

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

13th March 2008

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

Public: 3 members of the public

1.	Apologies None	
2.	Minutes of 7th February 2008 2.1 Minutes were approved and signed by Doug as correct.	
3.	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes 3.1 EDF substation – everything is now signed and sent back. Now awaiting EDF to conduct work and make payment to Parish. 3.2 Water meter installation still needs to be done – Doug to chase. 3.3 Quote for grass cutting received from KCC (£495) and quote from Woodland Owen for grass cutting and hedge trimming (£850). Doug to ask KCC to provide price for including hedge trimming and then decision can be made. 3.4 Kim has chased KCC the billboards at Whitehouse Land and damage being caused to verges. SDC enforcement have also been advised. Increase in lorry movements is causing disruption to village residents. Kim is drafting a letter of complaint. Police and Highways are going to monitor road with strips to record traffic movements and are also considering speed cameras. A formal complaint to SDC regarding lack of enforcement on several issues will be drafted by Doug and the Parish Council will approach the local MP at his next surgery. 3.5 A cheque has been sent to clear the smaller loan. 3.6 Re Audit – Kim to type up risk assessment which Judy will pass on to her. Doug will be sorting out the Nationwide account. 3.7 Doug still to talk to local residents to prevent parking on trench outside village hall which is breaking up. This trench will require to be redone in the summer. 3.8 Letter of thanks received from Kent Air Ambulance Trust re donation made by Parish. 3.9 No one was able to attend All Parishes meeting, but will attend next one in Brenzett in April. Doug to confirm date. 3.10 Grant application submitted to NPower who are developing the wind farm in Ivychurch for a shelter for the village green. Caroline to chase progress. 3.11 Shepway venues form was completed and returned.	KB DS DS KB DS DS KB DS DS CS
4	Treasurer's Report 4.1 £3222.76 balance in bank at end February.	
5	Village Hall and Green 5.1 Thanks to Kim for planting bulbs and plants around the village hall.	
6	Planning 6.1 Caroline will find out when the next Planning Users meeting is taking place. 6.2 Spring Farm – caravans have appeared and SDC planning have advised no planning application has been received for these. Kim will	CS KB

	chase this issue.	
7.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>7.1 Parish News for Kent Assoc of Local Councils provided to all councillors.</p> <p>7.2 Affordable Housing information from SDC taken by Tina to review.</p>	TK
8	<p>Questions From The Public</p> <p>8.1 None.</p>	
9.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>9.1 Ivychurch Amenities Association have successfully applied for a grant from Shepway District Council to put in a new kitchen at the Village Hall, however no funding is provided until the project is complete. The Parish Council agreed to pay the deposit for the kitchen in the interim which will be repaid when the grant is paid by Shepway District Council after the project is completed.</p> <p>9.2 A written complaint has been made to KCC that minutes of meetings were not appearing on the Ivychurch website quickly enough. It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes will be withdrawn from the website as there is no obligation on the Parish Council to provide them in this format. Minutes will continue as always to be freely available to local residents or interested parties on the village hall noticeboard and all meetings are open to the public if they wish to attend. Copies of minutes will be available upon request for a fee of £2 per set of monthly minutes.</p>	DS DS
10	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Next meeting is 17th April at 7.30pm</p> <p>Meeting closed at 2058</p>	