

ICKHAM & WELL PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary Parish Meeting 18th July 2016 at 7.30pm

Minutes of meeting

Present: Councillors J deGraft-Johnson (Chair), K Richards, K Tatman.

Public: 1 member of the public

2016/048 Apologies

Councillors S Hipkin, P Hodges, L Shouls, G Wyant.
Councillors M Northey and S Walker.

2016/049: Declaration of Interest

Councillor Tatman declared an interest in Agenda item 6 – planning application for replacement windows at Milestone Cottage.

2016/050: Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 20th June 2016

The minutes were signed by Councillor deGraft-Johnson as a true record.

2016/051 Matters Arising

re 2016/38/09 – Councillor deGraft-Johnson reported that he had asked the owner of Fern Cottage to request that the tenant stopped blocking the alleyway by The Duke when parking.

2016/052 Correspondence

There was none to report.

2016/053 Planning Applications – Milestone Cottage

Due to Councillor Tatman's declared interest, there was not a quorum so the discussion was deferred until a special meeting to be convened on 25th July at which both it and an application, just received, for the Haywain would be discussed.

2016/54: Finance

54/01: In the absence of Councillor Hipkin, Councillor deGraft-Johnson reported that, taking into account the uncleared cheques, the balance in the bank accounts was just over £12k, of which £3,200 was the Restricted Fund set aside for the maintenance of trees under TPOs, as had been agreed with Canterbury CC.

54/02: Councillor Hipkin was currently discussing with Canterbury CC whether we could continue to claim for the costs of cutting the grass in the churchyard (£700) and it was agreed to leave this matter in his hands.

2016/55 Highways

55/01: **Water mains replacement:** Councillor Tatman reported that he had asked Highways for clarification on the following points:

- how much longer would the road works be by the bridge at Littlebourne?
- why had work stopped in Wingham Well Lane – he had heard that an archaeological survey was required.
- was it correct that work will stop at Ovendens without going on to the A2046?

He had also reported that a drain cover outside Duckpitt Cottages needed re-seating and is currently a noise issue and that the road repair in Bramling Road had sunk in a small area where the pipe joined to the Haywain.

55/02: **A257: Pavement from Duckpitt Cottages to Littlebourne:** Repairs were still waiting for the end of Clancy Dowcra roadworks

55/03: **Accidents:** For the 3rd month running there had been no reported car accidents in the Parish and Councillor Tatman was convinced that the temporary traffic lights / speed limit had something to do with that. There had, however, been a string of bicycle accidents, as reported elsewhere and Councillor Richards reported a recent accident by The Duke when a car reversed into a stationary vehicle.

55/04: **Potholes:** The series at the S-bend on Wingham Lane at Port Rill is scheduled but awaiting completion.

2016/056 Drill Lane ford

56/01: There was concern over the number of accidents, (9 in the course of a year), involving cyclists and one motor cyclist, some of which were serious, due to the slippery algae, which also affected horses crossing the ford.

56/02: Councillor Tatman had spoken to Highways and been told that remedial works were programmed and would include new road signage but had not been informed when this work would be carried out nor what the signage would be or where it would be placed.

56/03: Mrs Dixey was asked whether, to her knowledge, the ford had been a danger in the past, and stated that it had not had so much water flowing over the road before and had not been an issue. She suggested that something might be done to give a better grip but it was uncertain what could achieve this.

56/04: Serco had been seen apparently cleaning the ford to remove algae but this would only give temporary relief as algae would come back.

56/05: Councillor Tatman agreed to pursue the matter with Highways.

2016/57: River management / Pathway by The Duke

In Councillor Wyant's absence, these matters were deferred until the next meeting.

2016/59 First Aid course

Councillor Richards said that she had contacted Brennan Dwyer but that he was very busy at present and the course would probably not take place until September. It would be a full day's course and attendees would be asked to bring their own lunch. Once agreed with Brennan, a flyer will be circulated around the village.

2016/60: Ickham noticeboards

The board at Seaton was relatively new, although all notices had to be laminated as it had no doors, and the board at Bramling was considered adequate pro tem. The boards at Ickham, however, did need replacing and the Friends of Ickham had generously offered up to £600 for this purpose. It was agreed that Wendy Easter be asked to work with the FOI to find a suitable replacement.

2016/61: AOB

61/01: Councillor Tatman reported that the telephone box outside the Haywain had been felled but that nobody knew how this had happened nor who was responsible. It was done between 10.15 and 14.00 one day during last week.

61/02: We were still seeking someone to write the village column in the Gazette, although this would now be without payment as from August 24.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8 pm.

**There will be a special meeting on Monday 25th July 2016 at 7.30pm
to discuss two planning applications.
The next parish meeting is on Monday 15th August 2016 at 7.30pm, if required**