

Minutes of Ivychurch Parish Council 28th April 2003

Present:- Caroline Solly, Eddy Lang, Pat Healey, Doug Suckling, Judy Suckling
2 Members of the Public

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1. Apologies.
None
2. Minutes of previous meeting –
Approved
3. Matters arising
Caroline to be given a Code of Conduct and to sign an acceptance form
4. Treasurers Report
Each of the councilors was given a report for the months of January, February, and March. The acting treasurer highlighted the fact that the electricity bills were extremely low for December and March and she would contact Seeboard to see if a more accurate figure could be obtained. Tony Thorpe had also volunteered to assist Judy with the audit and VAT returns for this year only. Judy expressed the view that she would not wish to continue to act as Treasurer and if Keith Pavey could be persuaded to join the council as Treasurer then she would not stand for election. Doug would approach Keith to see his response. If he did not wish to do so then Caroline said that she would take over the books in a few months but could not at present. Judy also said that we had not received the Concurrent Service Grant and had already contacted Keith Plowman. She would be writing to him with the figures for the loan and spend repayments so that the situation could be rectified.
Judy
Doug
Judy
5. Village Hall and Green
Thanks were expressed to Tony Thorpe, Peter Hawkins and Gerard for their impressive work on the hedge round the village green. Doug expressed the fact that the green was looking exceptionally nice with the trimmed and shaped hedge and the cut green. A skip for the removal of rubbish and a working party would be organized but no timescale was given for this.
A letter had been received from the post office stating the requirements which was to include a lockable drawer and cupboard. Also extra bolts and a deadlock are required. Pat would look into this. The possibility of buying and fixing a pre-made metal cupboard was discussed and Pat would look at the Screwfix catalogue to see what was available.
The item of security cameras had been previously mentioned and Eddy took on the task of working out the best price and would report back to the council at the next meeting. It was considered that this could be a deterrent for the vandalism around the hall and also would assist from the point of view of the post office. Also it might be considered for part of the crime and disorder agenda.
The lease for the IAA was in progress and would cost the council £100 but Doug was hoping that the IAA would pay this.
Pat
Eddy
6. Planning
A letter had been sent to Mrs. Dixon regarding the appeal for the Wesleyan Chapel stating that the parish council had supported the application and considered that this would enhance the property.
A letter had been sent to Richard Harbold about the application at Wenham Lane expressing the feelings of the council.
7. Correspondence
Correspondence had been received from the Kent Rural Community Council which Pat took to read and report back on. Pat
The Oast to Coast booklet – Caroline took to read. Caroline
Correspondence had been received about the Annual Meeting of District Councils but no-one could attend.
The Kent Association of Parish Councils – Doug and Judy would attend on the 17th July – Doug & Judy
no-one else wished to go.
The Kent Police Authority News had been received and each councilor was given a copy. All

- The Election of Councilors – Martin Harris of Shepway DC had informed Doug that no-one had been nominated. Doug explained that this was an oversight. Martin then informed Doug that another election date would be set for 12th June and all election nomination papers would be required by 15th May. All
- Correspondence had been received enquiring if a member wished to go on the Standards Committee – no-one wished to.
- Each Councilor was given a new Declaration of Interest Letter and a new version of the Code of Conduct. All
- Correspondence had been received from the Southern Housing Group about a vacancy in OastHouse Fields. Eddy expressed the fact that he might know of someone in the village who would be interested in renting the property. Eddy
- The Audit Return had been received and this would be processed and returned. Judy
- Caroline Solly was given a declaration to sign which she did and returned to Doug.
8. Questions from the Public
- A question was asked about the Speed 21 site (former ACW) regarding the developments which were in progress. Doug informed the member of the public that an application had been received in the past which had been discussed with the nearest neighbours about extended hours for units 4 & 5. This was for 1 vehicle movement per night and loading would be done from the back of the units. This application had been discussed in the meeting on 31st Jan when no objection was made. At the time Doug had confirmed that the 1st entrance nearest the houses would be closed and this had been confirmed in a conversation with Richard Harbold. The owner of the property had also indicated in a meeting with Doug and the neighbours to the site that he would not be adverse to a speed limit being applied in the village.
9. Any Other Business
- The question as to whether another goal post could be erected on the village green was raised. Doug expressed the fact that this had been dismissed in the past on the basis that the site of the goalpost would have to be against a hedge that was the boundary to the road. It had been considered in the past as a dangerous site on the basis that should the children, when attempting to shoot towards the goal, fail to do so, then the ball would probably go into the road and this would be dangerous for the child. Due consideration of this would be made at the next meeting.
- This also brought into question the lack of a barrier for the children exiting from the village green onto the road. A discussion took place about the construction on a barrier to slow the progress of children exiting from the green. No decision was made on this and this would be discussed at the next meeting.
- Eddy was given the papers from the bank for the change of signatory which he could then pass on to Pat. They would then be returned to Judy to finalise at the bank. Eddy,
Pat,
Judy
10. Date and Time of Next Meeting
- Thursday 29th May at 7.30 pm.
11. Meeting Closed at 21.25