

# ICKHAM & WELL PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary Parish Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30 pm

## Minutes of meeting

**Present:** Councillors de Graft-Johnson (Chair), S Hipkin, D Morse, K Tatman

In the absence of a Parish Clerk, the minutes were taken by S deGraft-Johnson

**2017/170: Apologies**

Councillor Wyant, Councillor Richards, Councillor Shouls.

**2017/171 Declarations of interest**

None

**2017/172: Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February**

The minutes were signed.

The number of caravans allowed for strawberry pickers to be checked.

**2017/173 Matters arising**

None

**2017/174 Correspondence**

There was none.

**2017/175 Planning Applications**

None

**2017/176 Finance**

Councillor Hipkin reported that the approximate budget for next year would be £8685.17 comprising precept and concurrent funding, with reserves approximate to 1 year's spending. It may be necessary to increase the training budget because of impending changes, and to review whether the council should continue to pay for cutting the grass in the churchyard. This will be discussed further when more councillors are present. Meanwhile, the Chairman will check whether insurance cover would be affected if work is done by volunteers.

## **2017/177 Highways**

177/01: A grit box has been placed by the entrance to Ickham Court Farm. Although Ickham is a bus route, it is not considered a primary route. Decisions will be reviewed next year. Councillor Tatman will report back on whether primary workers living in the village could influence these decisions.

177/02: An email has been sent out by Jacque Grimsley about the new KCC budget for pothole repair. Councillor Tatman will report those mentioned to him, but preferably, everyone should also report using the email or phone number given. It is not necessary to restrict reports to potholes in the Parish.

177/03: A257 Plan: The plan was discussed at a meeting on 10 March and will be signed off in May.

177/04: A resident of Ash has volunteered to monitor lorries using the A257 as a shortcut rather than a necessary delivery route.

177/05: A Blues Music festival is planned in June, to take place on the other side of Littlebourne near the solar panels site. It will involve around 2,000 people.

## **2017/178: River Management**

In the absence of Councillor Wyant, this item was carried forward.

## **2017/179: Recruitment of Parish Clerk**

Following the resignation of the clerk, a new one must be recruited. The advice of CALC will be sought and the Chairman will advertise locally, aiming to have a new person in place within 2 months.

Lindsay Dixey asked that Pat Heath be thanked on behalf of the Parish.

## **2017/180: Forge House**

180/01: The sign on the side wall of the Duke William was raised at the last meeting. The management are willing to move it. Residents of Forge House claim that the management of the pub still advise B&B guests to use the side gate and allow late drinkers to use the garden. The PC will procure documentation to clarify rights of way and the licensing terms and also any documentation referring to Forge House: this may involve a small outlay.

180/02: Owners of the Old Forge have still not responded to a request from the PC about the unsafe boarding to the front of the property.

**2017/181: Parish Plan**

181/01: The questionnaire has been distributed in electronic and hard copy. Councillor Hipkin reported a trickle of returns so far. Reminders will be sent out to encourage as many responses as possible, and volunteers sought to knock on doors to remind people.

181/02: Members of the public expressed concern that returns are being sought from those who work, but do not live, in the parish. Since all returns are anonymous, it may be that residents' views will be overwhelmed. In view of new laws on data protection, procedures have had to change since last time. Councillor Hipkin will report back further when the returns are in.

**2017/182: KALC Survey:**

Councillor Morse will spearhead this and warned there may be cost implications in completing the survey.

**2017/183 Emergency Community Plan**

Councillor Morse will use the plan from 2 years ago as a framework and also check the framework used by Wingham. He will also check data protection rules.

**2017/184: Ickham Vegetable Competition**

The PC has given permission for the completion to be held on the Village Green. This could be granted on an annual basis.

**2017/185: Welcome to the Mansfield workers**

Councillor Shouls is progressing this.

**2017/186: Construction to house swifts**

The plans have been abandoned.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm

**The next meeting will be the APCM held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30 pm.**