

# Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

## 6th December 2012

**Present:** Rick Bailey, Andy Daburn, Julie Diplock, Tina Knight, Caroline Solly (Chair)

Clerk: Doug Suckling Treasurer: Judy Suckling

**Members of the Public:** 5

1.	<b>Apologies</b> - None	
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> – None.	
3.	<b>Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012</b>	
	3.1 The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as correct.	
4.	<b>Actions from Previous Meetings</b>	
	4.1 Village Hall Porch – quotations required to establish how much this project might cost. Caroline to resend details of previous quotation to other councillors.	All/ CS
	4.2 Bike Rack – Andy to obtain details of cost of a 4 bike rack. If less than £100 then he was given permission to go ahead and order this item.	AD
	4.3 Parking area outside church – Land Registry have confirmed that this does not belong to the parish council and is not registered. It would appear to be the church’s property as it between the church and the verge. KCC have fixed their portion of the pothole that is on the road. It was agreed to advise Margaret of the situation and discuss at the next meeting.	CS
	4.4 Online banking – Judy still progressing.	
	4.5 Advice Partnership for East Kent (APEK) – application completed and Parish Council are now members. IAA cannot be members but can voice issues via the IPC.	
	4.6 Village hall heating – Andy is progressing options and costings and will report back at the next meeting.	AD
	4.7 Broadband – Callflow have been in correspondence with Margaret and may wish to put an aerial on the church, although VFast may also be interested. Andy to discuss with Margaret and report back.	DS
5.	<b>Treasurers Report</b>	
	5.1 Bill for insurance and fire extinguishers received. Approx balance at end of calendar year is £8,000.	
	5.2 Precept is currently £4891. It was agreed to keep the precept as is for next year (lowest option). Judy to notify SDC.	JS
6.	<b>Village Hall and Green</b>	
	6.1 It was noted during discussions on the Precept that the village hall is not covering running/maintenance costs from the limited amount of income it is generating. This is despite advertising the hall and the fact that it is the cheapest one available on the marsh. A member of the public suggested the site could be used for alternative purposes (Homes for Heroes?). It was advised that this had also been suggested several years ago.  The council agreed to look at proposals/implications for alternative use of the site as it requires most of the precept for this purpose. Tina will contact Alan Clifton-Holt for advice on Shepway’s viewpoint for discussion at the next meeting.	AD  TK
	6.2 It was agreed that outside courtesy lights should be provided to cover	

	the exterior of the car park. Existing ones are not sensor type, Andy will obtain an electrical quote to convert to sensor type so it is not required to switch them on/off from inside the building.	AD
7.	<b>Planning</b> 7.1 Wind farm application at Old Romney – several councillors attended the open day recently. An application is in to SDC for the wind speed test mast erection.	
8.	<b>Correspondence</b> 8.1 Kent Fire and Rescue consultation – details to be placed on the noticeboard and website. 8.2 Affinity Water – details to be placed on noticeboard and website.	JD
9.	<b>Any Other Business</b> 9.1 Bus shelter – there are now several children in the village who are getting soaked waiting for the school bus. This could be an opportunity for fund raising from the Wind Farm grant process and IAA could make an application. Details to be passed onto IAA. 9.2 Caroline announced her decision to resign as Chair and from the Parish Council in January 2013. A new Chair will need to be appointed.	JD CS
10.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Thursday 10th January 2013 at 1930  Meeting closed at 2036	