

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

25th June 2015

Present: Rick Bailey (Chairperson)(**RB**), Chris Jones(**CJ**),
John Goldsmith(**JG**), Julie Devenish(**Jools**)

Members of the Public: 3

1		Apologies	
		Andy Daburn (AD), Julie Diplock (JD)	
2		Declarations of Interest	
		None	
3		Previous Minutes - April	
	3.1	approved	
4		Special Items for Discussion	
	4.1	Ward Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal of KALC membership needs to be considered and a decision made next meeting • Marsh Forum – this has been considered very useful by other Parish Councils. Carole Waters may attend one of our future meetings. 	ALL
	4.2	Verges – A donation has been given to the mowing team and once machinery costs have been covered, there is expected to be a sum of several hundred pounds available for planting around the village (bedding, trees). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous tree species are preferred, such as crab apple; possibly Rowan, but may be less successful; hawthorn would need careful siting with consideration to children as this is prickly; • Location – consideration to be given to overhead cables, overshadowing, keeping road clear, etc; • One possible site is suggested between the sewage works and bridge; another is the Village Green, but check with Pub if likely to overshadow; bedding around edges of Village Hall – eg geraniums. • Not high maintenance • Further treatment may be needed re any existing disease problems such as honey fungus (understood to be present on hall and church grounds); • Fences need to be kept clear of plants to help maintenance. • Visibility at road junctions needs to be maintained – the T-junction will be checked as this has been mentioned as a current problem. A balance needs to be struck re hedge height, between visibility and preventing balls going over from the play area. • Rick can obtain plants at trade price. 	CJ RB
5		Actions from Previous Meeting	
	5.1	(4.1) Speeding – stickers have been distributed. See also 5.13.	COMPLETE
	5.2	(5.1) Bus Shelter – concrete plinth may need extending	Ongoing
	5.3	(5.2) Bank Account – paperwork has now been signed, remaining tasks will now be addressed.	JS ongoing

5.4	(5.3) Wish List: Play Surface	Ongoing
5.5	Village Hall Sign	Ongoing
5.6	(5.7) Grit Bin (needs to be ordered for delivery at same time as grit)	Ongoing
5.7	(5.8) Asbestos Roof Tiles – storage bags	AD ongoing
5.8	(5.9) Mural – ideas invited for subjects	Ongoing
5.9	(5.10) Windows and painting – see section 7	
5.10	(5.11) Marsh Forum / Flood Warden updates	Ongoing
5.11	(5.14) Radiant Heaters / Roof Solar Panels - options	Ongoing
5.12	(5.18) Website & Emergency Plan	Ongoing
5.13	(5.19) Highways – John attended Brookland Parish Council meeting. Following a bad accident there, they want a fixed sign. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is general agreement that a speed sign is a good idea, preferred format is “Slow Down” or “☺☹” – one which shows vehicle speed can be treated as a challenge rather than a deterrent by some drivers. • Carol Waters has some funding available from KCC – we would probably want a mobile sign for moving between three possible sites, need to ask Carol if her funding would cover a mobile sign. • Rick has not organised a “chicane day” but a well-placed vehicle has been proved to slow large lorries. • Jools will progress the Community Speed Watch initiative – several positive responses have been received from the initial email, this will now be followed up with a further email and we are hopeful that Guy Rollinson of CSW Support will attend the July Parish Council meeting. 	Jools
5.14	(5.20) Treasurer Vacancy – this is now filled.	COMPLETE
5.15	(5.21) Bus shelter – the bus timetable sign has now been removed from the Pub, Stagecoach now want permission from SDC to put it on the bus shelter. Jan will ask them for a copy.	Jan/CJ
5.16	(5.22) Fly Tipping – two lots of flytipping have been addressed.	Ongoing
5.17	(5.23) Playground – the task of brightening this up is now with the IAA	COMPLETE
5.18	(5.24) Dehumidifier	COMPLETE
5.19	(7.1) Hedges – Rick has put some more posts in the gaps.	COMPLETE
6	Treasurer’s Report	
6.1	In the absence of bank statements, the following figures have been provided: Year end balance: £8,583.75 Spent: £8,471.90 Income: £6,333.44 Lettings: £1,545.00 Electricity: £1,185.34 Cleaning: £195.46 Hall & Green: £5,658.82 Including work done on porch and window, deficit last year = £2,138.46.	
6.2	Caroline’s signature has been obtained. Once new signatories have been sorted out Chris will take in to NatWest. Future arrangements will then be considered. Judy will start a spreadsheet for this year and pass to Jan.	CJ JS/Jan

7		Village Hall and Green	
	7.1	Outside decoration: Chris will obtain white Sandtex. Drip flashing is to be made good. Replacement fascias / soffits/roof vents needed, John can put these up. Volunteers came forward for painting the hall.	CJ JG
	7.2	Car parking – suitable signs will be put up for the beer festival.	RB
	7.3	Electricity supply: Chris will check the fridge wiring, supply needs moving to before the meter. John will ask Stan to look at this, also the dehumidifier wiring.	CJ JG
8		Planning	
	8.1	No new applications on SDC site.	
	8.2	Y13/0454/SCO The Snave windfarm application is reported to have been withdrawn.	
	8.3	Y15/0424/SH (linked to Y13/0048/SH) application for mast SW of Lydd Model Flying Club – SDC requested feedback by 23 rd June.	
9		Correspondence	
	9.1		
10		Any Other Business	
	10.1	Heart – CPR course	Ongoing
	10.2	Council Nomination forms	COMPLETE
	10.3	CARM – Caring Altogether on Romney Marsh are willing to attend a Parish Council Meeting to explain what they do. We will hope to see them at our August or September meeting.	Jools
11		Next Meetings	
	11.1	Next meeting Thursday 23 rd July at 19.30 in Village Hall.	
	11.2	Meeting closed at 8.50pm	