

# Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

## 8<sup>th</sup> July 2004

Present : Edwin Lang, Caroline Solley, Doug Suckling, Pat Healey  
(+ Judy Suckling taking minutes)

Public: 2 members of the public

**1. Apologies** None

### **2. Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2004**

The minutes were approved and signed by Doug.

Action By

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes**

3.1. The council decided that the subject of building a shelter for the teenage children of the village would be left until later in the year to allow for further discussion with the children.

3.2. Doug had handed Suru a bill for the hire of the hall by the Post Office for a total of 51 weeks, as yet there had been no response.

3.3. Doug did contact SDC about the Childrens' crossing signs that we were hoping to place outside the village green, but as yet there had been little response and SDC were going to get back to us on this issue.

3.4. Judy had not sent off the form for the subscription for the Kent and Sussex Farming Group, but would do so this month.

3.5. Doug had talked to David Plumstead with regard to the SDC proposals for re-cycling of rubbish from the district, David was of the opinion that the figures supplied by the consultants working for the district council did not add up and that the rate of spending and the proposed collections of re-cycled waste could not be maintained for the foreseeable future. Doug would consult with David before he wrote the letter to SDC in

response.

3.6. Eddy had replied to Cask, and offered two dates of 9<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> of July for us to attend the award celebration, but Cask had not replied to this response and therefore we did not have any joining instructions, if indeed the awards were still ongoing.

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3.7. The goal posts – for reason of safety would be re-concreted into the ground, and the price of a new net looked into.

3.8. Some of the ROSPA recommendations for repairs to be carried out on the village play equipment had been completed by Doug an Eddy.

Doug

3.9. At this point in time, Doug had not yet written to the new Chief Executive of the Council.

3.10 The Wind Farm Application – There is to be a pre-inquiry on 21<sup>st</sup> July at Lydd Guild Hall. Doug, Caroline and Eddy are to attend, and all members of the public are urged to attend.

Doug

Doug, Eddy, Caroline

3.11. Doug had contacted SDC about the street light outside Knowlden Farm and reported it not working.

3.12 Kent and Medway Structure Plan – Pat had read this and found very little to get excited about.

3.13. Mid Kent Water - Final Business Plan – Eddy had read this, and had given a brief summary of the proposals that may affect us.

3.14. The Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (Government Nuclear Decommissioning Group) to form the NDA (Nuclear Decommissioning Agency) – Eddy and Doug had read this, both were happy that the interests of the general public were being addressed correctly.

3.15. Proposed Alteration to Regional Ashford Area – this important information had been read by Doug, Pat and Eddy, Caroline had now taken it to read, after this it would then be **available for the public to read by ringing Doug on 344037.**

3.16. Disability Information Service in Kent – Doug and Margaret Waite to be put forward as contacts with permission of Margaret Waite. Doug had still to contact Margaret for her permission.

3.17. Playing Fields Newsletter – Doug had read this document and passed it on to Eddy. Two articles were of interest in particular, one on the DDA due to come into force in October of this year and the other with regard to village goal posts not being properly secured.

3.18. ROSPA inspection – Some work had been completed, we are now awaiting a new inspection.

Doug

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#### **4. Treasurers Report.**

The bank balance stood at £3685.69 at the end of June. The annual return, and the VAT statement were still to be completed by Judy .

Judy

#### **5. Village Hall and Green**

In response to a question from a member of the public, it was agreed that from now on the Church would be able to use the hall and its facilities free of charge as long as there

were no other bookings made previously by another party. Doug would contact Margaret Waite and Janet Gilbert to inform them of this councils decision.

Doug

## **6. Planning Matters**

6.1. The Wind Farm pre-inquiry on 21<sup>st</sup> July at Lydd Guild Hall would be attended by Doug, Eddy and Caroline, the public could also attend if they wished. There was some concern over the fact that it seemed only selected people knew about this inquiry, it was suggested that a leaflet or poster was produced to inform people of the date and time of this meeting in case they would like to attend.

6.2 An appeal had been lodged by Goldings cottage over a planning issue, there was no need for action from this council as our opinion had already been given.

Doug

## **7. Highways**

A pamphlet showing future road works within the South East of England was available for the public to see inside the hall.

## **8. Correspondence**

8.1. A new publication called Common Ground was forwarded by SDC, Eddy took this to read after Doug had suggested that it may be of interest to him.

8.2 Shepway District Review, Local Plan- Now available on the internet, Caroline would look this up.

8.3 A training funding scheme for councils was soon to be offered, Doug and Caroline would be interested in going. Doug to find out more.

8.4 Notice of a Battle of Britain service on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> was given to Eddy to look at.

8.5 Shepway cabinet meeting to take place on 14<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm at Dymchurch, members of the public are invited to ask questions directly to the officers at this meeting, a notice had been placed on the board to this effect. Doug and Pat would try to attend.

8.6 Kent police special constable recruitment campaign leaflet has been left inside the village hall for inspection by the public.

8.7 Parish Council allowances leaflet to be read by Pat so that in future if required we could estimate the cost of employing a clerk and treasurer.

8.8 Advanced notice has been received for a charity dinner and dance to be held at Lydd on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2005, no action required at this stage.

8.9 A letter from KRCC had been received questioning the insurance cover during visits from the Post Office, Doug would look into this and respond.

8.10 A publication had been received from Early years development, this is available for inspection inside the hall.

8.11 The Countryside activities leaflet for the summer had been received, and is available for inspection inside the hall.

8.12 Kent Council tax relief application forms for the over 60's were available inside the hall.

8.13 Kent Fire and Rescue service performance report has been received, Pat to read and report back any relevant details.

## **9. Questions from the public**

There were no questions from the public.

## **10 Any Other Business**

After numerous concerns over recent activities at Martins farm, Wenham lane, Doug had contacted the SDC asking for various clarifications on

planning, tax and environmental issues, SDC were in discussions with the owner of the site over breaches of planning and would report back to the council when there was more news.

Doug had received an e-mail from a man who lived in the village 40 years ago asking for pictures of the village now. Doug had sent two pictures and had given a brief update of the village for which the man was most grateful.

### **11. Date and time of next meeting**

12<sup>th</sup> August 2004      8pm.      Village Hall.

### **12. Meeting closed at 9.40pm.**

Eddy

Caroline

Doug

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Doug + Pat

Pat

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