

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

11th August 2005

Present: Doug Suckling, Caroline Solly, Tina Knight
(+ Judy Suckling taking minutes)

Public: 2 members of the public

Action
By

1. Apologies Edwin Lang, & Pat Healey

2. Minutes of 7th July 2005

2.1. The minutes were approved and signed by Doug.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

3.2 Doug had contacted the insurance company with regard to the cutting of the village green and our obligations as an employer. As long as a person has got their own tools and liability insurance there was no problem employing someone within the village to cut the hedge etc.

3.3 Doug would now write to the District council to find out what is going on with the application for removal of the B8 condition at Ensign property ltd. DS

3.4 Pat still needed to get the fence preserver and finish the posts. PH

3.5 The subscription for Communities in Rural Kent was now paid and completed. The bill for the swings had been overlooked, but has now been paid in full.

3.4 Doug stated that there had been no reply from SDC with regards the letter written by the Parish council asking about the issues at Martins farm and also at Whitehouse land. He would chase this up with the District council. DS

3.5 Lydd Airport Action Group had sent another newsletter out, Tina stated that people had approached her from both sides of the debate. It was agreed that this council would wait and support an enquiry when an application is actually filed by Lydd Airport, then we can assess our response.

3.6 Pat, Eddy and Doug attended the meeting of the Weald police forum. There were some interesting statistics on crime figures throughout the marsh areas, and it was noted that there had been a police officer within the village on more occasion's recently.

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3.7 Doug stated that he had looked at the SDC housing policy draft and that in his opinion the District Council were just 'stating the obvious' in their expectations, he also stated that if this were to become policy, then they would be in breach of their own policies by using the illegal camp site at Martins farm to house families from the district.

3.8 Doug has written to the Mother and Toddler group explaining the Parish council's decision to reduce the rent for the immediate future, Doug has also written to Councillor Fred Wood-Brignall and suggested that this group could use a donation from the county council for purchasing new equipment. Fred would look into this, and said that he felt that this would be dealt with favorably.

3.9 The Licensing application has now been completed and sent off.

4. Treasurers report

4.1 The acting treasurer stated that District audit was now required and that she would deal with this. It was anticipated that there would be approximately £3500.00 in the account at the end of the financial year

5. Village hall and green

5.1 Doug would talk to Richard Curl to discuss the cutting of the hedge. The council gave permission for Doug to negotiate up to a set limit of £100.00

5.2 The board for the basketball net was still ready for replacement; it was proposed that we do this as soon as possible.

5.3 Doug said that the camera had now been returned and would be replaced ASAP.

6. Planning Matters

6.1 Shepway District Council have acknowledged that they are now aware of the breach of conditions of Whitehouse land, (former ACW site), and that they are now investigating the situation.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Various items were placed on the table for the public to view.

7.2 KCC have now formally posted notices about the proposed speed limit through our village.

7.3 An appeal for a donation from IPC toward the war memorial fund had been received, the plaque is hopefully to be erected in St. George's church by November. The parish council agreed that this is a just cause and agreed that we would donate up to £300, however, Doug stated that he had been made aware of funding that may be available for this sort of project. Doug would inquire as to how much we could apply for and if necessary make up the difference to £300.

7.4 Doug had written a letter to Jonathon Lund asking for a meeting to discuss the issues of re-cycling within the village, and the prospect of becoming independent from the District re-cycling scheme.

8. Questions from the public

none

9. Date and Time of next Meeting.

The next meetings of the parish council will be 15th September 2005 @ 8pm.
And also 10th November 2005 @ 8pm. (There would be no meeting during October)

Meeting closed at 21.10

