

# Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

25th November 2004

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

**Public**: 2 members of the public

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**1. Apologies** none

## **2. Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> November 2004**

2.1. The minutes were approved and signed by Doug.

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

3.1. Doug had moved the sign at the junction of Ivychurch road and Ashford road back to its original position. Pat would try to tighten the nuts up so it did not move again.

PH

3.3. Pat still needed to read the Romney Marsh Projects leaflet.

PH

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

CS

## **4. Treasurers Report.**

The bank account stood at £2500 approx. Discussions on the level of precept for the next financial year are to take place later this meeting

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

5.1. Doug is still to contact KAPC to find out what other councils were charging for hire of their halls, so that our rates can reflect a real charge for a hall of this nature

DS

5.2. Doug has asked Janet Newall to inform us when the crockery was intended to be used by a hirer.

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5.3 Doug still needed to look at our insurance policy and determine the best way forward for the claim of the swings, goal nets and drainpipes that have been damaged.

## **6. Planning Matters**

6.1. The application 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, is to go to committee this week, Doug would try to find out the result.

6.2. A planning app. Has been received to replace some overhead cables throughout the village, it was felt that this would have little effect on our village

## **7. Highways**

No issues

## **8. Correspondence**

8.1. A letter had been received asking for our precept, Doug would send a reply after tonight's meeting. DS

8.2 Council Chairman Peter Smith has sent an invite to a Christmas function, no one is available to attend.

8.3 The collection of green waste by Shepway will carry on every two weeks even though there has not been a published calendar of dates

8.4 Kent Wildlife Trust has sent an invite for parish councilors to attend an open day on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2005 from 11am – 1pm. Eddy and Pat would try to go at 11am on the day. EL/PH

8.5 An invitation to a meeting, to discuss the Marsh Rail link has been received, Tina would try to go along. TK

8.6 A victim support group have sent a letter asking for donations, it was felt that this could not be accommodated at the time.

## **9. Budget and precept**

Doug gave a brief update on the situation with the District Council and said that this year the D.C. would not be paying the Parish Councils a concurrent service grant, this means that any funding required by the Parish Councils would have to be met by the residents of the village or town. Ivychurch therefore with only 107.5 ratable houses would need to increase their precept by a substantial amount to allow for this lack of funding by the Government. Shepway District Council had promised to inform every household of this situation, and there was a slight mention of this in the Shepway today publication. The burden now on the Parish's is to raise the precepts to allow for any shortfalls and unknown expenditures throughout the coming year. After lengthy discussions it is decided that the precept will be raised to £55 from last year's £28, it is acknowledged that this is a large increase but the Parish Council have been given little choice by the District Council or the Government. A vote on the increase of the precept to £55 was carried unanimously

**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 in January 2005, 8pm. In the village hall. The, date to be arranged.

**13. Meeting closed at 21.30**