

Ivychurch Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting

12th October 2023

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

Apologies: John Goldsmith

Absent: none

Members of the Public: 3 incl KCC Cllr Hills (TH)

Meeting Opening

Declarations of Interest : none.

Previous Minutes : September minutes approved after amending name of wildlife operation from Geronimo to Galileo .

New Items for Discussion

Defibrillator ongoing maintenance and costs – We have been advised that consumables replacement costs for our AED unit are predicted to rise significantly over the next few years, and it has been recommended that we replace the unit after next year. The existing AED was installed in 2018 – for a new unit the consumables replacement cycle will be longer and costs lower. Jools will request a quote for like-for-like replacement. The pub landlords will also be approached re placing a donations collecting box on the counter. Cllr Hills mentioned he may be able to allocate £500 towards our costs if a request is made soon. He will let us have application forms. TH

Actions from Previous Meetings

Play Equipment Safety Report : after distributing this large file by email some councillors have been unable to access properly. Jools to re-send, for All to read.

Mobile Post Office Service: it was agreed that rather than a letter, Rick will email our MP expressing our concerns about the termination of this service. Tony has invoiced for the hall use.

Local Community / Police Matters :

- Our new PC Will Norman, is already leaving! Alan has met him and will be escalating a complaint to the PCC. Residents have been asked to report ASB to enable the police to take action.
- Julie will find her old list of issues reported in the past in respect of lost bridleways. Cllr Hills commented there is a long delay where KCC maintain adopted paths.
- Details of “Operation Galileo” have been circulated on the village social media complete
- Re the issue of vehicles being parked too close to the junction, TH advised we approach District’s Highways about lines. Julie will let TH have details to refer on.

Hall Hire Advertising: Hiring bookings are continuing to improve. There is a large pothole at the hall entrance (parish hall grounds) which Rick will attend to.

Air Ambulance request for donation - Uncertainty continues about the finances needed for the Highways Improvement Plan so this remains outstanding and will be decided as soon as possible. Ongoing

Hall Heating – diarised for review in Spring.

Permanent siting of memorial bench : Rick and Jools’ husband will make the bench installation permanent . ongoing

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Highways Improvement Plan

- KCC invoice still awaited, after which grant applications can be submitted.
- Magnox have asked for the application to be resubmitted. Alan (>£2K)
- Little Cheney Windfarm – Community Fund Grants Manager is processing and has spoken with Alan on the phone. are meeting later this month. (>£2K)
Julie will submit requests to Cllr Hills for £500, from his KCC Members Allowance, and to Alan Martin for £1,000 as District Councillor. KCC might be able to provide some funding. Apologies were received for not having the invoice prepared yet, Alan and Julie to make a diary note to look at some outstanding Highways Improvement Plan issues once the speed limits have been addressed (e.g. HGV Route signage, enforcing parking restriction at junctions, etc)

Hall Refurbishment / Internal Decoration

- **Hall soffits and fascias** - the top coat will be included.
- **Telephone Kiosk** repainting on hold for now.

Hall and Green

- **Carpark and hall perimeter** : overgrown areas have received attention although there is now some regrowth.
- **Outside water options** : Rick will check what pipework etc are needed. - ongoing
- **Indoor notice board** – ready to instal. Rick – ongoing
- **Fire Safety Regulations / Responsible Person** – New Fire Safety Regulations came into force on 1st October. Tony has written a fire evacuation procedure which we can adopt. He will look at the template Fire Safety Compliance Matrix supplied through NALC and tailor it to Ivychurch Village Hall.

Community Speed Watch

- Sessions continue to be arranged ad-hoc.
- Jools will sort out a fresh recruitment campaign. Ongoing

Planning

- Nothing new seen
- Clubb Lane planning enforcement: nothing new to report, item remains to be kept in view.

Governance - - KALC highlighted an issue where councils had not yet received sign-off of their Annual Returns – we have checked our correspondence and the Auditors (Mazars) emailed us in June indicating they would not be communicating further until next accounting year as we had submitted a Declaration of Exemption. NFA

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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report October 23

Current Balance 12007.08 12/10/23

Previous Balance 12113.88 14/09/23

Debits

03/10/23 123.60 bac Playsafe Ltd

02/10/23 118.20 bac Hopkins AED pads

Credits

20/09/23 115.00 Pay in Tony 100510 Mugs and Hall Hire

03/10/23 20.00 bac Grogin Hall Hire

Outstanding

Octopus 15.44 was due to be taken by DD around 16/09/23

Alan will check

Notes:

Section 137 Spend (total available for 2023/24 = £1,986 assuming 200 electors) – running total period 1st April 2023-now = £0

Pipeline

Expenditure

11500 for traffic measures

Income

110 from post office hall rental

1250 Swarco

1000 Alan Martin

500 Tony Hills

2000 Magnox poss donation

2000 LCF poss donation

Diarised / Correspondence / Upcoming Events / Any Other Business

Upcoming events

- Barn Dance 10th November
- Remembrance Sunday – Service at St George's Church

Any Other Business

- Slow Ways – the meeting discussed an email received from the Slow Ways Initiative which is compiling details nationwide of walking and cycling routes. The meeting was told a suggestion has been made to KCC that some footpaths could include cycle paths.
- The meeting was advised of an upcoming performance by Charle Austen, organised by the Dungeness sports & social club, at the village hall on 3rd November. Villagers are invited to attend – tickets £10 adult, £8 child, £32 family of 4.
- Complaints have been made regarding deposits of dog excrement not being cleared up from village footpaths by some dog owners.

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:	tba
Credit Notes :	

Next Parish Council meeting : Next meeting will be : **Thursday, 9th November 2023, 7.30pm** in Village Hall.
Meeting closed at 8.50pm.