

# ICKHAM & WELL PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary Parish Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm

## Minutes of meeting

**Present:** Councillors J deGraft-Johnson (Chair), S Hipkin, K Tatman;  
Pat Heath (clerk)

**Public:** None

### **2016/126 Apologies**

Councillors P Hodges, K Richards, L Shouls, G Wyant.  
Councillor S Walker, (Councillor Northey did come but the meeting had ended).

### **2016/127: Declarations of Interest**

None

### **2016/128: Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

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

### **2016/129 Matters Arising**

There were none.

### **2016/130 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to discuss.

### **2016/131 Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications to discuss.

### **2016/132: Finance**

132/01: Canterbury had notified reception of the precept request for 2017-18 (£6,580.95 + £33.99 – Council tax support grant). Although increased from previous years, Ickham is still only mid table of the Canterbury parishes. In the current and foreseeable economic climate, this level of precept may continue long term.

132/02: An email is being sent to Councillor Walker to urge him to try to get Canterbury CC to continue inclusion of the churchyard grass cutting costs in the CCF allocation – currently withdrawn.

**2016/133 Highways**

133/01: Potholes at Port Rill, Wingham Lane and the repairs to the pavements from Duckpitt Cottages to Littlebourne – still flagged as ‘Work in progress’ – probably to be undertaken later in the year.

133/02: Interactive sign opposite Bramling House: Reported as now working – but Councillor Tatman had not seen it in operation yet.

**2016/134: River Stour**

Deferred until next meeting.

**2016/135 First Aid course**

Councillor Tatman had attended the first course on 7<sup>th</sup> January and reported that it had been most instructive and enjoyable and all participants had passed the course. A second course is planned for 18<sup>th</sup> February. The clerk was asked to write to Brennan Dwyer to formally thank him for all his time and the excellent results.

**2016/136: Ickham Notice Boards**

The new board had now been installed and was much appreciated. The clerk was asked to write to David Hayward and Wayne Brown to express the parish council’s thanks for all their work.

**2016/137: Standing Orders**

Deferred until next meeting

**2016/138: Broadband**

Councillor deGraft-Johnson stated that, having reported his low broadband speed to BT, he was informed that filters should not be used on his type of Open Reach incoming master telephone socket, although some sockets do require them, and the broadband speed was now about 33Mb. He was told that, within the range of the cabinet in School Lane, (c 1 km, and within about 50 yards from telegraph pole), broadband speeds should be no lower than 30Mb.

**2016/139: Fire hydrants**

Councillor Hipkin had, with some difficulty, located the hydrants within his prescribed district. It was agreed that a review of all hydrants should be proposed at the next parish meeting.

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

**The next parish meeting is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30 pm**