

Minutes of the
Ivychurch Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting
14th May 2007

Present: Doug Suckling, Tina Knight, Kim Bartlett.

Public: There were three members of the public present

1. Apologies. Caroline Solly

2. Minutes of the previous annual meeting July 2006

The minutes were approved and signed by Doug.

3 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting 12th April 2007

The minutes were approved and signed by Doug after correcting the page numbers.

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4.1 Martins farm was an on going issue; there are also associated noise problems as a result of a radio controlled race track. There have been complaints to the parish council about the noise and it had been assumed to be emanating from the original race track, however this is not the case and any issues with noise nuisance should be highlighted through the environmental health department of Shepway DC. The parish council have expressed their concerns about the ongoing situation in general at Martins Farm, and the District Council have agreed that action should now be taken.

The Parish Council recommend that you raise any noise or associated issues with Shepway District Council directly but would like to be made aware of any such contact so we can track Shepway's response, if any.

4.2 After a 'planning user group meeting' with Shepway, the District council have asked for any information previously sent to them with regard to Martins farm, to be compiled from the PC minutes and resubmitted as evidence of the problems associated with the farm. Doug and Kim would compile the listings from the previous minutes

4.3 The community chest payment was still progressing for the new notice boards, Doug would talk to Melanie Waltham-Smith at Shepway about the funding.

4.4 The electrical testing was still ongoing; Doug was awaiting replies from three electricians.

4.5 Kim stated that EDF energy had agreed the purchase of land from the PC for a substation at the rear of the village hall, they would do all the necessary paperwork and instruct solicitors to act for both parties. It was suggested that the public footpath leading to Oast House Field from the village hall could be incorporated into the work, however, this may be difficult to arrange and it was suggested that this could be looked at during future PC meetings after the initial work had been completed.

4.6 Shepway DC stated that their planning department was now fully staffed, and that they would now be in a position to give advise on planning issues prior to applications being made.

4.7 The annual subscription to KRCA was still due.

4.8 The annual renewal of the contract between IPC and KCC for the use of the web site for Ivychurch has been completed and returned.

5 Parish Council Chairman's Report

Doug stated that the existing 4 councillors had been returned to office without the need of an election as we currently needed another member on the PC anyway. If anyone is interested in becoming a councillor on the Parish Council, they should contact the Chairman in the first instance.

Doug gave a brief report highlighting most of the issues already raised in the previous minutes, and also stated that he was pleased with the turn out for the special meeting called to discuss the issues at Marsh farm and the proposal for the purchase of land at the rear of the hall by EDF.

6 St. Georges Church report

A report was given by John Hendy in place of Margaret Waite, a copy of this report will be placed on the notice board.

7 Village hall and Green

7.1 The disabled toilet and ramp were now in place, the hall was now compliant with the disabled act 2004

8. Planning. An application has been received for Old Cheyne Court asking for restrictions to be lifted from the previous consent. Tina would look into this issue and reply to the DC on behalf of the PC.

9. Correspondence Various items were received and placed in the hall for information to the public.

9.1 A copy of the parish news was given to the councillors.

9.2 KCC public rights of way publication was given to Kim to look at, and would contact KCC with any concerns.

9.3 Area's around Dungeness have now been allocated as SSSI's, maps were placed on the table for any interested parties to see.

9.4 Declarations of acceptance of office for all councillors on the parish council were signed and countersigned, a copy would be stored in the legal folder for the parish council.

9.5 Information from KCC regarding the wind farm and the cabling to and from the site, was given to Tina to look at, she would return it to the chairman after.

10. Questions from the public None

11. Any other business None

12. Date and time of next annual meeting In the village hall. TBA. Nearer the time next year.

12a. Date and time of next meeting 7th June 2007 at 7.30pm In the village hall.

The meeting closed at 21.21hrs

