

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

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

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr R Chartres, and Cllr B Gillow

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

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- TM/11/02521/FL 9 Durlings Orchard, Ightham – works to form new window opening – no objection
- TM/11/02912/TNCA Copthall Ismays Road, Ightham – fell & remove 2 Lawson Cypress, at roadside, fell and remove two dying Elms and a small Beech, at the roadside remove large branch from Sweet Chestnut, re-coppice two Sweet Chestnut trees and fell and remove Beech sapling growing up through at the roadside, but within fence, coppice small Sweet Chestnut – no objection.
- TM/11/02775/FL Rosewood, Ismays Road, Ivy Hatch, Ightham – demolish garden room and replace with a first storey extension with a partially subterranean basement study below – no objection.
- TM/11/02702/FL Little Cobs, Cobs Close, Ightham – single storey rear extension – this house has already been extended by around 50% and is on a small plot. We suggest TMBC will need to consider whether this is an extension too far.
- TM/11/02605/FL Rusty View, Trycewell Lane, Ightham – proposed single storey and two storey front extension and landscaping to front garden for retaining walls and parking bay – no objection.
- TM/11/02842/FL Viewlands, Jubilee Crescent, Ightham – single storey front and side/two storey rear extensions – no objection.
- TM/11/02840/FL Viewlands, Jubilee Crescent, Ightham – Garden room to rear of property, less than 4m high – no objection.
- TM/11/02656/LB Yew Tree Cottage, Redwell Lane, Ightham – LBA – remove chimney and internal chimney breast and make good; insert RSJ; replace steel framed windows with aluminium double glazed units – no objection.
- TM/11/02949/FL Five Acres, Sandy Lane, Ivy Hatch – new detached double garage – no objection.
- TM/11/02811/TNCA Oldbury Farm House, Oldbury Lane, Ightham – T1: mature ancient weeping ash – reduce back from building to give clearance of approx. 1.5m, remove dead wood throughout crown and epicormic growth on main stem – no objection.
- TM/11/02894/FL 2 Ramblers, Oldbury Lane, Ightham – car port to side of existing cottage – no objection.
- TM/11/03047/LB 3 The Bank, The Street, Ightham – LBA – internal works involving remove modern plaster where it has replaced traditional lath and lime plaster, and restore to original materials – we support this restoration work which is of the highest quality.

Planning Applications granted

- 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)
- TM/11/02557/TPOC The Black Barn and the Bothy and Forge, Ightham Court, Fen Pond Road, Ightham – various works to trees

Refusal of Lawful Development Certificate

- TM/11/2087/LDP Dalkeith, Sandy Lane, Ightham refusal to erect and install single storey aluminium framed glassroom 7m wide by 4/5m projection onto the side elevation of existing property

The Chairman updated the Council on the position with the Planet Plant application following the TMBC Area 2 Planning meeting. This was deferred pending a site meeting which he attended and will now be discussed at the Planning meeting in December.

4. MINUTES of the meeting held on 18th October 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Kent Highways – items to be reported:

Despite the Clerk reporting it again, the gullies on the A25 have still not been emptied and the Clerk will speak with Kent Highways again.

A227 Bates Hill – east side from junction with A227 to ‘Chartres’ – there is a run-off of mud onto the road

Mrs Chesson – lease for Guide hut - in the absence of Cllr Chartres there was nothing further to report.

Proposed new scout/football building – there will be nothing further to report until the car park planning application is resolved.

Proposed new car parking area in Recreation Ground – quotations have been received for the traffic and tree studies.

The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebration - Cllr Cracknell reported that she had sold all the Christmas cards with a profit of £700. Cllr Chartres has been in contact with the traffic management company and is waiting for them to come back to him with a price. Cllr Cracknell said she has been in contact with our insurers regarding the two pieces of private land which may be used for the fair and these will need to be covered by public liability insurance.

Discussion took place on the lighting of a beacon which will take place two days after the fair on Monday 4th June and is therefore outside the remit of the fair. It had been suggested that this be lit by a gas burner on the church tower roof, but insurance liability for this would be extremely expensive and there is the added complication of accessing the roof. The Chairman suggested leaving a decision for the time being.

Recreation ground – repairs to children’s roundabout – this has now been repaired along with the donkey and an invoice is presented for payment tonight. Cllr Willingham has asked Playsafe Playgrounds to carry out an annual inspection of the play equipment. The Clerk said she will ask for a quotation when sending the cheque for the repairs.

Dog-tying post for Recreation Ground – these have now been installed and an invoice is presented for payment tonight.

Salt bin for Nutfields – there appears to be some confusion over the calculation of points by Kent Highways compared with those calculated by Cllr Chartres, but in his absence this was left until the next meeting.

Churchyard – dangerous tombstones – an inspection has taken place and the tombstones causing the most concern are the ones to the side of the path approaching the church. Mr Abnett, churchwarden feels that some of them may be listed. Some others are leaning, but do not appear to be dangerous. Cllr Willingham suggested asking Burslems to give a quotation and it was reiterated that Cllr Chartres was going to speak with TMBC.

Lime trees in Recreation Ground – awaiting car park report, but Cllr Willingham has asked Duncan Simpson for a report when leaves are down.

Pruning of trees over-hanging football pitch – this has now been carried out and an invoice is presented for payment tonight.

Bus shelter at end of Spring Lane – Cllr Willingham still has to replace the broken panels.

Little Cobs car park – nothing further to report in the absence of Cllr Chartres.

James Reid – textile bin – nothing further to report.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

South East Water – Customer Metering Programme – latest update

TMBC – notification of basic allocation and churchyard decrease – this was expected and will be reflected when calculating our in-house budget for 2012/2013

Victim Support – donation request – it was agreed that we should donate £50.00

Kent Downs AONB Unit – support for underground power lines across NT and Fairlawne Estate land – we fully support this project and have advocated underground lines wherever possible.

Kenward Trust – donation request - it was agreed that we should donate £50.00

Request for funding towards T & M Crime Prevention Panel in 2012/2013 budget – it was agreed that we should not contribute to this.

KCC Landscape Services – Recreation Ground maintenance quotation for 2012 – await quotation from JDFI

Ground Care Services.

Request to tender for ground maintenance from JDFI Ground Care Services – Cllr Willingham will approach for a quotation.

7. FINANCE

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

Ruth Morris salary			£397.66
Ruth Morris Expenses			£308.91
J P Stephens – website			£30.00
KCC Commercial Services – verti-drain football pitch and weed spray field	800.00	VAT 160.00	£960.00
TMBC – Uncontested Election Expenses			£109.81
Anthony Edwards – churchyard			£547.20
Moore Garden Services – cutting back trees overhanging football pitch			£180.00
G A Willingham & Sons – erecting dog posts in recreation ground	84.00	VAT 16.80	£100.80
Playsafe Playgrounds Limited – repairs to play equipment	827.50	VAT 165.50	£993.00
Victim Support			£50.00
Kenward Trust			£50.00

Financial position at 31st October 2011

Current account - £2,421.87 (includes unpresented cheque for £40.00)

Deposit account – £110,081.67

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that he had a meeting with PC Stewart Ballard and made the point that Tony Wiles had been a bigger presence around the parish. PC Ballard said he had visited the school and the church coffee morning and will come to Parish Council meetings when he has any information for us.

The Chairman handed out copies of the TMB leaflet about the route of the Olympic Torch through Borough Green and said 800 copies would be distributed throughout Ightham with the Parish magazine later in November.

In the absence of Cllr Gillow the Chairman said everyone is invited to the Ightham Mote carol service at St Peter's on 14th December.

He also reported on her behalf that restoration of a cobnut platt is being funded by Medway Valley Partnership and volunteers are wanted to help with the work.

Cllr Cracknell said St Peter's 'Carols in the Square' will take place on Wednesday 21st December.

Cllr Willingham said he was pleased to announce that, following the article in the parish magazine, he has two new members for the Hall Committee.

The Clerk said that some village halls had a listing in the Advertiser and she would let Cllr Willingham have details.

It was proposed that we record our thanks to the Ightham History Project for the excellent presentation of their exhibition – the organisers are to be congratulated.

Thanks were expressed to Fairlawne Estate for the Christmas tree to be erected in The Square.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm.