

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

8th December 2011

Present: Andy Daburn, Tina Knight, Caroline Solly, Doug Suckling (Chair)

Members of the Public: 9

1.	Apologies - None	
2.	Declarations of Interest – None.	
3.	Minutes of 20th October 2011	
	3.1 The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as correct.	
4.	Actions from Previous Meetings	
	4.1 EDF overcharging – this should now be resolved. New bills to be issued by EDF. Meter readings on 8/12/11 were 392 (rate 1) and 2674 (rate 2).	AD
	4.2 Flat roof repairs still required. Second quote obtained verbally which is cheaper than previous quote. Andy to obtain written quote asap. It was agreed that a decision could be made between meetings to progress this to ensure roof is repaired before worse weather sets in.	AD
	4.3 Reduction in rates – Judy to report next month on progress.	JS
	4.4 Whitehouse Land and other areas – no further response from Shepway. Doug will chase up. The wording of a petition was agreed to be circulated for local residents to sign if they wish.	DS
	4.5 Letter to volunteers to be done for next meeting.	AD
	4.6 Issue of balls into local resident's garden has been resolved.	DS
	4.7 Mirror for T Junction - this can be installed but only on private land, no on any highways land. It is also recommended to have a sign to limit any liability. Doug to discuss with local residents to see if willing to site this post/mirror in their garden.	DS
	4.8 Siting of Millenium Bench – A general vote was held on this and a location outside the church was agreed, assuming the land belongs to the parish council and that confirmation of this and the exact location for the bench is to be agreed by the IPC before any work goes ahead. The bin may require resiting and the possibility of a bike rack would be investigated to ensure bikes are not attached to the bench. Doug to investigate cost of bike rack for future meeting.	DS
5.	Treasurers Report	
	5.1 Audit Commission have approved the accounts. A notice to allow the public to view the accounts will be displayed this month. Balance in bank is £2,870.50, however the precept is still due from Shepway. Judy to chase.	JS JS
	5.2 IAA – A discussion was held as to whether volunteers were willing to take this on. A more formal meeting of those who may be interested will be held and if they wish to take on the IAA this must be notified to Doug by end December or the IAA will be closed to preserve funds.	
	5.3 Precept 2012 – It was agreed that there would be no increase in the overall precept requested from Shepway this year. Depending on whether there are more or less houses in the village than last year this may mean a small adjustment on individual band precepts.	JS
	5.4 It was agreed to provide Pearl with a paying in book for village hall rentals so that she can pay these straight into the bank.	JS
6.	Village Hall and Green	
	6.1 Phone box – apparently there is an “adopt a phone box” scheme from BT. This could be an idea that could be progressed by the IAA.	
7.	Planning	
	7.1 No new applications this month.	

8.	Correspondence 8.1 Chip Shop Van has unfortunately stopped coming to the village due to lack of business. 8.2 SDC consultation document re complaints, comments and compliments procedure was taken by Tina to review.	TK
9.	Any Other Business None	
10.	Date of Next Meeting 5 th January 2012 at 1930 Meeting closed at 2040	