

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

18th September 2003

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

Public: 2 Members of the public

1. Apologies None

2. Minutes of 21st August 2003

Approved

Action
By

3. Matters arising

The Arena Playground investigation into costs and possible source of funding was still to be done by Doug.

Doug

Eddy had tried to contact the person dealing with the endangered sounds but had been unsuccessful. He will pursue this.

Eddy

Caroline had not had the opportunity to print the Marsh 2000 web site for those councilors without a computer but will do so for the next meeting. Doug had not had chance to 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 but he will do this in the future.

Caroline

Doug

Judy was still investigating a better deal for the insurance for the village hall.

Judy

Doug would contact Peter Wilkinson about the hire and how this was to be paid i.e. are we to send a bill (quarterly, half-yearly, or yearly).

Doug

The Framework for Community Safety – Doug had contacted them but had had no response.

The Local Transport Document had nothing in it which would affect Ivychurch.

Pat had completed the Dog Survey but in the report it said that the Parish Council would be required to pay for a Dog Warden or Dog Bins if we required them.

The Training Day for Clerks would be attended by Judy if it was in the future otherwise she had missed this.

The Wine and Ethics meeting had been attended by Pat, Eddy and Judy – it was common sense as to when a councilor would have to declare an interest at the meetings.

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4. Treasurers Report.

Each councilor was given a copy of the bank movements for August. Doug requested that a balance be given at each parish council meeting.

Judy

5. Village Hall and Green

The Line Dancing are to restart in the village hall in October. Seru was happy with the number of customers visiting the village post office.

Doug would write to thank Tony Thorpe for all his hard work over the years both for maintenance of the village green hedge and for his work as a councilor (and advise and guidance for the accounts).

Doug

The Playground equipment had been inspected and the item would be discussed with the correspondence

6. Planning Matters

Doug had requested from Shepway the decision notice for the planning applications for Willow Tree Barn (refused), 15 Oast House Fields (granted), and Martins Farm (granted). The decision notices had been sent for Willow Tree Barn and 15 Oast House Fields but the decision notice for Martins Farm had conditions attached which Richard Harbold had not supplied.

Doug had called Shepway with regard to the land clearance at Martins Farm because there had been bonfires with toxic waste.

A planning application had been received for an extension for the Wesleyan Chapel. This was passed by the parish council (Pat Healey declared an interest and abstained from the vote).

A planning application had been received for the Old Cheyney Court for an indoor swimming pool- this was approved unanimously.

There was no further progress on the Wind Farm.

There had been no further applications from Speed 21.

7. Highways

More white lining and slow signs had been installed. The village sign had been moved to where the gateway had been positioned.

8. Correspondence

Doug had rung the organizers of the race, which was to happen through the village. He was assured that this would take place early in the morning at between 5 and 6 am.

Correspondence had been received form Local Channel about the need for the Parish Council to have their information on a website by the year 2005. Judy would contact Shepway to see if this was true and whether Shepway would be providing this service.

Judy

Correspondence had been received about the Decommissioning of the Dunganess A Power Station meeting. Caroline would attend this if she could.

Caroline

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Correspondence had been received about composting from Kent War on Waste – Eddy took this to read though it was anticipated that the parish would not be involved as we have a recycling scheme.

Eddy

Correspondence had been received about a Tree Wardens job – this would be put on the public notice board.

Doug

Correspondence about Common Ground Particular News – Caroline took to read.

Caroline

Correspondence was received about a meeting on Kent Community Halls – no one could attend.

An Oast to Coast has been received – Caroline took to read.

Caroline

Correspondence on Mineral Reserves has been received – Pat took to read.

Pat

Correspondence on Community Paths Project has been received – Eddy took to read.

Eddy

There had been notice that a Mid Kent Leader Plus meeting was due on 21st October which would discuss small grants and programs – Caroline took and possibly to attend.

Caroline

A Kent Rural Community Opinion survey has been received – Doug took to do.

Doug

The Kent and Medway Structured Plan has been received – Caroline took to read.

Caroline

The ROSPA Report has been received. This highlighted areas of concern about the play area which should be addressed. This included Dog Ban signs to stop the Dog Fouling, Road signs to warn of a child play area, the gap in the hedge opposite the Bell should be blocked or a barrier installed, the goal post concrete should be replaced, the goal net ties should be changed, a bar should be installed on the slide, slide mounting was loose, the protective bass screws were loose, the swing bolt head was protruding, there was a lack of washers on the raised platform, baseball post has loose foundations and a projecting bolt thread, and there was a possible area of entrapment by head or torso on the play equipment. Doug and Eddy would look at the equipment on Sunday and do any repairs that could be done instantly. Doug would contact SDC about Dog Ban signs. At the next meeting a date would be set for breaching the gap in the hedge.

**Doug,
Eddy**

9. Questions from the public

A member of the public mentioned a problem of dumped tyres – SDC should be contacted for this information.

The Car Park would be available for the Harvest Supper.

10. Any Other Business

Doug had contacted SDC about fly tipping in Yokes Lane and about bonfires of toxic substances at Martins Farm.

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11 Dates for next meetings

Dates for next meeting changed from previously agreed.

24th October 2003 at 8.00

Following meetings dates would be:

20th November 2003

18th December 2003

15th January 2004

19th February 2004

18th March 2004

12. Meeting closed at 21.30

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