

Draft Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

21st January 2016

Present: Rick Bailey (Chairperson)(**RB**), Andy Daburn(**AD**), Chris Jones(**CJ**), John Goldsmith(**JG**), Jan Robertson(**JR**), Julie Devenish(**Jools**)

Members of the Public: 4

1 Apologies	
Julie Diplock (JD)	
2 Declarations of Interest	
None	
3 Previous Minutes	
Approved	
4 Special Items for Discussion	
None	
5 Actions from Previous Meeting	
Noticeboards	
John has found some small metal ones for around 30 Euros (£22 approx) – he will look for larger ones on his next trip.	JG
Verge Planting	
The proposed 6 trees will cost more than the £330 the mowers have available. Rather than plant fewer trees the Parish Council agreed unanimously to contribute a further £200 for the planting.	
Rick will be sourcing reasonable sized trees (less vulnerable than smaller ones), stakes and ties, and “digging/planting team” will be organised.	RB
Jan will shortly be preparing a budget for planned spending.	JR
Village Hall Sign – and Mural	ongoing
<i>Sign is ready but may be reviewed / redesigned with a suitable image, possibly an Oasthouse or image based on current village sign</i>	
Grit Bin	
John will have a word with Bell Agricultural about the possible supply of a larger bin than those available in the Broxap range.	JG
Storage Bags for spare asbestos roof tiles	CJ/AD
Chris brought in the storage bags.	Ongoing
Marsh Forum / Flood Warden updates	
John has agreed at the last Forum meeting that Ivychurch wishes to join the forum. He reported the forum are aiming to support the area over issues such as supply of health services across the Marsh, etc. A subscription of £25pa will be required.	JG
Electrical issues:	
<i>Fridge and dehumidifier wiring needs moving to before the meter. Exit light also needs attention.</i>	
Our electrician has unfortunately had a stroke. Rick will look for a substitute – Robin Payne was suggested.	RB
Radiant Heaters /Roof Solar Panels – energy options	ongoing
Website & Emergency Plan	Ongoing
Highways / Speeding	

The cable speed monitoring device will be installed for a week commencing 28 th January, a report will be provided to us a few weeks afterwards. Jools will let the Community Speed Watchers know.	Jools
Flytipping / Rubbish / Burnt-out Car A dead horse was dumped in a field near the A259, fly-grazing is believed to have been occurring on British Rail land. The rubbish seen at Christmas in Wenham Lane has been removed.	Ongoing
Childrens' Playground <i>Julia will speak to another possible supplier</i>	Julia ongoing
Hall Mailbox Key	COMPLETE
Table Tennis Table The table has arrived. Cost of sessions was discussed. An IAA member has expressed willingness to co-ordinate the setting-up of a Table Tennis Club, and John will pass their contact details to a villager he knows is keen. Storage of the table on the stage was considered to be a hazard. The council decided it should be stored at the back of the hall, with a chain to prevent the table either being incorrectly set up or accidents in its handling. A key could be provided for the youth club and another for hirers.	JG IAA Ongoing
Royal Mail Box	COMPLETE
KALC Community Awards Scheme 2016 <i>Nominations requested by 29th January 2016</i> The wording of the nomination was agreed. Jools will pass this to KCC.	Jools
Hall Insurance The Council agreed to take up Came & Company's offer of insurance with Hiscox – first year's premium is £860.55, with subsequent premium rates and policy details remaining unchanged during a 3-year agreement period. This represents a saving over the existing insurance renewal which was quoted at £954.74 for comparable cover. Jools will convey this decision to Came & Company and finalise details, premium remittance etc.	Jools
Advertising in Marsh Matters	COMPLETE
Councillors' Contact List	Jools ongoing
Web-based calendar for Council use <i>Julie can set the Council up as a private user of the IAA calendar – this keeps the information in one place for simplicity and ease of maintenance.</i>	JD Ongoing
Safety Barrier at front of Hall <i>John has some stainless steel tubing and will liaise with Rick to instal. Consideration to be kept in mind for disabled access. Bad weather has prevent progress on this.</i>	JG/RB Ongoing
Budget Planning Meeting <i>To be arranged once statements handed over to Jan</i>	ALL ongoing
New Legal Auditing Requirements Jan has consulted PKF Littlejohn but they are unable to confirm a price by NALC's opt-out deadline of 31 st January. They will be tendering for the Sector Led Body. Cost of automatic opt-in to the new services from 2017 is expected to be around £100 (previously £0). However, opting-out could result in far higher costs, which are currently unknown. Council agreed unanimously to opt-in (i.e. take no action to opt-out).	COMPLETE
Bridle Paths / Rights of Way It was noted that several paths are currently blocked. KCC will be notified.	JR ongoing

6 Treasurer's Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan is now a signatory for NatWest. • Council acknowledge "two to sign" is impractical for online access. It was felt acceptable for Jan to have access and card, and for her to check with Council by email for spend authorisations. Council to have view access. Jan will liaise with Julie. • Balance on last September's statement was approx £12,000. • Rick to pass Jan the invoice for the fire extinguishers service. 	
7 Village Hall and Green	
No new actions. See previous actions.	
8 Planning	
Y15/1235/SH application to erect a greenhouse at Moat House	
Comments recorded on Shepway's website were noted. Council understands the greenhouse is 40 x 10 ft conventional design, and instructed Jools to record Council's response of "no objection" on the application.	Jools
Old "Jag" Site	
Much activity has been observed on this site but no planning issues raised with Shepway. Proposed usage is still unknown.	
9 Correspondence	
Invitation has been issued to local councils to participate in Queen's Birthday celebrations (beacons, parties). Jools will forward this to IAA.	Jools
10 Any Other Business	
A member of public asked about the potholes in the carpark outside the Church. There was some uncertainty of ownership of this, there may have been a mention in Council minutes some years ago, which Jools will try to find. The issue will be monitored and liaised with PCC.	Jools / PCC
11 Next Meetings	
Next meeting Thursday 18th February at 19.30 in Village Hall.	
Meeting closed at 8.45pm.	