

MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2010 AT IGHTHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present Cllr J Edwards (Chairman), Cllr R Chartres, Cllr B Gillow, Cllr D Hall, Cllr K Mitchem, Cllr R Willingham and one member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES: were received from Cllr S Brierley and Cllr M Holden

Notification had been received from TMBC that no election had been requested for the vacancy within the statutory period and therefore we could fill the vacancy by co-option. It was therefore proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Hall and carried unanimously that Penelope Cracknell be co-opted to the Parish Council. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was made and signed by Mrs Cracknell before the Clerk. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Cracknell to the Parish Council.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** None

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

TM/10/02272/TNCA Copt Hall, Ismays Road, Ightham - remove 2 Golden Lawson trees, two Poplar, 3 Eucalyptus, 2 Scots Pines, one Tulip and 50m section of overgrown hedge at boundary etc - no objection if Liz Guthrie is content

TM/10.02165/ELEX Ismays Road, Ightham - remove lines of overhead lines, divert low voltage overhead line, install new back stays and install new poles with a back stay - once again, this Freedom Group application has poorly drawn and possibly inaccurate plans, with no proper key and we were surprised it was validated in this form. We would, as before, prefer the lines to be put underground, but if TMBC are fully satisfied that the plans are accurate we have no specific objection.

TM/10/02042/FL Sherwood, Copt Hall Road, Ightham - single storey rear extension and extend rear decking - no objection

TM/10/02101/FL Coombe Wood, Sandy Lane, Ivy Hatch - new free-standing garage and store - no objection

TM/10/02134/FL 3 Walker Place, Ightham - Conservatory to side - we object on the grounds that this extension represents over-development of a small plot which would dominate the end of Walker Place and the view from the adjacent public footpath,

TM/10/02239/FL The Well Springs, Rectory Lane, Ightham - single storey and side extension (resubmission of TN10/00419/FL - no objection.

TM10/02240/LB The Well Springs, Rectory Lane, Ightham - single storey and side extension, replace door with new window in South Elevation - no objection

TM/10/02321/TNCA The Well Springs, Rectory Lane, Ightham - remove one Willow and one Fruit tree - no objection.

TM/10/02291/ELEX Land at Rectory Lane, Tonbridge Road and Ismays Road, Ightham - reconductor the existing low voltage overhead line with aerial bundles conductor - no objection, but once again it would have been helpful if the colour on the map was shown on the key

TM/10/01128/FL 1 Nutfields, Ightham - rear conservatory (retrospective) - no objection

TM/10/02369/TNCA Bank House, Trycewell Lane, Ightham - one Lime tree in garden of Bank House - reduce in height and weight to benefit long-term survival - no objection.

TM/10/002268/TPOC Land adjacent to 13 and 14 Fen Meadow, Ightham - felling/coppicing Oaks causing subsidence of 13 Fen Meadow. Willows are old, structurally weak and collapsing over boundary fence - we are content to accept the views of Liz Guthrie on the amount of tree work to be done.

TM/10/01431/FL Greenboughs, Coach Road, Ivy Hatch - alterations to planning consent TM/09/00063/FL (demolition of existing house and garage and construction of new house, garage and pool building) - no objection.

TM/10/02485/RD Five Acres, Sandy Lane, Ivy Hatch - details submitted pursuant to condition 2 (materials), 3 (watching brief) and 4 (landscaping) of planning permission TM/09/01257/FL: fish tank house and associated plant room - no objection
Planning Applications granted

TM/10/01499/RD The Nook, The Street, Ightham - details submitted pursuant to condition 2 (materials), 5 (watching brief) and 7 (landscape scheme) of planning permission TM/09/02882/FL - refurbishment and extension

TM10/1783/TPOC Three Birches, Common Road, Ightham - removal of outer row of Leylandii Conifers along east boundary plot. Reduction in height of inner row of Leylandii Conifers along east boundary to height of 4 metres (TPO ref. 12-07-04)

TM/10/02018/TNCA 3 Elim Cottages, Busty Lane, Ightham - fell self-sown Ash tree too close to Elim Bungalow

TM/10/01892/LB The Gate Tower, Ightham Mote, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch - LBA - apply shelter coat to protect ragstone elevations

TM/10.02165/ELEX Ismays Road, Ightham - remove lines of overhead lines, divert low voltage overhead line, install new back stays and install new poles with a back stay

TM/10/02040/FLX Chapel Farm, Ightham Bypass, Ightham - extension of time for planning permission TM/05/00999/FL: change of use from B1 (offices) and D1 (place of worship) and widening of access road and associated works

Certificate of Lawful Development

TM10/1934/DP Holly Lodge, Oldbury Lane, Ightham - LDC: erection of garage, workshop and garden room to be used for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the existing dwelling.

4. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 17th August 2010 were agreed with one minor amendment, and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

Kent Highways - items to be reported

The stop sign at the junction of Ismays Road and Back Lane has not been repaired - this was reported last month.

Pot hole at the junction of Stone Street Road and Coach road has still not been repaired - again this was reported last month.

Cllr Chartres referred to the meeting earlier in the year with representatives from Kent Highways. Various items raised at that meeting have been resolved, but some have not. Cllr Chartres has written to our Liaison Officer at KHS and she is now pursuing this on our behalf.

On highway matters, Cllr Chartres said he had received a complaint from an Ivy Hatch resident that occasionally cars are being parked on the green at Ivy Hatch. Cllr Chartres said he will respond to this.

Travellers in Ightham - the Chairman read a letter received by Sir John Stanley from the Rt Hon Eric Pickles, MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government setting out the Government's policy regarding travellers.

Mrs Chesson - lease for Guide hut - a letter has been sent to Mrs Chesson and her response is awaited.

Telephone box in Sevenoaks Road and installation of pay phone at Village Hall - Cllr Chartres said that he has had further communication with BT who have said that we can have a pay phone at the Village Hall if we pay for its installation. It was generally felt that this is not necessary in view of the fact that so many people own cell phones today. The kiosk in Jubilee Crescent can be removed quite quickly and Cllr Chartres will arrange for this to be done.

Website update - the Clerk reported that this is progressing - details in respect of St Peter's Church have been updated and she awaits details from Ightham School and Ightham Mote. She will not update details in respect of the smaller village organizations until all information is to hand.

Proposed new scout/football building - nothing further to report in the absence of Cllr Holden.

Heritage sign on the green at Ivy Hatch - repainting - Cllr Mitchem had received an estimate in the sum of £590.00 to completely strip back to bare metal, rectify the corrosion and repaint. It was agreed that we should accept this. She will also arrange for a quotation for the repainting of the other Heritage sign at the corner of Sandy Lane and Coach Road

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Playsafety annual play area safety report had been received and there was nothing shown that required priority attention and many of the items shown as requiring attention have already been dealt with. Cllr Mitchem has agreed to take over responsibility for the Recreation Ground from Cllr Watson, who has retired. The Council's thanks were expressed to Cllr Mitchem for taking this on.

TMBC - Murder Mystery Evening - fundraising for Mayors charities - the poster has been displayed on the notice-board.

TMBC - local elections 2011 - indicative estimates of costs to Parish Councils.

Kent BTCV - Tree and Pond Warden Schemes - appreciation of our donation

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 - 2 invoices (July and August updates) 60.00

R Lee-Amies - recreation ground and village hall car park 324.76

Playsafety Ltd - annual play area inspection 78.00 VAT 13.66 91.66

South East Water - pavilion 31.21

Burslem - War memorial - remaining sides - recutting 1107.20 VAT 193.76 1300.96

EdF Energy - Pavilion 14.99 VAT .75 15.19

Anthony Edwards - 2 invoices - churchyard £814.00 - Parish £362.00 1176.00

Financial position at 31st August 2010

Current account - £3,813.91 (includes unrepresented cheques totalling approximately £250.00)

Deposit account - £36,022.49

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman said that Mr David Emmett - a member of Rotary had contacted him to advise that they are attempting to enter the Guinness Book of Records for planting the most purple crocus bulbs to celebrate the foundation of Rotary, and has asked if these could be planted around the parish. The Chairman has responded with several suggestions of areas, such as Leathercoat Corner, around the War Memorial, the Green at Ivy Hatch etc. The planting will take place on 2nd October.

Mr Richard Dixon of Kent Highways had contacted the Parish Council with a proposal for the possible supply of one metric tonne of salt to be held at a central point in the parish for community use in bad weather for the treatment of pavements etc . This could be stored at the entrance to the Village Hall car park. It was agreed that this is a good idea and we should advise our KHS Liaison Officer that we would like to take advantage of the offer.

Cllr Gillow handed out leaflets showing details of the winter programme of events at Ightham Mote.

She also agreed that our December meeting could be held at Ightham Mote on 21st December.

There had been a meeting of the Village Fete Committee during the previous week and the next meeting was scheduled for February, with the Fete being held on 18th June 2011.

Cllr Mitchem reported that the footpath on the triangle at the junction of Ismays Road with the A227 is always littered. It was felt that this is largely due to school children leaving the bus there. After discussion, Cllr Mitchem agreed to remove the litter from time to time.

The Tennis Club have asked that trees over-hanging the tennis court be cut back as this is causing a build-up of a slippery green surface in that area of the courts. Cllr Willingham will speak with Anthony Edwards.

It was also reported that the Laurel bushes by the tennis courts are very overgrown which is leading to inappropriate behaviour on the part of some youngsters.

Cllr Hall said the appearance of the car park at the Old House public house in Redwell Lane has improved with the removal of the old vehicles. It is understood that the public house has changed hands.

Durlings Orchard - a large fence has been erected and a retrospective planning application is to be submitted.

Cllr Chartres said thanks should be recorded for the organization of the ceiling and heating work carried out at the Village Hall, which is a great improvement.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm