

IGHTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2011 AT IGHAM VILLAGE HALL AT
7.45PM

Present: Cllr J Edwards (Chairman), Cllr S Brierley, Cllr R Chartres, Cllr P Cracknell, Cllr B Gillow, Cllr D Hall , Cllr K Mitchem and Cllr R Willingham.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr M Holden.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** None.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- TM/11/01984/LB Corners, The Street, Ightham – LBA: replacement of 2 no. windows to kitchenette extension with 1 no. 3 bay window (being an amendment to previously approved Listed Building Consent. TM/11/00485/LB) – no objection
- TM/11/01567/FL 8 Walker Place, Ightham – construction of wooden staircase to provide access to upper garden and extension to decking – no objection.
- TM/11/01867/FL 2 Trycewell Cottages, Trycewell Lane, Ightham – excavation and replacement retaining wall in rear garden to create extended patio at lower level. Includes underpinning of neighbouring brick shed at 3 Trycewell Cottages - We have no objection to this application, however, it would be visually more pleasing if the facing bricks could be red-brown to match the surroundings, rather than ‘red’. There should be a condition that all arisings from the excavation should be taken out of the front of the house on to Trycewell Lane.
- TM/11/02049/FL Old Stables, Sandy Lane, Ivy Hatch – Section 73A – application to retain the change of use of a detached garage/store as additional living accommodation at first and ground floor in association with the dwelling – no objection.
- TM/11/02039/FL Copthall Cottage, Ismays Road, Ightham – two storey rear extension and hip to gable side extension, side facing first floor windows – no objection.
- TM/11/00901/FL Selected Plants Nursery, Ismays Road, Ivy Hatch – replacement of existing agricultural buildings with erection of general purpose agricultural building – we support this application, originally submitted in April, which we hope will now be determined without further delay.
- TM/11/02101/FL Oldbury Hatch, Oldbury Lane, Ightham – single storey orangery extension to rear elevation – Oldbury Hatch has had many extensions in the past that have increased its bulk, but we think that this further relatively small increase in bulk is, on balance, acceptable.
- TM/11/02046/FL 35 Nutfields, Ightham – single storey rear/side extension – no objection.
- TM/11/02136/FLX Petham Oast, Rectory Lane, Ightham – renewal of planning permission TM/08/02934/FL (single storey side extension to form new kitchen and entrance/stair hall – no objection
- TM/11/02144/FL Ridgeway, Coach Road, Ivy Hatch – single storey side extension to dwelling – no objection.
- TM/11/02183/FL Skorsten, Redwell Lane, Ightham – replacement dwelling and detached garage – no objection.
- TM/11/02221/FL Land adjacent to Ightham Farm Shop, Sevenoaks Road, Ightham – retention of three storage containers to the rear of the car park for use as storage for farm shop - we support this

application. The Farm Shop is providing a much-needed facility for our community and deserves to be encouraged by TMBC.

TM/11/02229/RD Woodhay, Copt Hall Road, Ightham – details of tree protection measures pursuant to condition 3 of planning permission TM/10/03409/FL (two storey side and single storey rear extensions, entrance porch, dormer to front, detached double garage) – no objection.

Planning Applications granted

TM/11/01681/RD 65 Nutfields, Ightham – details of foundations submitted pursuant to condition 3 of planning permission TM/08/02362/FL as amended by TM/11/00976/NMA (single storey side and rear extension).

TM/11/01985/TNCA Little Cluny, The Street, Ightham – Silver Birch – fell as damaging hard-standing (replant opposite side of access). Sycamore – Fell – self-seeded and outgrown situation.

TM/11/01944/FL 3 New Cottages, Ismays Road, Ivy Hatch – enlargement of existing sand school. Change of use of land from paddock/grazing land to sand school/equestrian area.

4. MINUTES of the meeting held on 16th August 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Kent Highways – items to be reported

Gully emptying has still not been carried out on the A25 between Crown Point and Seven Wents and the clerk was asked to contact Kent Highways again.

Ightham sign in Fend Pond Road is obscured by vegetation – Cllr Willingham will ask Anthony Edwards to cut this back.

It was reported that Old Lane has been inspected by Kent Highways, following our request last month, and they will report back to us.

Also, they had advised us of a temporary repair to potholes in High Cross Road, but to carry out a permanent repair they will need to close the road and this is being scheduled.

Mrs Chesson – lease for Guide hut – her reply was delivered to the meeting via Cllr Brierley. Cllr Chartres will peruse and report back at the next meeting.

Proposed new scout/football building – nothing to report.

Proposed new car parking area in the Recreation Ground – the Chairman had spoken to Steve Humphrey at TMBC about the additional information we were asked to provide. The Chairman has provided dates to TMBC for a meeting between them, our architect, and Kent Highways, but we still await further advice.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration – Coxcombe Fair – sample greetings cards etc were presented to the meeting. These are to be sold to raise funds for the fair. Plans are progressing and various ideas are being suggested. Beacons will be lit across the country and the Chairman offered a location for a bonfire to be lit on his field in Back Lane.

Recreation ground – repairs to children's roundabout – the quotation for the repairs had been accepted but we have heard nothing more.

Dog-tying posts for Recreation Ground – Cllr Willingham has the posts and will arrange for these to be erected.

Salt bin for Nutfields – awaiting further advice from TMBC later in the autumn.

Churchyard – dangerous tombstones – nothing further to report.

Lime trees in Recreation Ground – Cllr Willingham has spoken to Duncan Simpson. The Chairman suggested asking him for his opinion on the impact of the car park on the trees. The Clerk said she had spoken to James Hitchcock of IFC regarding a request for use of the Recreation Ground for goal-keeping training. During the conversation Mr Hitchcock mentioned again the trees overhanging the football pitch and if these could be cut back by a member of the Club. It was suggested that we ask him to quote for the work.

Bus shelter at end of Spring Lane – nothing further to report.

Date for Annual meeting in 2012– this was agreed for Thursday 26th April 2012. The Clerk will now notify Mr Campbell Lenaghan of TMBC.

Cleaning of War Memorial – Burslems have confirmed that this will be carried out before Remembrance Sunday.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

ROSPA – Playsafety Annual Report on playground – most items needing attention are low risk. The roundabout needs bearings replaced and attention to one of the gates, which Cllr Willingham will ask Mr Lee-Amies to attend to. Kent County Playing Fields Association – Annual Council Meeting. The Chairman said he is unable to attend the meeting, but has spoken to the Chairman, Robert Horner. The Association has funds available and the Chairman will speak to Cllr Holden to see if he could attend or perhaps James Reid of the Scouts.

7. FINANCE

The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission had completed the audit of our accounts for 2010/2011 with no recommendations.

Notice of Completion of Audit notices will now be displayed.

The following accounts are submitted for payment, proposed by Cllr Willingham and seconded by Cllr Hall:

Ruth Morris salary			£397.66
J P Stephens – website			£30.00
R Lee-Amies – work at War Memorial, Copt Hall Road and Village Hall car park			£349.65
Anthony Edwards – churchyard – Part June, July and August			£1367.70
Playsafety Ltd – Playground inspection	78.00	VAT 15.60	£93.60
Audit Commission – Annual Audit charge	400.00	VAT 80.00	£480.00
South East Water – Pavilion			£69.09
EDF Energy	27.73	VAT £1.39	£29.12
Ightham Coxcombe 2012			£504.00
Edward Tyrrell (Fencing) Limited – Dog posts for Recreation Ground	16.27	VAT 3.25	£19.52

Financial position at 31st August 2011

Current account - £2,974.55 (includes unpresented cheques for £350.00)

Deposit account – £79,019.88

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman said he had contacted PC Stewart Ballard, inviting him to attend the meeting. He sent an email to the Chairman giving his apologies, and gave the following information. There had been two burglaries in Ightham during September, part of a series in the Sevenoaks Area. A member of the council asked the time of day of these incidents, ie was it linked to parents leaving the house to collect children from school?

There had also been two incidents of theft of BT cables.

A speed check has been carried out on Bates Hill. PC Ballard said to let him know if we would like speed checks carried out anywhere else in the parish and it was suggested that perhaps on the A25 in the area of the Recreation Ground/Oldbury Lane junction.

The Chairman said everyone was invited to the Commissioning Service for Stephen Jones as Rural Dean of Shoreham.

Kent Downs AONB had produced a booklet about managing land for horses – information cards were passed to councillors.

Cllr Mitchem said James Reid had informed her that KCC have been paying credits for recycled paper of approximately £2500 a year, but this is to cease as he cannot guarantee that trade paper will not be placed in the bins. TMBC are taking this up with KCC.

Cllr Brierley said she had received a complaint from a resident in Oldbury Lane regarding builders working on Sunday on the rebuilding of a house. She said this is because they are behind schedule, but TMBC will contact the builder.

Cllr Gillow said that coppicing is about to begin on the far side of Ightham Mote Estate. There will also be three days filming of Horrible Histories.

Cllr Hall reported that two hedges have been cut back in Ismays Road.

Cllr Hall said that EDF work had been approved for Ismays Road, but nothing has been carried out. Cllr Chartres suggested residents contact Freedom.

Cllr Chartres reported that the Parish Partnership Minutes show that the grants for 2012/13 for Ightham, based on a population of 1,568 will be: Basic - £3,340 and churchyard - £3,066 some 20% down on this year.

There is a Community Enhancement Fund with monies available if a parish has a particular need.

Cllr Willingham said that the Village Hall Committee is now down to four people, but at least they now have a new secretary.

The December meeting has been set for Tuesday 20th December at Ightham Mote.

The meeting closed at 9.16pm.