

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

20th November 2003

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

Public: no members of the public

1. Apologies

1.1. None

2. Minutes of 24th October 2003

2.1. Approved

Action
By

3. Matters arising

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

Doug

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

Eddy

3.3. Caroline agreed to put something together about the Post Office, hiring the hall and the Amenities Association for the web site and will send to Doug.

Caroline

3.4. Doug had not had a chance to contact David Shell about the information on 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. Doug would contact Peter Hendry about information about the Church to include in the Marsh 2000 website.

Doug

3.5. Eddy had put an advert in the Chocolate Box at Hamstreet for hire of the village hall but this had been lost so he would re-do.

Eddy

3.6. Judy 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).

Judy

3.7. Doug was not sure on the return of the Kent Rural Community Survey and would check.

3.8. Caroline had read through the Kent and Medway Structured Plan but there was nothing specific to Ivychurch.

Doug

3.9. Doug was still to contact SDC about the Dog Fouling/Children Road Signs.

Doug

3.10. Eddy had prepared the metal posts required to be positioned in

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front of the gap in the hedge opposite the pub and would install these on Sunday – weather permitting. He and Doug would also carry out the other work on Sunday if the weather permitted.

Eddy,
Doug

3.11. Doug would contact John at Volkesworld with regard to his appeal which would be held on 25th November.

3.12. Kent Wildlife site – nothing of interest to the village was reported.

Doug

3.13. The Development committee report – nothing of interest to be done.

3.14. Standards Committee report – nothing for this council to do.

3.15. KAPC – no-one had attended.

3.16. Eddy had been to a renewable energy meeting at Rye where it was stated that Hydro Power was far more productive than other sorts of renewable energy.

4. Treasurers Report.

4.1. Each councillor was given a copy of the bank movements for October. Judy estimated that the bank could stand at £3,000 at the end of the year as previously stated.

4.2. Judy was still to contact the insurance company regarding the village hall insurance.

Judy

4.3. She would prepare the budget for the next meeting on the basis that the disabled facilities would be funded by a loan from the Public Works Loan Board.

Judy

5. Village Hall and Green

5.1. A rota would be set for the cutting of the hedge unless a volunteer was found.

6. Planning Matters

6.1. Doug had asked to speak at the Development Committee in favour of the Wesleyan Chapel application on 25th November.

Doug

7. Highways

7.1. Most of the lights in the village were not working and Doug had contacted SDC. All were now working except the light outside Knowlden Farm Bungalow which was considered to be important as it was on the major bend into the village.

7.2. Eddy had contact SDC about the A259 where the sides of the road were subsiding. This was to the left and right of the exit from Pylon cottages.

8. Correspondence

8.1. Garden Waste – Doug had read but this was to be in selected areas and would probably not be in our village.

8.2. Mid Kent Leader Plus had the possibility for grants for playground equipment – Caroline took to read and investigate.

8.3. Kentish Village.org – Caroline took to read.

8.4. Information about the Local Channel Website had been received again- there was nothing that this parish needed to do.

8.5. Doug had read the Shepway Community Strategy and there was

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nothing of interest to this parish.

8.6. Eddy took the Annual report of the Kent and Sussex Farming Group to read. **Eddy**

8.7. Shepway Today was given to each councilor and copies were left on the 2000 bench in the hall.

8.8. Thanks had been received on the number of councilors attending the Wine and Ethic Meetings

8.9. Invitations had been received for the Parish Council Christmas event on 12th December. Doug and Judy would attend. **Doug, Judy**

8.10. A meeting regarding the Council allowances and Quality Parish Council – no-one could attend.

8.11. Playing Fields – grants could be available – Caroline took to read. **Caroline**

8.12. Community Strategy and Environment containing information about sites of Interest and wildlife/conservation areas with building Ashford area – Eddy took to read. **Eddy**

8.13. Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure – nothing to be done.

8.14. Dog Trust – put up on board.

8.15. Stay Warm – put up on board

8.16. Affordable Housing – the needs were talked about at SDC and 30% of all developments should be for local people.

8.17. The SDC meeting had decided to cease the Concurrent Service Grant from November 2004. The payment this year had been for £1957.00

9. Questions from the public

None

10. Any Other Business

Pat mentioned the painting of the outside walls of the council houses within the village. These should be on a programmed works but had not been done in recent years. He would ask SDC maintenance when they were to be scheduled to be re-painted. **Pat**

11 Dates for next meetings

Dates for next meeting:-

18th December 2003

15th January 2004

19th February 2004

18th March 2004

all at 20:00 in the Village Hall

12. Meeting closed at 21.52