

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

12th August 2004

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

Public: 2 members of the public

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1. Apologies None

2. Minutes of 8th July 2004

The minutes were approved and signed by Doug.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

3.1. The council decided that the cost of renewal of the goal post net at approx. 31 pounds for two nets was reasonable, the nets would be ordered by Doug and a new net fitted when the post was moved into its new position more centrally in the field.

DS

3.2. There had been no response to the two bills issued to the post office for use of the hall; Judy would contact Peter Wilkinson to see if there was a problem.

JS

3.3. Doug is still to contact the new Chief executive of the District Council but is unaware of whom it is. The issue of the Wenham lane caravan site, and the fact that this council found out from the newspapers about a development committee meeting to discuss it, would be raised.

DS

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.

JS

3.5. Eddy Caroline and Doug had all attended the windfarm pre-inquiry at Lydd, the format for the inquiry was explained and those wishing to make representations to the inquiry were recorded. Doug is to represent the Parish council

3.6. The street light outside Knowlden farm bungalow has still not been repaired, Eddy would try to contact Shepway about it.

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3.7. The Mid Kent Water co. were reported to have been capped on the rises that they were proposing in their final plan.

3.8. Proposed Alteration to Regional Ashford Area – this important information had been read by Doug, Pat and Eddy, Caroline and is now **available for the public to read by ringing Doug on 344037.**

To date, nobody had approached Doug to read the proposals

3.9 Disability Information Service in Kent – Doug and Margaret Waite were put forward as contacts

3.10 Referring to the document “Common Ground”, Eddy said that this publication of local history would be available in 2005.

3.11 Shepway District plan review, Caroline had looked at this and felt that there was nothing that would affect Ivychurch, She would try to print a copy off from the internet.

CS

3.12 Doug had looked into the funding for training of councilors, as it was a match-funding scheme it was decided not to progress this further.

3.13 Doug and Pat had attended this meeting; The District council was to announce further cut backs in spending later in the year.

3.14 Parish council allowances leaflet was still being read by Pat

PH

3.15 KRCC had been given the details of our insurance company in relation to visits from the Post Office.

3.16 Pat was still reading the document from Kent Fire Brigade.

PH

4. Treasurers Report.

The bank balance stood at approx.£3590.00 to the end of June. The annual return and the VAT statement are still to be completed by Judy.

The accounts would be brought up to date by Judy and then Caroline would be prepared to take over the financial officer position.

JS

5. Village Hall and Green

Doug had contacted Margaret Waite and Janet Gilbert to inform them of this councils decision 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.

Margaret Waite had expressed her gratitude on behalf of the church and indicated that in return she would be willing to help at fund raising events for the village hall.

Eddy said he would try to clear the hall of the brambles etc.

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Pat was to contact the person who was willing to cut the hedge and make sure he was still available to do so in August as originally stated. PH

Doug was to obtain more paint spray to continue spraying the raised area around the swings and slide. DS

Eddy would get three builders quotes for the work required on the village hall to make it compliant with the disabilities act, this was required before we could apply for funding. EL

Doug informed the Council that Ivychurch were to host the all parishes meeting chaired by Fred Wood-Brignall.

6. Planning Matters

Doug, Eddy and Caroline had attended the Wind Farm pre-inquiry on 21st July at Lydd Guild Hall, As a result of that, it was suggested that a special meeting should be called to discuss the issues of the wind farm proposals. A leaflet was delivered to every house in the Ivychurch parish inviting them to the meeting held at the village hall. The meeting was also open to the public and was advertised in the local newspaper.

An application had been received for a new reservoir to be built at White House Farm, Brookland. The Council had no objections.

7. Highways

It was noted that there seemed to be new road signage at the edges of the village green indicating to oncoming traffic that there was a playground, it had been assumed that this was the result of the request by the parish council for signage to warn of children crossing near the church.

8. Correspondence

8.1. The Parish council had received letters from John Waite, Orlestone Parish Council and A phone call from Wittersham Parish Council, all expressing support for the wind farm action group.

8.2 Invitations for the next round of stakeholder meetings for the Nuclear De-commissioning agency had been received, Doug would attend the next meeting at Ashford on Nov 2nd. DS

8.3 Caroline had taken a document to read entitled 'Unauthorized Encampments'' CS

8.4 A poster for 'Return to teaching' was placed on the notice board.

8.5 The councilors were given a copy of the Parish News publication.

8.6 The Chairman said that he had been approached to write a letter of recommendation to the

affordable housing association for consideration of Cheryl Milstead and Mark Pratt for the next available house. This had been done and a confirmation received.

8.7 Caroline is to contact David Shell to try to update the Ivychurch Web site, at the same time she would try to get some information onto the Marsh 2000 web site.

CS

9. Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business

11. Date and Time of next Meeting.

The next meeting of the parish council would be on September 9th 2004, 8pm. In the village hall. Pat sent his apologies in advance, as he would be on holiday on that date.

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12. Meeting closed at 21.14