

# Ivychurch Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting

## 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

**Apologies:** Julie Bailey (JB)

**Absent:** none

**Members of the Public:** 3 including Cllr Tony Hills

### Meeting Opening

**Declarations of Interest :** none.

**Previous Minutes :** January minutes approved

The councillors wished Julie a speedy recovery, and Rick welcomed our County Councillor, Tony Hills..

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### New Items for Discussion

- **Litterpick** – arranged for Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March. The Romney Marsh Litter Picking Watch support unit will attend, Alan will check availability of the local trailer and let RMLPW know. Alan will also check if the pub can provide soup and sandwiches. Jools will put out some more publicity. Diary entries have been placed on the IPC Website and Facebook already.
  - **IPC Annual Parish Meeting / IAA Annual General Meeting (Brunch)** – arrangements will be similar to last year's successful brunch. Cllr Hills and the St George Church Warden will provide updates, and display stands will be set up. We also hope to welcome PC Steve Putland, possibly with some information regarding "My Community Voice". Alan Jools Julie IAA
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### Actions from Previous Meetings

**Precept 2024/25** – response sent to F&HDC.

**Insurance Renewal** – renewed.

**Replacement/Back-up Hall Bookings Administrator/Caretaker** – temporary arrangements agreed; Julie will modify the underlying email address on the contact section of the bookings page of the IAA website, and telephone coverage will be arranged. Rick will check the hall as necessary.

**Play Equipment Safety Report** : the large report file has been placed on the IPC website and link emailed to councillors. The swing basket will be raised. Rick ongoing

**Local Community / Police Matters :**

- Julie is still looking for info re issues reported in the past in respect of lost bridleways. ongoing

**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

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## Highways Improvement Plan

- Signage - work is expected by 15<sup>th</sup> March.
- Magnox - it is hoped they will give further consideration to our request.
- Little Cheney Windfarm – further details are hoped for regarding their declining to assist.
- It was felt that the new speed restrictions should receive publicity – a mention will be made in the next **Marsh Message**, and on **Cllr Hills'** Facebook page.
- **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) - ongoing

## Hall Refurbishment / Internal Decoration

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

## Hall and Green

- **Carpark and hall perimeter** : overgrown areas have some further regrowth. **ongoing**
- **Outside water options** : **Rick** will check what pipework etc are needed. - ongoing
- **Fire Safety Regulations / Responsible Person** – **complete**
- **Heating** – The thermostats have been adjusted; the existing background heaters are not wi-fi enabled but can be programmed a week at a time.
- **Salt/grit bags** – no new supplies are needed this winter.
- **Carbon Efficiency** – Julie has concluded that current parish council funds could not support obtaining a battery to store our solar energy. **Alan** will look into recent developments regarding rural regeneration and energy efficiency grant funding.
- **Outside lighting** – the indoor push-button timer for the outside light needs adjusting to extend time illuminated. This will be investigated by **Rick, Alan or Tony**.

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## Community Speed Watch

- Sessions continue to be arranged ad-hoc.
- The interested resident will be invited to observe a session. **Rick**
- Further publicity will be renewed as Spring weather improves. **Ongoing**
- **Alan** may invite PC Putland to join a session.

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## Planning

- No new applications have been seen.
- Clubb Lane planning enforcement: nothing new to report, item remains to be kept in view.

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## Governance - none

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## Treasurer's Report

- Rick was unable to remove the meter cover. Jan has been in contact by email about the two very large water bills. It will cost £35-45+VAT to have the meter read. Agreed that **Jan** will arrange this.

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<p><b>Treasurer's Report February 2024</b></p> <p>Current Balance 2223.31 08/02/24</p> <p>Previous Balance 3178.21 11/01/24</p> <p><b>Credits</b></p> <p>17/01/24 20.00 bac Hall hire</p> <p>19/01/24 80.00 bac Hall hire</p> <p>24/01/24 20.00 bac Hall Hire</p> <p>08/02/24 20.00 bac Hall Hire</p> <p><b>Debits</b></p> <p>23/01/24 1095.60 bac AJG insurance</p> <p><b>Outstanding</b></p> <p>223.01 business stream waste water</p> <p>* Tony is chasing the Post Office to pay for hall hire last year.</p>	<p><b>NOTE: Section 137 Spend (total available for 2023/24 = £1,986 assuming 200 electors) – running total period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023-now = £0</b></p> <p><b>Pipeline</b></p> <p><b>Expenditure (est)</b></p> <p>May 2024: 245 AED consumables – battery, pads</p> <p>June 2024: 207 AED aftercare covering Jan-Dec24 (for full AED cost projections see minutes 11/2023)</p> <p>May 2026: £2k replace AED and consumables</p> <p>unknown: £? playground surface refurb</p> <p><b>Income</b></p> <p>110 from post office hall rental *</p> <p>2000 Magnox poss donation</p>
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## Diarised / Correspondence / Upcoming Events / Any Other Business

- **Antisocial behaviour** - a recent incident was noted; the meeting was reminded that any ASB incidents should be reported to the police.
- **CPR-Defibrillator session – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024 10-12am** for up to 12 people. Some space is still available.
- **Brunch, 13<sup>th</sup> April (am)** – Annual Parish Meeting / IAA Annual General Meeting
- **Cllr Tony Hills** gave the meeting an update on activities in the Romney Marsh area in respect of storm coastal defences, water quality, surface water flooding, “Plan Bee” (you can sign up to Plan Bee Newsletters via PlanBee@kent.gov.uk and look out for the No Mow May campaign this Spring), and reminded the meeting that KCC continues to maintain our highways on a reduced budget; he asked that if you find what you consider to be dangerous, please report it at <https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public/ReportAFault.aspx>

**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.*

<b>Coin meter:</b>			
£-			
Credit Notes :			

**Next Parish Council meeting** : Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 7.30pm in Village Hall. Meeting closed at 8.26pm.