

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

29th October 2015

Present: Rick Bailey (Chairperson)(**RB**), John Goldsmith(**JG**), Julie Diplock(**JD**), Jan Robertson(**JR**), Julie Devenish(**Jools**)

Members of the Public: 1

(Note: due to a prior booking in the Village Hall, this meeting was conducted at the Bell Inn)

1	Apologies	
	Andy Daburn (AD), Chris Jones (CJ)	
2	Declarations of Interest	
	None	
3	Previous Minutes	
	Approved – future minutes will include Jan Robertson (Treasurer) in the named persons present.	
4	Special Items for Discussion	
	None	
5	Actions from Previous Meeting	
	<p>Youth Club The Youth Club is now meeting at the Hall on Wednesday evenings. The minibus issue is sorted. For developments re table tennis, see below under Village Hall & Green. Publicity for the Youth Club has appeared in Marsh Matters and on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>An upcoming CPR course (through the IAA) will include the Youth Club.</p> <p>It being half-term, discussion turned to more general issues with children – on Saturday some were running amok and some vehicle windows have been smashed. It was also noted that noticeboards are vulnerable to football impact. John may check about new ones.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>JG</p>
	<p>Verge Planting We are looking to carry out planting in November. Rick will consult on plants next meeting.</p>	RB
	<p>Village Hall Sign – and – Mural Sign is ready but may be reviewed / redesigned with an image suitable to the village (possibly an Oasthouse, or design based on Ivychurch Village Sign)</p>	RB Ongoing
	<p>Grit Bin (Rick to chase)</p>	RB Ongoing
	Storage bags for spare asbestos roof tiles	CJ/AD Ongoing
	<p>Marsh Forum / Flood Warden updates: Next Marsh Forum is 10th November, John will attend.</p>	JG
	<p>Radiant Heaters / Roof Solar Panels – energy options John and Rick are meeting Stan on Friday and will be looking into testing and non-working sockets</p>	RB/JG Ongoing
	Website and Emergency Plan	Ongoing

	Highways / Speeding Councillor Waters has confirmed her offer of funding for cable speed strips – it was considered the road between the southern 30mph sign and the church would be the best position for this. This will provide supporting statistics for a decision on the eventual installation of an illuminated speed sign.	ongoing
	Bus Shelter Timetable This is now installed!	COMPLETE
	Fly Tipping / Rubbish / Burnt-out car	CJ Ongoing
	Bank Account details These are now sorted.	COMPLETE
	The Council's input to Planning Application Y15/0827/SH was uploaded to Shepway's website.	COMPLETE
	5th Continent Landscape Scheme Jan asked when the presentation had taken place (13 th October)	COMPLETE
	Childrens Playground The original company("Plane+Simple") went out of business. Julia has another contact to speak to.	Julia Ongoing
6	Treasurer's Report	
	The bank has agreed to deliver regular statements. Handover from Judy to Jan remains outstanding, but Jan now has statements. It was agreed at the meeting that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan is to be added as signatory; • Jan will set up online banking; • If NatWest do not sort out signatories, Jan will look at moving account to Lloyds, as NatWest is closing local branch in New Romney. • Future minutes will document cheques written: £36 paid to PKF Littlejohn re charges incurred auditing Annual Return; £27.37 paid to Southern Water; Receipt received for £79.33 2015-16 membership fee to KALC. 	JR
7	Village Hall and Green	
	Polling Booths These have been collected; When they need re-delivering next May 2016, Julie will ask them to deliver in pub hours so they can obtain the key from the Bell.	JD
	Hall Mailbox Jools will organise an additional key to be cut for Jan.	Jools
	Table Tennis Tables The Youth Club has funding from Sport England for a table which they will give to us. Inside dimensions are 68 x 167cm. The IAA will dispose of the broken one, and have a donated table to replace it – it is thought that both tables could be stored at the back of the stage, though Rick commented storage space cannot accommodate more than two, plus the proposed concrete table outside. Julie will email StepAhead accepting the indoor and outdoor tables (the outdoor table will be sited in the Play Area)	IAA JD
8	Planning	
	No new planning applications seen.	
9	Correspondence	
	Police Powers Consultation – Councillors were reminded of the web link should they wish to respond to the consultation. Rick confirmed he had done so.	
	Highways & Transportation Survey – not done.	

	Invitation to Marsh Academy Upper School Prize Evening 10 th December – none of those present are able to attend.	
	KCC Budget consultation (deadline 24/11) – This relates to future council tax levels. Councillors were reminded of the link to this which was emailed on 15/10.	
	Councillor Carole Waters had invited our views on her possibly holding inter-parish meetings . We will respond to Carole after John has been to this month's Marsh Forum and given us some feedback on this.	JG
	Julie had received an email from Heather Short saying that the Royal Mail Box had been moved. Rick will write to her and let her know who to contact.	RB
	KALC Community Awards Scheme 2016 have invited nominations for a person or group that has made a significant contribution to the local community. The council agreed this scheme could recognise the valuable contributions made by the Ivychurch Mowing Team. Jools will start the process for this to be put forward.	Jools
	A request was for the issue of impassable bridle paths / rights-of-way to be added to next month's agenda .	Jools
10	Any Other Business	
	Hall Insurance was diarised for review before renewal in December; Jools will obtain a quote from Came & Co to compare with the existing cover with Aon.	Jools
	Hall Mailbox – one "signed-for" item had turned up unexpectedly, but had been satisfactorily dealt with. It was felt that this was an exception, and that normally we would know to expect such items.	
	Advertising in Romney Coast & Country (now Marsh Matters) was diarised to review at renewal, £60 due in December. It was agreed to renew this advertising and continue supporting the Parish Magazine. Julie will pass Jan the invoice she has received for this from Pearl.	JD
	Jools is compiling a contact list for the Councillors – this will cover the Councillors themselves plus a list of useful external numbers.	Jools
	Julie will look at setting up a web-based diary/calendar for the Council to use.	JD
	It is anticipated that Bell Agricultural will shortly clarify the impact of changes which are understood to have occurred to their franchise with John Deere.	
	A safety barrier is needed outside the front of the Hall, this should prevent children running out into the road and deter parking, but consideration needs to be given to disabled access. John has some stainless steel tubing and will liaise with Rick to instal.	JG/RB
	It was agreed the Precept should remain unchanged, but it was agreed that a budget/schedule of upcoming expenditure & income would be drawn up, a special "budget meeting" will be held to brainstorm this.	ALL
	The Childrens' Christmas Party will be held on 12 th December, with disco, Santa and tree.	
11	Next Meetings	
	Next meeting 19 th November at 19.30 in Village Hall.	
	Meeting closed at 9.25pm.	