

# Draft Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

## 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**Present:** Rick Bailey (Chairperson)(**RB**), Andy Daburn(**AD**), Chris Jones(**CJ**), John Goldsmith(**JG**), Julie Diplock(**JD**), Julie Devenish(**Jools**)

**Members of the Public:** 6

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	The Treasurer is on holiday	
<b>2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	None	
<b>3</b>	<b>Previous Minutes</b>	
3.1	Approved	
<b>4</b>	<b>Special Items for Discussion</b>	
4.1	Presentation given by Mr. Jeremy Whittaker, Shepway District Council's Planning Policy Team Leader. Click <a href="#">here</a> to jump to notes taken from this presentation which appear at the end of these Minutes.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Actions from Previous Meeting</b>	
5.1	(4.2) <b>Woodland Owen</b> – to be confirmed	<b>JS</b>
5.2	(4.3) <b>Bus Shelter</b> – this is now installed, but may need some more concrete at front as it was placed quite forward on the plinth and there is grass under the awning. Invoice/payment will be made direct. Comments were favourable on its appearance.	<b>ongoing</b>
5.3	(4.4) <b>Bank Account</b> (Caroline)	<b>JS</b> <b>Ongoing</b>
5.4	(4.6) <b>Wish List</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play Surface – CJ / JG still trying to source.</li> </ul>	<b>CJ/JG</b> <b>ongoing</b>
5.5	(4.7) <b>Postbox</b> – there is a post by the gate which may be suitable to mount the postbox on.	<b>JG</b> <b>Ongoing</b>
5.6	(4.8) <b>Village Hall Sign</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
5.7	(4.9) <b>Broadband</b> – don't forget Callflow will be presenting to IAA AGM on 20 <sup>th</sup> April! We now have 20Mb superfast broadband for £15pm with phone line, or £17.50 without. See website.	<b>Ongoing</b>
5.8	(4.10) <b>Grit Bin</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
5.9	(4.11) <b>Asbestos Roof Tiles</b> – Andy is finding us some plastic bags	<b>AD</b> <b>Ongoing</b>
5.10	(4.12) <b>Mural</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
5.11	(4.14) <b>Windows and Painting</b>	<b>CJ</b> <b>Ongoing</b>
5.12	(4.15) <b>Marsh Forum / Flood Warden</b> Initiative updates	<b>Jools</b> <b>Ongoing</b>
5.13	(4.16) <b>Dog Fouling Notices</b> – will be here in the next week or so	<b>JG</b> <b>Ongoing</b>
5.14	(4.18) <b>Heating</b> – the dehumidifier seems to be working well. Cheque needed: Chris will advise Judy of the amount by email. Still looking at cost for radiant heaters.	<b>CJ</b> <b>Ongoing</b>
5.15	(4.19) <b>Roof solar panels</b> – Green Man Solar quoted £6,500 for 4kW but	

	<p>payback period not advised; Rick thought would probably be 5-7 years; Julie suggested they could be linked to the storage heaters. Rick will chase for figures. Julie is looking to ask for funding from Little Cheyney. Rick asked if we want a quote for Air Source Heat Pump but it was felt not economic, all to look at options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julie will get cost for solar;</li> <li>• Chris will get cost for radiant;</li> <li>• Rick will get cost for heat pump.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p><b>JD</b> <b>CJ</b> <b>RB</b></p>
5.16	(4.20) <b>Disabled Access</b> – Chris has retrieved the mat from his son.	<b>CJ/RB</b> <b>Ongoing</b>
5.17	(4.22) <b>water billing</b>	<b>RB</b> <b>Ongoing</b>
5.18	(4.23) <b>Hall insurance</b> – Julie to pass on broker’s email address to Jools to diarise for October. The new policy is now in place; it had expired because our cheque was late, so was set up afresh, at a LOWER premium than the renewal had been!	<b>JD</b> <b>Ongoing</b>
5.19	(4.24) <b>Parish Council Website and Emergency Plan</b> (a comment was made that the Pub has boat rings!)	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Treasurer’s Report</b>	
6.1	(5.1) <b>Accounts</b> to be sent to Rick/Julie; Judy was absent, so action left on.	<b>JS</b> <b>Ongoing</b>
6.2	(5.3) <b>Advertising</b> - Jools has diarised to remind Council to review October/November. £80 has been paid for this year.	<b>COMPLETE</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Village Hall and Green</b>	
7.1	(6.1) <b>Cleaner</b> – will carry on on a monthly basis	<b>COMPLETE</b>
7.2	(6.2) <b>Gents leaky ballcock</b>	<b>COMPLETE</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Planning</b>	
8.1	No new applications seen. A member of the public commented that at New Romney there were plans for 117 new dwellings on the site of the old Garden Centre.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
9.1	Village Hall Trustee Training Session on 23 <sup>rd</sup> May, Langley Village Hall - invitation had been received	
9.2	Margaret Blackwell of <b>KCC Highways</b> had been in touch to see if we have any highways issues. Jools is getting back to her.	<b>Jools</b>
9.3	Bridget Fowkes, the Village Correspondent of the <b>Kent Express</b> has been in touch for copies of these Minutes – Jools will forward them to her when the Draft Minutes and Agenda go out for placing on our website.	<b>Jools</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
10.1	There is a <b>vacancy for the role of Treasurer</b> on the Parish Council. If anyone wishes to take this on, please contact us, either via the website or drop us a note.	
10.2	The <b>gutter</b> at the front of the hall is blocked. Rick will clear it.	<b>RB</b>
10.3	Julie has had an approach from <b>Brenzett Youth</b> with a view to arranging <b>football matches</b> and an inter-village football league – posters are expected. Age range believed to be 11-25. Julie will send an email round for this Saturday’s match. A member of the public asked if the teams would want access to the village hall / toilets – what about muddy boots, etc? Julie will email and find out what has been assumed.	<b>JD</b>

10.4	Julie asked do we want to put a plaque on the new <b>bus shelter</b> crediting Shepway Community Chest for the funding. Response was positive, and the date could be included. John will ask Adam to make a plastic one up. A request was made for the timetable to be removed from the Pub wall, as it is misleading and one lady wrongly waited for the bus there. Vanda will get Stagecoach to move it.	<b>JG</b> <b>VR</b>
10.5	John has seen a lot of <b>fly-tipping</b> , a sofa left has been cleared up – comments were made that this was possibly within CCTV range	
10.6	The new <b>Toddler Group</b> has now started	
10.7	John mentioned that <b>Marsh Forum</b> has a Facebook page, and there is one for “Real Romney Marsh”.	
10.8	Andy mentioned that a <b>Pilates</b> group that his wife attends has approached Pearl for possible use of the hall Thursday mornings and/or evenings 6-7. Julie will put on website to gauge village interest or add to the email re football. It can also be added to the Parish Magazine and fliers for the Easter Egg Hunt. Andy will provide fliers and pdf.	<b>JD</b> <b>AD</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Next Meetings</b>	
11.1	Next meeting Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March at 19.30 in Village Hall.	
11.2	Meeting closed at 9.05pm.	

## Notes from Presentation re “Places & Policies Local Plan”

The District is made up of three Character Areas:

- North Downs
- Folkestone / Hythe
- Romney Marsh

There is a target of a minimum of 350 homes per annum in the District until 2021. Shepway’s “Issues & Options” document sets out key themes. Part 1 deals with housing and economic development, etc., Part 2 concerns general development management policy options, such as transport, climate change, health and well-being.

### Part 1:

Bigger settlements get more of the allocation; Ivychurch is a “Secondary Village” and under this proposal gets 5 new homes up to 2031 – this is an indicative figure, not set in stone. The current planning arrangement is the 2006 Local Plan which has run its course.

The issue of employment sites and how they should be developed is considered – for example Lydd Station Road has been allocated for about 20 years for employment – might it be better to mix with housing?

A comment was made that the ACW site in the village is partly empty, might it be considered to re-allocate to more mixed use?

**Town Centres:** what usage is the future? Shops, leisure, etc.

**Gypsies & Travellers:** Plots are an obligation; up to 2027 7 plots are required, 5 of which are unauthorised; many of the approximately 120 gypsy and traveller households are living in brick&mortar homes. There is an authorised site at Brenzett and another at Sellinge. (Dover & Canterbury are looking at 40-50 plots).

**Local Green Spaces:** “call for sites”: we are encouraged to nominate areas as local green spaces – it was noted that we need to continue designation of our Village Green; to preserve it against being considered for housing it should be submitted as a “call for site”.

**Infrastructure:** roads, schools, surgeries, drainage; a question was asked about the relationship between housing and employment. Employment in the District is around 36,000; by 2026 will be about 44,000.

Councillor Jones commented on the “sustainability” issue that had been discussed on the 2006 Plan, and that Doctors, shop, school are not happening to even support 5 new homes – either leave very small or put in sustainability.

A member of the public commented that SDC had been considering putting houses in Marsh Farm and some other sites but this had not happened. Another commented that planning applications

submitted some time back to develop a brown field site just a couple of yards outside the village boundary had come to nothing. Should boundaries be kept as they are? Another member of the public mentioned that Ivychurch boundary extends to Sussex; Brookland has infrastructure while Ivychurch does not, even though it covers more area.

Heritage: Discussion to be kick-started to define; members of the public suggested this includes the Church, tourist trails, footpaths.

## **Part 2**

The flood risk designation was considered to be discouraging housing development. The response was made that Dymchurch's new flood management had to be completed before it could be taken into account but that now it has been completed it may change the risk level assessed on new maps which will be on the website, hopefully next month.

## **Feedback**

Comments on the proposals are needed by 11<sup>th</sup> March; if you have difficulty with the Portal, then you could email [Jeremy.whittaker@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:Jeremy.whittaker@shepway.gov.uk) (tel: 01303 853375). The consultation summary document is on the website along with a link to the main document.

Julie asked what should this Parish Council be doing, e.g. Neighbourhood Plan. Jeremy replied that St. Mary in the Marsh and Lympe had got these done.

A member of the public asked whether it was taken into account that we are quite close to both the Power Station and Ashford, when considering sustainability and access – the answer was “yes”.