

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

17th April 2008

Present: Doug Suckling, Kim Bartlett, Tina Knight

Public: 9 members.

1	<p>Apologies: Caroline Solly</p> <p>Visitors CPSO Denis Connolly</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 13th March 2008 2.1 Minutes were approved and signed by Doug.</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting and other matters on the agenda due to our visitors.</p> <p>3.1 It appears that EDF Energy still have not contacted the residents of Oasthouse Fields, which is private land, relating to the route of the cabling to the substation. An easements agreement with them will be required. Still no contact from them relating to the purchase of PC land for this although papers have been signed. Emissions will be dealt with when EDF contact the PC.</p> <p>3.2 A water meter will be installed in the village hall but there is another leak which must be dealt with initially.</p> <p>3.3 Grass cutting quotes have been received that include hedge maintenance and the cutting of the Public Footpath.</p> <p>Hedge arisings were left on the footpath after the last cut Doug will chase this up. Woodland Owen will be appointed the contract for the grass cutting, minus the hedge cutting for this year as this contract has then rest of the year to run.</p> <p>3.4 Whitehouse Land – enforcement action may be taken up by Shepway district council. They have received many complaints about the state of the site and contravention in their planning conditions. Their action awaits.</p> <p>Kent Highways have been contacted about the illegal advertising and they will be assessing the situation although they will not take any action at this time.</p> <p>The PC has received numerous complaints about the increase in heavy goods vehicle using Ashford road, some are going to Whitehouse Land. Denis Connolly will try and assist with this matter.</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>DS</p> <p>DS</p>

	<p>3.4a (additional information from Denis Connolly) Denis gave an overview of his role as Community Support Officer for the marsh which was welcomed by all.</p> <p>Speeding through the village has been bought up by a new resident to the village who is working with Denis to monitor the speed of vehicles. Denis has been carrying out speed checks throughout the villages on the marsh and has found it to be an issue. He found 45% of vehicles speeding in one day. He will be working in the villages to reduce the speeding vehicles over the coming months. Kent Highways is reviewing the speed issue and there may be a possibility of traffic calming measures in the village.</p> <p>It was recognised that Sat Nav is also causing issues with vehicles. Denis will be talking to Transport managers of HGV companies within the village boundaries to try to minimise the effects as they pass through the village.</p> <p>He is setting up a PACT meeting, Partners in Community Together, which will be held quarterly. The partners will be Parish Councils, Highways Authority etc. the purpose of these meetings will be to have 3 main issues to be dealt with and reported back at the next meeting.</p> <p>3.5 The PC is going to draft a letter to Shepway District Council relating to matters in the village and a letter to Michael Howard asking for assistance.</p> <p>3.10 The grant application has been sent in relating to new Shelter equipment for the village green. Nothing heard as yet.</p>	
4	<p>Treasurers report – as of 28/3/08 the was £2000 in PC account however payments are still to be drawn.</p>	
5	<p>Village hall and green - Dealt with under matters arising.</p>	
6	<p>Local planning issues – The Planning users group meeting will take place on 27th May at 7pm at the Civic Centre. A Planning application received from Yoakes cottage for a ménage was discussed, there were no objections as this will replace the swimming pool. Willow Barn – new application discussed.</p>	<p>Page 249</p>

7	<p>Correspondence –</p> <p>7.1 Letter received about affordable housing. Not applicable to Ivychurch.</p> <p>7.2 KCC – draft residential permit scheme letter received, not applicable to Ivychurch.</p> <p>7.3 KCC pothole repair hotline has been set up. Report potholes to KCC</p> <p>7.4 Letter received re proposed changes to the planning application forms that include a list of local requirements received.</p>	
8	<p>Questions from the public.</p> <p>Ms Gilcrest asked if anyone had commented about her camper van parked on the road outside her house. Doug said that he had had a number of complaints. Denis Connolly, CPSO, advised her that by law, lights were required for vehicles parked on the highway within a 30 MPH, and above, limit at night.</p>	
9	<p>Village hall kitchen has now been refurbished and looks excellent. Thanks to Phil and Pearl, IAA, for organising it and dealing with the grant application that awaits payment. The PC has leant part of the cost, to the IAA until it is paid back by the community chest funding grant.</p> <p>9.1 The parish Council minutes are no longer on the website. Minutes are on the notice board outside the village hall or copies can be requested for a small fee from the chairman / clerk.</p> <p>9.2 Doug has received an email asking why Wenham Lane had been resurfaced. Doug asked SDC who replied that a pedestrian accident occurred due to the state of the previous surface.</p> <p>9.3 A parish member asked why the PC precept was increased to 4.6% in the correspondence form SDC. Doug to check with SDC as the PC only asked for the same as last year which was 2.5%on the letter received</p> <p>9.4 The number rats near to the disused silo in Wenham Lane discussed. The EHO have apparently been informed and Doug would also inform them of this situation.</p>	
	<p>Date for next meeting. Thursday 22nd May 7.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Page 250</p>

