

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

21st October 2004

Present : Edwin Lang, Doug Suckling, Heather Knight, Pat Healey
(+ Judy Suckling taking minutes)

Public: 2 members of the public

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By

1. Apologies Caroline Solly

2. Minutes of 9th September 2004 and Audit Ratification

2.1. The minutes were approved and signed by Doug.

2.2. The audit report was ratified by all present.

Matters arising from the minutes

3.1. Doug had not ordered the goal post nets yet and this to be reviewed on a monthly basis.

3.2. Doug is still to contact the new Chief executive of the District Council but this will be left until he has been in place for a short while.

3.3. Judy had not sent off the subscription for the Kent and Sussex Farming Group.

3.4. Eddy to contact the Brookland gardener with a view to maintaining the hedge for next year. Eddy had trimmed the hedge.

3.5 Caroline still to contact David Shell with a view to updating the Ivychurch web site.

3.6. Doug will contact the insurance company with regard to the stolen swings, damaged nets and broken down pipes. Pat stated that he would do the repairs after the insurance claim had been approved.

3.7. Doug and Eddy had attended the planning user group meeting and requested that the parish

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council should receive feedback on the issue of the enforcement order in Martens Farm. Doug had also asked for feedback from Fred Wood-Brignall (All parishes meeting)

3.8. Doug had telephoned to say that no-one was available to attend the remembrance service.

3.9. Eddy had stated that there were no indestructible nets at a reasonable price.

3.10. Doug had attended the re-cycling meeting at Maidstone which was fairly informative.

3.11. Caroline had not attended the Marsh 2000 meeting because there had been a meeting regarding the wind farm which was considered more important at the time.

3.12. Doug had attended the training meeting at Cheriton organised by KAPC. He gave a feedback on the information that it imparted and felt that it was good value for money. Doug would need re-imbursing for the cost of the course. This had been agreed previously by the council because at the time the cheque book was with the auditor.

4. Treasurers Report.

The bank account stood at £2846.08 at the end of September with cheques to be paid in of £1910.00. It was anticipated that by the end of the financial year the accounts would stand at the same as the previous year. It was suggested that the precept be raised to allow for contingencies. A figure of £50.00 was suggested for the year 2005/2006. A debate took place and it was agreed that it would be discussed at the next meeting in more detail.

5. Village Hall and Green

5.1. It was discussed that the council should increase the charges for hire of the hall and also make a conference hire fee (when additional facilities would be available). Doug agreed to contact KAPC to find out what other councils were charging for hire of their halls.

5.2. An inventory of the plates had taken place and it found that for most items there was a minimum of an 8 place setting missing from the crockery. It was agreed that it was not likely that this was due to breakages. It was agreed that it would be difficult to check the inventory on every hire of the hall however Doug to contact Janet Newall ask her to inform us when the crockery was intended to be used.

6. Planning Matters

6.1. There had been a new applications for the field behind Bridge House Barn for demolition and new build of the stable block and change of use of the land for horse grazing. It was unanimously strongly approved.

6.2. Doug and Eddy had attended the Planning Users Group Meeting at which some parishes had reported that they were receiving applications that were not within their parish and most still did not get the required 14 days consultation. Doug had asked about the Enforcement Order.

7. Highways

7.1. Doug had moved the sign at the corner of The Gardens but this had moved back from pointing the wrong way, but it needed tightening up. Pat said he would try to get it done PH

7.2. The responsibilities of the Highways Department at Shepway will be taken over by KCC with immediate effect.

8. Correspondence

8.1. Various items of correspondence were received, the items that may be of interest to the public were now on the table in the hall.

8.2 Tina (Heather), took the NHS Trust document to read HK

8.3 Pat took the Romney Marsh projects to read. PH

8.4 Rural transport needs survey, volunteers bureau was placed on the table for anyone who might be interested

8.5 KCC Footpaths survey was taken by Eddy to look at. EL

8.6 Pat took the Training information for the Society of local council clerks and will report back. PH

8.7 Romney marsh.org was now the new name for the Marsh 2000 web site

8.8 Lydd Town Council are holding a charity dinner and dance 15th March 2005.

8.9 SDC Licensed activities information was taken by Pat to see if there was any relevant issues for us. PH

8.10 Water abstraction license, Eddy will look at this. EL

8.11 Invites to the KAPC AGM had been received, no one is able to attend.

8.12 The meeting of the KAPC was taking place at the same time as this meeting and therefore nobody would be attending it.

8.13 An invite to the Royal military canal walks launch on the 12th Nov had been received, unfortunately no one will be able to attend.

8.14. The annual report of the KAPC has been received, Tina took this to look at.

9. Wind farm update

Doug gave a brief update on the wind farm enquiry, he said that the past two weeks had been very interesting and informative but unfortunately there had not been enough people attending the enquiry especially as it was of such importance to us as well as the rest of the country and county.

If this wind farm gets the go ahead, you can expect more of the same, if not greater, all over the county. This is planned to be the biggest wind farm site in this country and will dwarf even the power stations in height. The enquiry is set to go on for two more weeks and Doug urged people to attend if only for a short time.

10. Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business

12. Date and Time of next Meeting.

The next meeting of the parish council would be on November 11th 2004, 8pm. In the village hall.

13. Meeting closed at 22.11

