £86.01

226.4 KWh @ 14.44p/KWh = £32.68

Standing charge 31 days @ 37.53p/day = £11.63

Total £130.32 + VAT £6.52 = £136.84

Coin meter : - .

Next Parish Council meeting : Next meeting will be : **Thursday 20th April 2023, 7.30pm in Village Hall.** Meeting closed 8.30pm.