

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

8th February 2007

Present: Doug Suckling, Tina Knight, Kim Bartlett, Caroline Solly

Public: 4 members of the public (plus Judy Suckling as Acting Treasurer)

1.	Apologies None	
2.	Minutes of 11th January 2007 2.1 The minutes were approved and signed by Doug.	
3.	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes 3.1 Martins Farm still ongoing – Doug continuing to chase. 3.2 Roof of village hall completed and bills for repair, washing and sealing paid. Porch repairs to be done later this month. 3.3 Applications for community chest have been submitted for main roof, rear roof and noticeboards. No response yet from Shepway. Kim and Doug will keep track of progress. 3.4 Sign for Brenzett still to be progressed. 3.5 Bank forms completed by all councillors. Agreed 4 signatories for parish council bank account – Doug, Tina, Kim and Caroline. Doug to submit forms to bank. 3.6 Post office invoice issued, awaiting payment. Lions Club invoice to be raised. 3.7 Clubb Lane – Tina has spoken to SDC. Application was for renewal of permissions for caravan for fishing use. Matter now resolved. SDC had stated wrong location on original documentation. 3.8 Fire extinguishers done, electrical inspection to be arranged by Doug. 3.9 Entertainment license has been checked and is valid and ongoing. 3.10 Notice board quote ongoing. 3.11 Public right of way letter, Kent and Medway structure plan, SDC local plan and Kent Minerals Framework documents issued last month – nothing of interest to report for Ivychurch. 3.12 All Parishes Meeting – Tina attended. Problems in Newchurch with bogus ‘lampers’ in area who are actually thieves casing properties. Police to be informed if spotted. Complaints about recycling service. Martins Farm reported once again. Brenzett primary school entrance causing potential accident blackspot and road being closed illegally for trotting races causing problems, plus speeding in general. No money left for road maintenance at present. Fred Wood-Brignall is retiring. Next All Parishes Meeting is April 16 th , 7.30pm at Newchurch – determine at March meeting who should attend.	DS KB/DS DS DS JS DS KB ALL
4	Treasurer’s Report 4.1 Bank account end January £7155.22, but have since spent approximately £1100 on village hall roof.	JS
5	Village Hall and Green 5.1 Work ongoing as previously reported in Matters Arising. 5.2 EDF have been in contact. Kim has reviewed maps and is certain land belongs to parish council. Rebuild of toilets not possible by EDF. £3K has been requested to allow land to be used by EDF as Ivychurch	

	would have to redesign potential disabled toilets due to substation. Awaiting response. 5.3 Rospa inspection due end July. DS will check nearer time.	KB
6	Planning 6.1 No new issues this month. Hook Wall Cottage application refused on appeal.	
7.	Correspondence 7.1 Academy brochures for Southlands School placed on table in hall. 7.2 Action for Rural Communities in Kent Newsletter – Kim to read. Renewal for £35 agreed by council – Judy to progress payment. 7.3 Parish and Town Council Planning User Group Meeting on 24 th April at 7pm. Doug not available. Agree at next meeting who will attend. 7.4 Kent Police debate on 27 th February – no able to attend. 7.5 Improving play provision in Shepway - questionnaires taken by Kim to get completed and returned. 7.6 Shepway Youth Advisory Group – no one to attend. 7.7 Street Cleaning SDC questionnaire – Kim to complete. 7.8 New Romney Town Council meeting with Kent Fire and Rescue was held on 30 th January. 7.9 Invitation to Fire Safety briefing on 15/2 – no one to attend. 7.10 Hire of village halls questionnaire – Doug to complete. 7.11 Lydd Airport Action Group newsletter received. 7.12 Notification that Ashford Road bridge will be closed for 6 months from 12/2/07. Access up to St Mary in the Marsh for first half of works but then closed and access will be via New Romney. 7.13 SDC – Tour de France coming to Kent in July 2007, cycling festival to be held. 7.14 Flood risk – Environment Agency meeting on 20 th February in Newchurch. Judy to attend. 7.15 Website to sign up petition against Operation Stack is at www.kent.gov.uk/news - notice to be placed on board outside hall. 7.16 Planning information day on 17/3/07 – no one to attend. 7.17 KAPC Parish Newsletter given to all councillors 7.18 SDC briefing note re council elections on 3 rd May – Ivychurch will be a polling station. 7.19 Correspondence received from The Gardens to request support for possible affordable home vacancy. Names have been put forward onto list.	KB KB JS ALL KB KB DS JS
8	Questions from the Public 8.1 Complaints about motorbike noise raised. Doug advised that residents should contact Shepway environmental health to register officially complaints about noise and contact police if bikes seen.	
9	Any Other Business 9.1 None	
10	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Parish Council will be 8 th March 2007 at 8pm. Tina apologised in advance for her absence. Following meetings will be 12 th April 2007 at 8pm and May meeting to incorporate AGM, IAA – date to be determined at March meeting. Meeting closed at 2120	