

Ivychurch Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting

20th April 2023

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

Apologies: none

Absent: none

Members of the Public: 4

Meeting Opening

Declarations of Interest : none.

Previous Minutes : March minutes approved .

New Items for Discussion

Progress reviews of Warm Bank Initiative and Winter Grant Scheme

No uptake at the pub, so this scheme is now closed; discussions re Winter Grant were delayed for various reasons, one possible candidate is to be considered, after which this scheme will also be closed

SWARCO entity change on electric vehicle charging points contract

Payment for 2022-23 has been received. No further action. **complete**

Council Elections

Notices of election are published. Three nomination forms were submitted by the deadline. This means the Parish Council will be quorate and is elected uncontested. After the three new councillors have taken office at next month's meeting, two further councillors may be co-opted to fill the remaining vacancies.

Air Ambulance request for donation

There is still some uncertainty about the finances needed for the Highways Improvement Plan so this remains outstanding and will be addressed under previous meetings' actions. **all**

Annual Return (AGAR)

In progress.

KALC annual subscription

Agreed – **Jan** to pay.

Actions from Previous Meetings

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

Litterpick – **complete**

Annual Parish Meeting

This informal event went well. **Jools** will put a brief set of minutes together to include the progress reports which were provided.

Hall Heating

Alan has contacted an infra-red heater firm for advice – there is less urgency now that warmer weather is on the way.

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Coronation commemorative item

Some mugs have been distributed at the Parish Brunch and the rest will be given out at the Coronation Celebration.

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 engaged on the same terms as the previous one.

Highways Improvement Plan

- See January minutes for costing details. No further feedback from other councils or Magnox. Jan ran through the latest treasurer figures. **Jan** and **Alan** will check the energy figures. After discussion it was felt the finance issue is very tight and a clearer breakdown of the £11,000 invoice was needed – Alan will ask for more detail and about VAT. A member of the public mentioned that several residents are willing to make a contribution – the council is unwilling to ask for donations but would welcome any offers made (publicly or privately).
Julie - ongoing

Hall Refurbishment / Internal Decoration

- **Hall soffits and fascias** - **Rick** ongoing – these will be addressed at the same time as external decoration.
- **External decoration** - Agreed that we will paint the outside of the Hall in the spring. Ongoing
- **Door security** – ongoing - **Andy** will ask his contact to review security of the hall's UPVC door. 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 may need replacing. (**Rick**) ongoing

Hall and Green

Playground: **Jools** will appeal for volunteers for a working party to assist with tidying up the play area on Saturday 29th April starting at 10am, coffee in the hall afterwards. **Inspection Report:** **Rick/John** – ongoing

Goals – **complete**.

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 continue to be arranged ad-hoc.
 - **Jools** will sort out a fresh recruitment campaign.
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Treasurer's Report

Treasurers Report April 23

Current Balance 14576.40 20/04/23

Previous Balance 8731.42 16/03/23

Debits

31/03/23 202.50 bac JD Francis mugs

31/03/23 4.72 bac Business Stream

19/04/23 238.80 bac Aubergine web hosting

Credits

17/03/23 20.00 bac hall hire

04/04/23 1250 bac swarco

06/04/23 5001.00 bac precept

11/04/23 20.00 bac hall hire

Outstanding Debit

Alan Brunch reimb 196.55

Notes:

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

Pipeline

Debits

Ext Decorating 1680.00

Highways 11500

Warm support 1000.00

Guttering repair 460.00

Air Ambulance 300 possible donation

Credits

Post office 200.00 hall hire till dec 23

Possible 2000 donation from magnox

Poss vat reclaim on 11500 from highways

Alternative fuel payment 150 Alan to check with octopus

Planning - Rick has not received a reply from Planning Enforcement yet re Clubb Lane and no planning application seen; Rick will chase.

Diarised / Correspondence / Any Other Business

- **Litterpick** - Some remaining rubbish needs collecting, Alan will email Paul at Romney Marsh Litter Picking Watch.
 - **Hall supplies need topping up** – Tony will sort this.
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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.*

Coin meter : - .

Next Parish Council meeting : Next meeting will be : **Thursday 18th May 2023, 3pm in Village Hall.** Meeting closed 8.25pm.

(please note earlier time for next month's meeting, this is due to exceptional commitments)