

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

18th June 2004

Present : Edwin Lang, Judy Suckling, Doug Suckling, Pat Healey
Public: 2 members of the public

1. Apologies None

2. Minutes of 16th April 2004

Approved and signed by Doug. There was no meeting 13th May as the council were not quorate.

Action By

3. Matters arising

3.1. There had been no response from the children of the village about the cask grant for funding for the bus shelter. The council decided that it should be put on the agenda for later in the year if there was any response.

Eddy

3.2. Doug had given Caroline the telephone number of David Shell but David had already updated the web site.

3.3. Judy had still to arrange a bill for the hire of the hall by the Post Office and send to Peter Wilkinson.

Judy

3.4. Doug to contact SDC about the survey for the Childrens' crossing.

Doug

3.5. Judy to send off the form for the subscription for the Kent and Sussex Farming Group.

Judy

3.9. Shepway Housing had re-painted the outside of the houses in The Gardens that they were responsible for.

3.10. Nuclear Decommission Agency Workshop on 28th April - Doug had attended this. The decommissioning was well programmed and the process was to be to de-fuel the reactors, and clean the plant. This would be followed by the dismantling of as much of the building as could be achieved and then the rest would be concreted in followed by the securing of the site.

3.11. Doug had attended the Shepway and Parishes meeting where the waste strategy proposal was discussed. The proposal was very like that of David Plumsted with weekly collections of re-cycled waste and fortnightly collections of land fill. It was proposed that people would be fined for not participating. Doug would ask David if he had been consulted and Doug would write a letter to SDC in response.

Doug

3.12. Cask award celebration to be held on 9th & 13th of July – Eddy

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had reserved 2 places.

4. Treasurers Report.

4.1. Bank balance stood at £4082.18 at the end of May. The Acting Financial Officer stated that she had not completed all the work including the annual return of both the VAT and the statement of accounts return due to personal commitments.

5. Village Hall and Green

5.1. Village Hall alterations for disabled access – Eddy stated that the application for grant forms would not be available until September/ October time.

5.2. Doug had cut the village green hedge – for which he was thanked.

5.3. The goal posts – for reason of safety would remain on their present side of the field but may be moved by 6 feet further into the field. Eddy, Doug

5.4. There had been an offer of the hedge being cut 3 times a year for the price of £120.00 by Kelvin. It was unanimously agreed that we would ask for this to be done. Pat

5.5. The ROSPA repairs to be done by Eddy and Doug on 4th July. Bob and Angie at the Bell, would be asked to make sure that bottles did not leave the pub as there was a lot of broken glass on the childrens play area lately. Eddy, Doug

6. Planning Matters

6.1. The new Chief Executive of the Council would be in post shortly and it was suggested that he would like everything to be correctly done. It was suggested that Doug would write to him about our planning issues and state that there were a lot of anomalies. This was agreed unanimously. 3 similar applications (2 in our area) were not treated equally. Doug

6.2. Doug expressed the fact that it was only if the parish council either strongly agreed or strongly disagreed with planning that any applications would go to the development committee.

6.3. The Wind Farm Application – There is to be a pre-inquiry on 21st July at Lydd Guild Hall. Doug and Eddy are to attend. Doug, Eddy

6.4. The phone box at Newchurch Road is to be removed by BT on the basis that is not used enough. Doug had asked for the usage from BT. Gerard was asked to find out opinions in the area. There had been little response from locals and it was decided not to object to the proposal.

7. Highways

7.1. The street light outside Knowlden Farm was, again, not working. Doug to contact SDC. Doug

8. Correspondence

- 8.1. Parish News – given to each councilor to read.
- 8.2. All councilors were invited to a Wine and Ethics meeting at Lyminge on 21st June – no-one to attend as it was deemed unnecessary.
- 8.3. Kent and Medway Structure Plan – Draft List of Matters – Pat to read. Pat
- 8.4. There will be a new Sewage Scheme for New Romney giving people the chance to be on Main Drainage. This will cost each household approx. £6000.00
- 8.5. Mid Kent Water - Final Business Plan – Eddy to read. Eddy
- 8.6. The Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (Government Nuclear Decommissioning Group) to form the NDA (Nuclear Decommissioning Agency) – Eddy to read. Eddy
- 8.7. Proposed Alteration to Regional Ashford Area – interesting information regarding M20 junction (10A) which will come through to the 2070 linking through to Tenterden. There would be a station (Ashford South) which would be situated in the Kingsnorth area. Pat to read this and pass on to Eddy. **This would then be available for the public to read by ringing Doug on 344037.** Pat,Eddy
- 8.8. Marsh Mobile Ltd – Chairmans report. Henry Chapman was the only person proposed for this scheme and had not taken this up. There would be no-one to attend the meeting.
- 8.9. Marsh Hopper – timetable to go on the notice board..
- 8.10. Disability Information Service in Kent – Doug and Margaret Waite to be put forward as contacts with permission of Margaret Waite. Doug
- 8.11. Kent Volunteers award – there were no recommendations to be put forward for this award.
- 8.12. Councillors Information Day – no-one to go.
- 8.13. Playing Fields Newsletter – Doug to read. Doug
- 8.14. ROSPA inspection – to be done in July. Eddy, Pat and Doug to sort out playing equipment on 27th June if weather fine otherwise on 4th July. Pat,Eddy,Doug

9. Questions from the public

None

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1. Parish & SDC Cesspool emptying service – Contractors to take this on and SDC will not do in the future.
- 10.2. Toilet Closures – each town/parish to be given back the responsibility for toilets in their area after September. If the town/parish councils would not take them on then they would be closed. There were none in Shepway that were disable compliant.
- 10.3. Judy had resigned as a councilor because she felt unable to

continue as Acting Financial Officer. She would continue to take and produce the minutes for the parish council. She was thanked.

11 Dates for next meeting

Dates for next meetings:-

8th July

12th August

9th September

14th October

11th November

at 20:00 in the Village Hall

12. Meeting closed at 22.08

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