

IGHTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 15th MARCH 2011 AT IGHTHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45PM

Present: Cllr J Edwards (Chairman), Cllr S Brierley, Cllr R Chartres, Cllr D Hall, Cllr K Mitchem, Cllr Willingham and six members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr P Cracknell, Cllr B Gillow and Cllr M Holden

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS. Cllr Hall declared an interest in respect of the Fairlawne/Ivy Hatch footpaths.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

TM/11/00308/FL Fen Pond Cottage, Fen Pond Road, Ightham – two storey side extension – no objection

TM/11/00307/FL Long Ridge, Common Road, Ightham – demolish existing garage/outbuilding, construction of single and two storey side and rear extensions, including double garage - We supported the previous application, which was refused by TMBC. This proposal is more modest and suggests that it is based on consultation with the Tonbridge & Malling Planning Officer. Therefore, Ightham Parish Council supports this application.

TM11/00294/FL Ightham Farm Shop, Sevenoaks Road, Ightham – siting of 9 storage containers to the rear of the car park adjacent to Ightham Farm Shop – we support both applications on the basis that this has provided a much-needed shop for the village.

TM/110/00295/FL Land adjacent Ightham Farm Shop, Sevenoaks Road, Ightham – change of use of land to east of Ightham Farm Shop to be used for car parking associated with the farm shop and commercial uses including the laying down of a porous gravel surface and attaching green netting to existing perimeter fence - we support both applications on the basis that this has provided a much-needed shop for the village.

Cllr Chartres reported on the following planning issues:

Hope Farm poly tunnel – the Area Planning Committee Enforcement was overturned and the neighbours are quite happy with this decision.

Enforcement investigations:

The Copse, Common Road – works being carried out may not be in compliance with the planning permission.

3 The Bank – alleged unauthorized works on a Listed Building.

Planning Applications granted

TM/11/00116/FL Hillcrest, 13 Spring Lane, Ightham – single storey rear and side extension

4. MINUTES of the meeting held on 15th February 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting with two minor amendments.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Kent Highways – items to be reported:

Pine Tree Lane, Ivy Hatch – opposite Beacons Mount – two large potholes.

High Cross Road, Ivy Hatch – opposite entrance to the Oast House – one large pothole.

Coach Road – near the Pump House, north side of the road – large pothole

The Clerk said she had received a telephone call from Kent Highways who confirmed that gully emptying will take place every three months in Redwell Lane.

They also confirmed that the broken grate on A227 will be repaired within the next two weeks.

The Chairman reported that the public rights of way map replacement is delayed due to shortage of funds and our contribution has risen to over £200, to which the Chairman has agreed.

Mrs Chesson – lease for Guide hut – no reply has been received to our reminder.

Removal of Telephone box in Sevenoaks Road – Cllr Chartres reported that this has now been completely renovated, has a new handset and is in working order.

Proposed new scout/football building: - Cllr Chartres reported that a meeting with TMBC planners to go through final details has now been set for 25th March. Discussion in respect of the car park will also take place at the same time.

Website update: The Clerk reported that she has still heard nothing from Ightham Primary School and will now contact the head teacher in an effort to get it finalized.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration – Coxcombe Fair – Cllr Chartres said he has given forms to Cllr Cracknell in respect of the road closure.

Ivy Hatch footpaths. It was noted that within 24 hours of the last IPC meeting, the fence bordering the High Cross Road path had been removed, resulting in open access at both ends of the path. Councillor Hall confirmed that Fairlawne had completed its review of legal documentation relating to the land in question and, as a result, Fairlawne had concluded that the High Cross Road route should now be a 'Permissive Route'. The Chairman indicated that if a member of the public wished to represent to KCC that the paths should be Public Rights Of Way, the Parish Council would, as a matter of process, be consulted and the Chairman stated that the Parish Council would support such application. The Chairman expressed thanks to the Fairlawne Estate for opening the route. A member of the public felt that to protect Rights of Way in the future, an application should now be made to KCC.

The Chequers Inn – right of way from Village Hall car park to High Street – the Chairman has written to Katie Iggleden

Ightham School – Tyrrells have completed work to the fencing and we await their invoice.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Kent Downs AONB – Design Handbook – the Chairman has retained this at present and will pass to other Councillors
KCC – Environment, highways & Waste Directorate - Adoption of the revised statement of community involvement 2011
A letter has been received from the football club concerning over-use of the pitch. Cllr Willingham was asked to deal with the matter and it was agreed that the pitch is in a bad condition and advice should be sought from KCC Commercial Services.

7. FINANCE

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
EDF Energy – pavilion	£20.18 VAT £1.01	£21.19
South East Water – Pavilion – 2 nd half year		£192.99
John C Edwards – reimbursement for key-cutting		£6.70
Highland Printers – Annual meeting flyers		£106.40

Financial position at 28th February 2011

Current account - £4,187.27 (includes unrepresented cheques for £391.00)

Deposit account – £45,534.00

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Annual Parish Meeting – the Chairman said he has invited a speaker from TMBC on enforcement.

Cllr Hall reported that in the Chronicle for 3rd February under the heading 'People of the Week' the new Nutfields residents' Association was shown and also Mr Derek Linnett from Ivy Hatch and PCSO Toni Matthew were both named Environmental Champions by TMBC. The Parish Council's thanks were expressed to Mr Linnett for maintaining the triangle of land in Ivy Hatch for many years.

Cllr Willingham reported that despite extra bottle banks being installed on the Village Hall car park, still people are leaving boxes full of bottles. The Clerk also said the same is happening with the cardboard bank – the apertures are much too small but also there is no signage on the bank to indicate that it is for cardboard.

9. PUBLIC

A member of the public asked if dogs should be kept on leads when on public footpaths. The Chairman said this is not essential but dogs should always be kept under close control.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.