

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

21st August 2003

Present : Edwin Lang, Caroline Solly, Doug Suckling, Pat Healey, Judy Suckling

Public: 3 Members of the public

1. Apologies None

2. Minutes of 24th July 2003

Approved

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3. Matters arising

The survey to CASK had been returned.

Eddy reported that there was nothing significant in the correspondence about the Community Transport.

Doug had no response to the Newsletter which had been sent out to all in the parish.

Eddy had no response to the need for transport.

The Post Office had not been open this week due to staff holidays.

There had been no response to the adverts for the hire of the village hall.

There was to be a hiring in next month but this was not due to the advertisement.

There had been no response by Sandra Chapman for information from her cousin in Germany for the wind farm.

Areana Playground Equipment leaflet had been read by Doug but he would try to investigate any source of funding that could be available.

Doug

There was nothing of interest in the Oast to Coast.

Eddy

Eddy had done nothing yet about the endangered sounds. He will persue this.

Eddy had visited the Marsh 2000 meeting. He thought the website was worth the £13.50. This would enable us to advertise the events and hall hire facilities which would be of little cost to us. It was agreed that

Caroline

Caroline would provide each councilor, prints of the site for those that did not have a computer. Doug would contact David Shell about the information in the Ivychurch website with the intention of either bringing the information up to date and perhaps creating a link from the Marsh 2000 site to the Ivychurch web site.

Doug

Eddy reported that there was nothing of great interest in the SDC Review.

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Doug reported that the Housing Needs Survey had lots of interesting facts and statistic and would retain this for future reference. There was also reference to the need for the infrastructure to be in place before social housing could be put in place.

4. Treasurers Report.

Each councilor was given a copy of the bank movements for July. Judy would try to get a better deal for the hall insurance because the insurance was over £1,000.00 per year but if this could not be achieved by the end of the month would pay the existing insurance. Eddy suggested that the Nation Farmers Union pay give a better deal. Doug would look for the survey which he had seen about which insurance company insured the most village halls.

Judy

Doug

5. Village Hall and Green

There had been no response for hire of the village hall. It continued that the only regular letting was the Post Office. Doug would contact Peter Wilkinson with regard to the charge for letting of the village hall and when monies would be forthcoming or whether the Post Office would require us to send a bill.

Doug

The green continued to be well cared for. The hedge had been cut on a regular basis by Tony Thorpe.

6. Planning Matters

The Wind Farm debate had been at Shepway on the 12th August when Caroline had given a very impressive speech. The application had been refused unanimously by both the Planning Committee and the SDC Cabinet. It was explained to a member of the public why it was that we were against the development on this site both from the point of view of the need to safeguard the wildlife, the area of beauty, and avoid the disruption to the community especially during the construction stage. There were no other planning matters.

7. Highways

The Marsh 2000 group will be arranging a meeting to discuss the unadopted and roads that were deemed unsuitable for motor vehicles. This would be to encourage their repair and maintainance.

8. Correspondence

The Framework for Community Safety was taken by Doug to read.
Local Transport for Kent was taken by Caroline to read.
Survey of Dog Issues - Pat took to read and complete.
Training Day for Local Council Clerks – Judy might attend.
Wine and Ethics meeting – all would attend (except Doug) on 3rd September.

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9. Questions from the public

None

10. Any Other Business

Eddy raised the questions of bulb planting in the village. It was decided that Jenny Bradbury at SDC should be contacted by Caroline to see if there were any grants available for this. Eddy said he would ask local businesses if they would be prepared to donate bulbs. Wyevale, Speed 21, and Bell Engineering would be approached.

Cars parked on the pavement was talked about and it was decided that this would be looked at again next month.

Steve Warner of Saw Joinery has said that he would give free sawdust to anybody who wanted it. It was suggested that a small donation could be requested and this would go towards the bulbs.

Colin and Sue Humphrey would be interested in joining the Ivychurch Ammenities Committee

12 Dates for next meetings

Dates for next meeting as arranged previously.

18th September 2003 at 8.00

13. Meeting closed at 21.02

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