

# Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

9<sup>th</sup> September 2004

**Present** : Edwin Lang, Caroline Solly, Doug Suckling,  
(+ Judy Suckling taking minutes)

**Public:** 2 members of the public

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By

**1. Apologies** Pat Healey

**2. Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> August 2004 (*ratification of the Accounts*)**

The minutes were approved and signed by Doug.

**. Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> August 2004 (*Special meeting to discuss the Wind Farm proposals*)**

The minutes were approved and signed by Doug.

**. Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> August 2004)**

The minutes were amended to read '4 members of the public', approved and signed by Doug.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes**

3.1. Doug has not ordered the goal post nets yet as there had been deliberate damage to the existing one, (see item 6).

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3.2. The two bills issued to the post office for use of the hall have been re-issued; Suru had been contacted and will settle shortly.

3.3. Doug is still to contact the new Chief executive of the District Council but is unaware of whom it is.

DS

3.4. Judy had not sent off the subscription for the Kent and Sussex Farming Group as the current bill relates to the period ending Sept. 04. The council were in favor of subscribing for the next year

3.6. The street light outside Knowlden farm bungalow has still not been repaired, Eddy would try to contact Shepway about it.

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3.11 Caroline had not downloaded the Shepway District plan review, it was decided that it would be of no use without the original document, and that did not affect Ivychurch anyway.

5.1 Eddy was thanked by the Chairman for his hard work in clearing the weeds away from the village hall

5.2 Pat was still to contact the gardener to make sure he was able to cut the hedge soon

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5.3 Doug said that the spray paint around the children's play equipment could be finished off at our leisure as ROSPA had now inspected the equipment and were happy with its present state. (see item 6)

5.4 Having received the quotes for the work needed on the hall, Eddy had now been told that the money that was available had now been spent and we need not apply until next year.

8.2 Doug will attend the Nuclear De-commissioning meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Ashford.

8.3 Caroline had read the publication on the Unauthorized Encampments, it stated that no action could be taken by the police or authorities against such a move unless there were at least 3 vehicles and 2 people involved. Civil proceedings were the only way forward in other circumstances.

8.7 Caroline has still to contact David Shell with regard to updating the Ivychurch Web site.

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#### **4. Co-Option of Parish councilor.**

There was only one person to have shown an interest in the vacant post of Parish Councilor, Heather Knight was duly co-opted onto the Council, and welcomed by the Chairman. A copy of the standing orders were given to Heather and the relevant paperwork completed.

#### **5. Treasurers Report.**

The accounts were now with the internal auditor, (Chris Jones), when they are returned they will be sent for auditing. The accounts were almost up to date now ready for Caroline to take over the Financial Officers position.

Judy has taken a reading of the electric meter and would contact the supplier for a revised bill.

#### **6. Village Hall and Green**

The hedge around the green was now in need of cutting, unfortunately the person who agreed to cut the hedge in August had not done so. Eddy will try to contact him again and if not there had also been an offer to cut the hedge from another person, this may be taken up after contacting the original person.

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Doug stated that during the night of 21<sup>st</sup> August, the two swings on the playing field had been bolt cropped and taken, The police were now investigating this crime. If anyone can help with the police inquiry the crime number is **JZ-6996-04**. Soon after this event the goal net was also deliberately cut, again the police have been informed.

Doug said that due to this mindless vandalism, the proposed replacement of the net, or the replacement of the swings, would not take place yet and would be reviewed by the council on a

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monthly basis, all council members agreed.

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Doug said that he would contact the insurance company to let them know about the swings, and would ask about claiming for them.

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The report from ROSPA had now been received, There were no immediate issues to deal with, there were some medium risk issues that would be dealt with by the council in due course.

It was stated that we would soon need to consider putting the heating back on for the village hall, this would be necessary when it got a little colder.

## **7. Planning Matters**

There have been no new applications.

Doug will ask questions at the next meeting of the planners user group meeting about the lack of consultation with the parish council over the enforcement order placed on Martens farm, This would be reported back to the council at the next parish council meeting.

DS

## **8. Highways**

Doug said that the previous sign for 'Playground' Has been replaced for a 'children crossing' sign on Ashford road.

## **9. Correspondence**

9.1 The council had received an invite to attend the remembrance service at Hythe, unfortunately no one will be available to attend. Doug would contact them and let them know.

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9.2 Eddy and Doug would be attending the Town Planners user group meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September

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9.3 An invite had been received to attend the Shepway primary care trust AGM. No one was available to attend.

9.4 Eddy would look at the price of indestructible nets for the goal.

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9.5 An offer had been received by the Disability information Services Kent to attend a parish council meeting to discuss any issues with them. It was felt that at the present time this would not be necessary and it was decided not to take up this offer yet.

9.6 Confirmation that the letter sent by this council to the affordable housing group has been received.

9.7 Doug would be attending a meeting in Maidstone on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct to discuss the Re-cycling program; it is suggested that Ivychurch may become one of the initial villages to start the District council scheme for re-cycling.

9.8 Caroline took a publication to read (BTCV)

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9.9 Caroline would try to attend the Romney Marsh 2000 meeting due to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. CS

9.10 Doug will attend a training course that is being run on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept for parish councilors providing that it is to take place in the evening, The cost of 23.50 would be met by the parish council.

9.11 A leaflet about the work of the Samaritans and calling for volunteers will be placed on the notice board.

9.12 Booklets on the model code of conduct and the review of regulatory framework governing the political activities of local councils, were taken by Caroline to read.

9.13 Doug had received a phone call from Newchurch Parish Council supporting the action group opposed to the Wind Farm.

### **10. Questions from the public**

The council was informed by a member of the public that the sign at the junction of Ashford road and Ivychurch road had been tampered with and was now reading incorrectly. This was to be sorted out by Doug and Eddy.

### **11. Any Other Business**

There was no other business

### **12. Date and Time of next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the parish council would be on October 21st 2004, 8pm. In the village hall. It will include an update on the Wind Farm inquiry.

### **13. Meeting closed at 21.38**