

ICKHAM & WELL PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Planning Meeting – 15th June 2015 at 6.30pm

Minutes of meeting

Present: Councillors J deGraft-Johnson (Chair), S Hipkin, K Richards, L Shouls, K Tatman, Mrs P Heath (clerk).

Public: Mr Paul Claxton

2015/29: Apologies:
Councillors P Hodges and G Wyant.

2015/30 Declaration of interest

Councillor Tatman declared that he had been friends with Mr Claxton for many years but it was agreed that, as he lived a mile from Mr Claxton and had no financial interest in his property, it would not disqualify him from speaking or voting.

2015/31 Proposed development at 2 Plantation Cottages, Bramling Road Bramling, CT3 1NA

The Councillors present all agreed that the proposed development of a single storey side extension and porch was in keeping with the property and would enhance its appearance. Mr Claxton thanked the members and left the meeting.

2015/32 Funding Officer / Concurrent funding

Councillor Hipkin, as Treasurer, reported that he had studied the revised procedure for obtaining funding and would work with Pat Heath to prepare the council's submission. He suggested that provision should be made for maintenance of our assets, currently valued at £41,664.06, for example the lych gate. This might need renovation every seven years and the estimated amount should be pro-rata-ed over that period.

Councillor deGraft-Johnson asked Pat Heath to reclaim VAT for 2012-13 & 2013-14.

2015/33 AOB

33/01 Councillor Walker arrived and talked about his concerns with the proposed developments around Littlebourne and their impact on the environment and roads and his intention to make his objections felt.

- 33/02 Councillor deGraft-Johnson mentioned the entries on the Ickham Parish Plan website, which is controlled by Anne Peppiat, and which he has recently updated. He asked Pat to add the calendar of the next parish meetings so that more people might attend.
- 33/03 Richard Collins had reported a broken stile past Seaton Weir, near the bridge. Councillor Wyant had asked Gary Bradford to inspect it to see if a quick fix could be done. She also talked to James Holstock, the farmer who owned the field to which the stile gave public access. He said that the stile had been broken many times and that a kissing gate might be more robust. It was thought that KCC might supply the gate, free of charge, but it was not clear who should apply – the council or Mr Holstock. Councillor Richards will check options and also verify if Wickhambreaux Council are in agreement with replacing the stile with a gate, as it is on the border of Ickham and Wickhambreaux. All agreed to progress this matter on that basis.
- 33/04 Councillor Richards mentioned the dog fouling left in the field behind The Street and will discuss this with Martin Twyman who owns it. She suggested placing stickers there and behind the church reminding dog owners of their responsibility to clean up after their animals. The issue will be further discussed at the next meeting on the 20th July.
- 33/05 Similarly, the mess left by Serco collections was also discussed. A meeting has been arranged with them on 30th June and the councillors were asked to email any particular problems that needed discussion to Councillor Shouls.
- 33/06 The Rural Area Members Panel (RAMP) was also mentioned as they have an annual funding budget of £7.5k, which is allocated to community projects that meet the specified criteria. The applications may be submitted at any time in the year but the current budget had been already allocated pre election. Both Harbledown (war memorial) and Patricxbourne had made applications this year.
- 33/07 Councillor Walker had spoken to the new community police officer, Carl Shonhard and he will inform Carl of future council meeting dates that he might attend. There is a lack of reported crime in the area – in May, 4 incidents in Littlebourne and 3 break-ins in Ickham.
- 33/08 Councillor Walker reported that Councillor Northey's attempt to have a 20mph speed limit imposed on the village had been refused by KCC as the police would not enforce it but that he would try to gather local support and approach Canterbury City Council.
- 33/09 Councillor Walker spoke about the CAB. There are no offices south of Canterbury, as it was not felt necessary, but there are three outreach sessions planned before September. One is in the city centre, one in Whitstable and one other. He asked for help in distributing leaflets

advertising the sessions and Councillor Richards suggested asking the schools to help.

- 33/10 It was agreed that, in future, rather than having an ordinary meeting and a Planning Committee meeting on alternate months, there would be two types of meeting, i.e. 'Long' and 'Short', the latter replacing the meeting currently called 'Planning Committee'. All agreed with the new format (which will be circulated to members shortly).
- 33/11 At the last AGM, there was basically no public audience / village participation and it was felt that this was due to lack of publicity for the event. Councillor deGraft-Johnson will allocate areas to individual councillors to visit parishioners to find out what they want, expect from the council etc and how they wish to be informed, (e.g. email or in person etc), and what information they would like sent.
- 33/12 In order to maximise public interest in every meeting, all members were asked to ensure that the clerk was informed of any items for discussion in time for inclusion on the agenda before it was circulated.
- 33/13 The members also discussed fund raising and whether there was anything that we should be doing, and are not, and if this would require funding and, if so, how this should be done, (e.g. by letter). This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 7.45pm.

Date of next meeting:

The next ordinary parish meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday 20th July 2015