

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

9th October 2008

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

Public: 3 members of the public

1.	Apologies None	
2.	Minutes of 10th August 2008 2.1 Minutes were approved and signed by Doug as correct.	
3.	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes 3.1 Plaque for kitchen has been installed. 3.2 Rospa inspection has been carried out, Doug will review any actions. 3.3 Planning Users Meeting 9/9/08 - Doug attended. 3.4 Fire regulations folder – Doug is compiling information for folder. 3.5 Electrical testing – Doug has number for electrician for PAT testing and will arrange this. Meter obtained for village hall to enable electricity to be charged for those hiring. This needs fitting – Doug will contact electrician advertising in church magazine. 3.6 PROW – Kim to chase response to issues raised. 3.7 Invoice raised from IPC to IAA for rent of village hall for this year. 3.8 EDF – bill for electricity for village hall paid and readings given for next bill. 3.9 Letter regarding new rates of hire for village hall still to be sent out – awaiting separate meeting to be arranged to discuss. 3.10 Kim still awaiting audit commission information from Judy. 3.11 All Parishes Meeting – no-one able to attend. 3.12 GOSE report read – nothing of specific interest to Ivychurch. 3.13 Website for advertising village halls – Doug has tried to contact, will try again when new rates agreed, etc. 3.14 Security Lights – Doug to contact Dennis the PCSO regarding potential grants that may be available.	DS DS DS KB ALL KB/JS DS
4	Treasurer's Report 4.1 Cheque for precept and cash for village hall lettings handed to Kim. 4.2 Shepway District Council booking hall for 29/12 for 5 hours and have paid in advance.	
5	Village Hall and Green 5.1 Separate meeting to be held regarding hire of village hall issues (see point 3.9 above). 5.2 Tarmac has been repaired at the front of the car park. 5.3 Quotes for repairs/decorating of village hall have been provided by the IAA to SDC for consideration in the latest round of the community chest grants – awaiting response.	
6	Planning 6.1 KCC have sent a letter regarding village greens and the register of common land – Doug will respond. 6.2 EDF have been contacted about the work for removal of the overhead lines, EDF are awaiting Crown Estates response as the land belongs to them. Doug has raised issue of crossing land at Oasthouse Field	DS

	<p>and EDF say that they are writing directly to the affected properties.</p> <p>6.3 Planning application for Bridgehouse Farm – no objections from parish council although deadline for comment has passed.</p> <p>6.4 Whitehouse Land – appeal has been lodged re enforcement notice served on motor vehicle and spares business. Doug discussed this at the Planning Users meeting and no formal response is required from the Parish Council as the action has been implemented by the District Council. IPC also keeping the enforcement officer at Shepway advised on any further breaches.</p> <p>6.5 Lydd Airport Application – official notification from Shepway received of this application. The Parish council reserve their views as it is felt that there are a lot of valid opinions from all parish members on this issue, and the only logical way forward would be to call for a public enquiry. Plans can be viewed online, at the Civic Centre in Folkestone or at the One-Stop-Shop in New Romney.</p>	
7.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>7.1 New Romney Town Council – Remembrance Sunday service being held at St Georges Ivychurch on 9/11/08 – Tina will try to attend.</p> <p>7.2 Kent Assoc of Local Councils meeting on 16/10 at Civic Centre – no one able to attend. Next meeting will be 17/1/09, bring forward to next IPC to discuss who will attend.</p> <p>7.3 Kent Wildlife Trust, Romney Marsh Living Landscape project information taken by Caroline to read.</p> <p>7.4 Communities and Local Govt – information on local byelaws – Doug to file.</p> <p>7.5 SCD letter regarding areas likely for house building, Ivychurch rates badly in terms of sustainability compared with larger towns on the Marsh, so it is unlikely that we will see new builds.</p> <p>7.6 Parish News handed to councillors.</p> <p>7.7 Update on South East Plan – Caroline took to read.</p> <p>7.8 Eastern and Coastal Kent NHS annual report – left in hall.</p> <p>7.9 KCC Youth Advisory Group response received – Doug has called them to discuss this.</p> <p>7.10 KCC SE Regional Assembly – discussion forum on 28/10 at Canterbury – no one able to attend.</p> <p>7.11 Oast to Coast – Kim took to review.</p> <p>7.12 Benefits referral scheme – home visits for those requiring help with benefit applications to be put on notice board.</p> <p>7.13 Community Aggregates Fund information – given to IAA.</p>	TK ALL
8	<p>Questions From The Public</p> <p>8.1 None.</p>	
9.	<p>Any Other Business – Traffic Monitoring</p> <p>9.1 The traffic monitoring report and summary has been received and was circulated to all present at the meeting. 85% of recorded traffic passing through the village was recorded at or under 41.6mph travelling towards New Romney and 85% was at or under 40mph towards Ashford.</p> <p>9.2 Records show no injury accidents in Ivychurch so we do not qualify for other traffic calming measures. The line markings on the road could be improved but there is a long waiting list and we will not be high priority. A flashing speed sign could be an option if KCC were to consider Ivychurch as high priority but this would not be before 2009.</p> <p>9.3 There is a possibility to approach KCC for speed camera signs but all legalities would need to be reviewed and permission to erect from KCC etc. A request was made from Caroline that the other end of Ivychurch (Brookland end) also be considered for sign as well as speed is an issue across all parts of the Marsh, not just in the village centre.</p> <p>9.4 Kim proposed that we have done as much as can be done by the Parish</p>	

	<p>Council. We will raise the issue of improved speed camera signage with KCC but cannot progress any more than this as it is outside the remit of the parish council and speeding vehicles are a police matter. If KCC are unwilling to fund signage, the Parish Council agreed to look at funding improved signage (subject to reviewing the cost of this) if KCC will erect and place this signage. Doug to contact KCC.</p> <p>9.5 Ivychurch Parish Council voted unanimously that this was the end of the matter once the signage matter was resolved with KCC as all avenues within their control had been explored by the Parish Council and it was now down to the police to act as appropriate to enforce speed limits.</p>	DS
10	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Next meeting is 6th November at 8pm</p> <p>Meeting closed at 2130</p>	