

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

19th November 2015

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

Members of the Public: 1

1	Apologies	
	Andy Daburn(AD)	
2	Declarations of Interest	
	None	
3	Previous Minutes	
	Approved	
4	Special Items for Discussion	
	<p>None – however, before continuing with the main agenda, we had a brief update on local crime issues from PCSO John Gorham:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been some poaching activity in the area of Melon Lane; • John would like to hear from anyone who notices a silver transit van with “Direct” on the side – registration if possible, please; • A car has been vandalised in Wenham Lane. • Council members have noted some flytipping off Spring Lane. John advised that across the Marsh tipping has been occurring over the past 18 months of horse and other animal refuse – Trading Standards are aware of this. 	
5	Actions from Previous Meeting	
	<p>Youth Club</p> <p>More Robust Noticeboards : John will look for one or possibly two of these on his next trip – cost up to 40 Euros agreed by the Council.</p>	JG
	<p>Verge Planting</p> <p>Rick recommended that a couple of crab apple trees could be planted just outside the Village Hall – bare-root plants will be around £22+VAT each. Also a red-flowered hawthorn (similar size/price) for the corner, and three more hawthorns on the wide verge between the sewage unit and bridge (1 red, 2 ordinary) – approximately £153.88 + £46 delivery, plus cost of stakes and ties, estimated total expenditure will be around £220. Jan will email Mike regarding the cost, Rick will order them, and a “Digging Party” will be organised to plant them.</p>	JR RB
	<p>Village Hall Sign – and – Mural</p> <p><i>Sign is ready but may be reviewed / redesigned with a suitable image, possibly an Oasthouse or image based on current village sign</i></p>	RB ongoing
	<p>Grit Bin</p> <p>Rick reminded the Council that Highways have quoted £375 to supply, or that we can obtain one independently but it must not be yellow. Jools had received a catalogue from Broxap which has grit bins from around £80 – Chris pointed out these are considerably smaller, but the council felt one could be obtained to house the grit remaining on site presently, with a further one obtained when needed. John will have a word with Bell Agricultural about the possible supply of a larger one.</p>	RB JG

Storage Bags for spare asbestos roof tiles	CJ/AD Ongoing
Marsh Forum / Flood Warden updates John attended the latest Marsh Forum meeting and found it informative. He has agreed for Ivychurch to join the Forum. He understands a formal declaration of member councils will be made, and initial actions include requesting a pop-in centre in New Romney in the light of the threat of cuts to A&E services locally, also a burial site on the Marsh. Jools will let Councillor Carole Waters know that the Council feels the Marsh Forum could satisfy the need inter-parishes meetings without the need for her to organise additional ones.	JG Jools
Radiant Heaters / Roof Solar Panels – energy options It was suggested it may be best for Rick to contact Stan directly. John will give Rick Stan's number. It was noted that there is an Exit light which now needs fixing.	JG/RB
Website & Emergency Plan	Ongoing
Highways / Speeding Councillor Waters has put a request in to Highways for the cable speed monitoring strips. Further updates to follow.	Ongoing
Flytipping / Rubbish / Burnt-out Car See PCSO John Gorham's update above	Ongoing
Childrens' Playground <i>Julia will speak to another possible supplier</i>	Julia ongoing
Polling Booths These have been collected.	COMPLETE
Hall Mailbox Key John will obtain new key(s) on his next trip.	JG Ongoing
Table Tennis Tables 10 bats and some accessories have arrived. Tables are on the way.	IAA Ongoing
Feedback on inter-parishes meetings See notes under Marsh Forum	
Royal Mail Box <i>Rick to respond to email query advising them who to contact</i>	RB Ongoing
KALC Community Awards Scheme 2016 <i>Nominations requested by 29th January 2016</i> Jools will liaise with Chris to formulate the proposal to put the village Mowing Team forward for this.	Jools / CJ Ongoing
Hall Insurance Came & Co's quote was higher than the current premium, although some covers either differed or are not in the current cover. The need was questioned for some of these. Jools will request a premium breakdown from Came & Co so it can be considered further.	Jools Ongoing
Advertising in Marsh Matters Jan will pay the invoice for renewing this.	JR Ongoing
Councillors' Contact List	Jools ongoing
Web-based calendar for Council use Julie can set the Council up as a private user of the IAA calendar – this keeps the information in one place for simplicity and ease of maintenance.	JD Ongoing
Safety Barrier at front of Hall <i>John has some stainless steel tubing and will liaise with Rick to instal. Consideration to be kept in mind for disabled access.</i>	JG/RB Ongoing
Budgeting Meeting	

	Rick has informed KCC of the Council's decision to keep the Precept unchanged. The proposed budget planning meeting will be arranged in the New Year once Jan has obtained remaining bank statements etc. from Judy.	ALL ongoing
6	Treasurer's Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan now has forms to add her as signatory. • NatWest will be providing mobile banking in New Romney. • Council agreed to the setting-up of online banking and that Jan is to have access to this. • No cheques were paid out in the past month. • A redemption cheque of £378.60 had been received for a historical investment. • £80 was emptied this evening from the Hall electricity meter, an additional £4 has been used to pay for cleaning materials. • SDC invoice received for election services: £86.26 for the original election plus a further £86.26 for the repeat necessitated by late submission of election papers. The council agreed this should be paid in full out of Council funds and noted that all Council members and supporting individuals are volunteers who take no remuneration for their services. 	
7	Village Hall and Green	
	Fire extinguishers were services today. Rick has filed the certificate. Julie will diarise the next check.	JD
8	Planning	
	No new planning applications seen.	
9	Correspondence	
	<p>New Legal Auditing Requirements</p> <p>NALC has written advising of the setting-up of a Sector Led Body to procure audit services for local councils for a five-year period from 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opt-out of this arrangements must be formally advised to them by 31st January 2016, and • the council's chosen auditor details must be communicated to SLB by October 2016; • deadline for appointment of the chosen auditor is 31st December 2016. <p>Failure to meet these dates may result in considerable additional expenses to the cost of bulk procurement by SLB along with additional administrative charges. Jan will ask our current auditors, PKF Littlejohn, how our existing auditor arrangements fit under the new regulations.</p>	Jan
10	Any Other Business	
	<p>Bridle Paths / Rights of Way</p> <p>It was noted that several paths are currently blocked. KCC will be notified.</p>	JD
	<p>Meeting Dates</p> <p>It was agreed that meeting dates will normally be the third Thursday each month rather than decided at the end of each meeting. There will be no meeting in December, the next meeting will therefore be on 21st January. Jools will email a list of next year's dates to the Council and to Hall Bookings</p>	
11	Next Meetings	
	Next meeting Thursday 21 st January 2016 at 19.30 in Village Hall.	
	Meeting closed at 9.15pm.	