

IGHTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER 2012 AT IGHAM MOTE AT 7.45pm

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

1. There was a Presentation and Recommendation by Andrew Gilbert of Latitute for a Contractor for the Extension to Ightham Car Park in the Recreation Ground. Three tenders were received:
Sturgeon's £60,419
AMB Sport's £74,995
LJ Marsh & Son £92,855
Each had estimated that works would take 4-6 weeks and each Contractor could start in January 2013. We could save on costs by seeding rather than turfing the grassed area. Sturgeons are approved Council Contractors and can carry out works to the pavements themselves. It was suggested that the approved Contractor got in touch with Rodney Chartres and the School to work out the best time for works to commence. The layby would be open during the works for school parking. The Football Club, Tennis Club and Skips will also need to be informed. The Contractor will inform Kent Highways. It was suggested that Contractors use the Little Cobs Car Park.
Mr Gilbert recommended that we accept the lower quote. The Chairman proposed that we accept the recommendation and go with Sturgeons on the basis of seeding rather than turfing.
It was also agreed that payment would be made on receipt of invoices. The Parish Clerk will email Andrew Gilbert confirming the address for the contract and invoices. The Parish Clerk was given authority to sign the Contract and process the invoices on behalf of Ightham Parish Council. It was also agreed that we should also allow a 10% contingency amount.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mitchem and Cllr Willingham both sent apologies.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

TM/12/03185/FL

Pine Ridge, Common Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9AY

Replace existing garage with oak framed two bay garage with timber weatherboard wall panels and home office in roof space. Applicant: Mr R Drummond, Pine Ridge, Common Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9AY. We have considered two previous applications which were somewhat grander than the current proposal and which were rejected by TMBC. The current proposal seems proportionate for the plot and we propose no objection.

TM/12/03405/FL

1 And 2 Fen Pond Cottages, Fen Pond Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9JF

Erection of 2 storey extension and open covered porch to single dwelling comprised of amalgamation of No. 1 and 2 Fen Pond Cottages. Applicant: Mr John Benfield, 1 Fen Pond Cottage, Fen Pond Road, Ightham, Kent TN15 9JF. No objection.

TM/12/03520/FL

Chestnut End, 1 Tebbs Way, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9BJ

Proposed rear extension to form larger kitchen, utility to rear of garage and link between kitchen and utility. Applicant: Mr And Mrs D Willoughby, Chestnut End, 1 Tebbs Way, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9BJ. No objection.

TM/12/03348/FL

9 Durlings Orchard, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9HW

Proposed outbuilding to land adjoining 9 Durlings Orchard
Applicant: Mr Gary Taylor, 9 Durlings Orchard, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9HW . No objection.

TM/12/03452/FL

Tanglewood Sevenoaks Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9AD

Provision of new swimming pool and detached ancillary domestic outbuilding including an underground basement to provide changing rooms, home office, games room/summer house, gym, sauna, steam room and plantroom for swimming pool. Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Sobrany – This application puts the boiler house and other buildings that could be built under Permitted Development in a basement. It is an elegant solution. The surface building is identical to that granted on Appeal. We support.

TM/12/03361/FL

Sherwood Copt Hall Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9DT

Rear dormer and rooflights to front, rear and side roof slopes. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Jeroen Van Bezooijen Sherwood Copt Hall Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9DT. This house has already been extended. We object on grounds that this is over development on a very small site and is out of character with the area, we share concerns of neighbours who have objected.

Planning Application Granted

TM/11/02816/FL	Gibbons Place, Tonbridge Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9AP. Erection of an agricultural/storage barn to service 50 acre farm and Gibbons Place. Approved on 22 November 2012
TM/12/03141/TPOC	Oakfield House, Copt Hall Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9DU. Beech Tree - reduce by 30% to reshape. Approved on 20 November 2012
TM/12/02572/FL	Mount Farm, Borough Green Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks Kent. Retrospective application for the retention of 5 agricultural buildings to be used for; Building 1 (livestock shelter), Building 2 (chicken shed/ chicken run and dog kennel), Building 3 (Dry storage), Building 4 (office/ mess-room/ cold store / meat packaging and Building 11 (Wild boar feed store). Approved on 13 December 2012

Borough Green

Approval of Grant of Permission to Develop Land at Celcon – Installation of additional steel tank for storage of Slurry.

4. MINUTES - The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2012 were signed as a true record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Kent Highways – items to be reported:

Back Lane/A227 - pot hole on the left hand side of the right splay.

High Cross Road – pot holes along the southern side.

Speeding along Spring Lane by parents – There have been a numbers of complaints regarding the speed of traffic along Spring Lane, this has been reported to the Police and to the School. There is a national speed limit along this road so cars are not effectively breaking the law. It was suggested that persistent offenders should be reported and that speed watch could be done along this stretch to monitor the average speed of cars. June Cooke has already drafted a note to go to parents requesting that they drive with consideration in this area.

Trees Opposite Chequers – It has been established that the trees are on unregistered land and therefore KCC have responsibility for cutting them back. KCC have passed this on to the appropriate agency.

30mph Roundels Repainting – Roundels on Bates Hill and Borough Green Road will be repainted in April 2013.

New Bollards along A25 Coach Road to Oldbury Lane Junction – Schedule to replace non functioning bollards in January 2013.

Common Road Closure 25th April – 28th June 2013 for Gas Works.

Overgrown Hedges Busty Lane – A letter has been sent from KCC on 5th December to residents of Durlings Orchard asking them to cut back hedges that are obstructing the highway at Busty Lane.

Mrs Chesson – Lease for Guide hut - A notice terminating the existing lease was sent to Mrs Chesson on 11th December with a proposed new lease. Mrs Chesson has 6 months to respond.

Proposed new Scout/Football building - Quotations – We have now received an estimate for £400,000 for building costs for the new Scout Hut. They have asked us to help with funding. IPC have already agreed to fund various pre-planning surveys amounting to approx £13,000. Parish Clerk to check what else IPC have agreed to fund in order to get to the Planning Permission Stage. We have also received a letter from TMBC about funding for Infrastructure. Parish Clerk to draft a letter to say that we are planning a new Scout Hut/Community Building and that we would be seeking Planning Permission in the near future and that we would be grateful for any funding from TMBC.

Proposed new car parking area in Recreation Ground - Quotes Received – See above.

Churchyard – dangerous tombstones – Cllr Chartres had sent two documents from TMBC regarding safety of Tombstones to Cllr Cracknell. The Church will need to request a quote for repair works from an approved contractor. The costs will have to come out of the Church Budget.

Little Cobs car park – No response was received.

Website – The new website is now ready to go live. Councillors to have a look through to check data and we will attempt to go live in early January 2013.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Proposed changes to parking restrictions in Ightham –The notice merely serves to amend the on-street Order, there are no actual changes to parking arrangements. This was to remove the Limited Waiting time parking bays which have already been removed from the road 3 years ago. There appeared to be some confusion regarding what is permitted, Cllr Cracknell is to put a notice in the next Parish Magazine.

KCC – Precept/Budget/Dispensation Forms Following recent changes we cannot set our Precept until January as we don't know what we are likely to get. For capital expenditure, we know that we are likely to spend around £70k for the car park extension. Parish Clerk will meet with Cllr Edwards and Cllr Holden in early January to discuss the budget. Each Councillor signed a Dispensation Form to grant them permission to discuss the Precept and Budget requirements for the next 4 years.

Community Speed Watch - Speeding Cars along Borough Green Road. The Parish Clerk will organise training in January for those who have expressed an interest in Speed Watch.

Dangerous Parking – Rectory Lane – A resident reported dangerous parking in Rectory Lane and the junction with A25 during the Gas Works in Oldbury Lane. The issue now appears to have been resolved.

Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge – The only project available to us is renaming the Recreation Ground to Queen Elizabeth II Grounds as we already have facilities. It was felt that we wouldn't go ahead.

Request for Modern Bus Shelter – A resident had requested a modern style bus shelter, the Parish Clerk responded to say that we couldn't justify the expense unless it was in a state of disrepair.

UltraFast Broadband – Details have been put onto our new website and circulated.

Localism Act 2011– New Standards Regime – IPC agreed to the proposal to create a new Joint Standards Committee for the Borough of Tonbridge & Malling.

Protecting Playing Fields – Ightham FC Pitch Levelling – Possible Grant – We have received a letter about possible funding to level the Football Pitch. Cllr Holden to talk to the Football Club.

7. FINANCE

The following accounts are submitted for payment: Proposed by David Hall, seconded by Bernadette Gillow.

J P Stephens – website	£30.00
Parish Clerk Salary (to December)	£397.66
Antony Edwards – Work at Church and in Ightham Parish	£547.40
Jane Haselden – Website Development	£647.50
EDF – Pavillion Electricity Bill	£39.47

Financial position at 31st November 2012

Current account -£3,507.80 (including unrepresented cheques) Deposit account - £159,772.55

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Edwards had been approached by Matthew Balfour to say that there may be revisions to the AONB Boundary. There is currently a pocket in the middle of Ightham that is not in the AONB. If the revision does happen we will strongly support removing this anomaly.

Cllr Edwards reported that there had been a theft from the Recycled Clothing Bin belonging to the Scouts, in the Village Hall Car Park. James Reid had suggested that we have a CCTV camera. Stuart at the Farm Shop had kindly said that he would give us a 4 camera digital recorder and camera for free and provide further camera's at £150 each. The loop would last for 1 month. Mark Brenta from the Social Club had also expressed an interest in having CCTV. This would help to protect that whole area. Cllr Edwards will talk to Cllr Willingham and also find out whether the Social Club would be willing to have the monitor inside the Club.

Cllr Brierley reported that she had sent information on the footpath on Oldbury Lane to Public Rights of Way in Kent and to Colin Saunders, she had managed to find 12 witnesses to say that the path had been used as a public right of way.

Cllr Brierley said that she hoped to revamp the Oldbury Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the New Year. Mark Thomas is also trying to set up a scheme in The Street.

Cllr Chartres reported that he is waiting for a quote to resolve the problem with the Septic Tank near Skips and that the Hearing for Old Lane Appeal would be taking place on 22nd January at TMBC Offices.

A member of the Public expressed concerns about the Planning Application relating to Sherwood on Copt Hall Road. She said that if the permission was granted it would cause a lot of congestion in that road. She also reported that the double yellow lines opposite the Harrow needed repainting. Cllr Chartes will look into this.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Gillow for inviting them to meet at Ightham Mote.

The meeting Closed at 10.05pm.

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MINUTES

There was a short presentation by Inspector Adrian Allen. He was asked when PC Stewart Ballard was likely to return, he said that he has already started to do some low confrontational duties and is mainly station based but hopefully will be returning in his full capacity some time in the New Year.

5. APOLOGIES

Bernadette Gillow.

6. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

TM/12/03141/TNCA

Oakfield House, Copt Hall Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9DU
Beech Tree - Reduce by 30% to reshape. No objection providing Liz Guthrie is content.

TM/11/02816/FL

Gibbons Place, Tonbridge Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, TN15 9AP
Erection of agricultural/storage barn to service 50 acre farm and Gibbons Place, revised plans – No objection.

TM/12/03218/AT/TM/12/03219/LB

George & Dragon, The Street, Ightham, Sevenoaks, TN15 9HH
Replacement of 2 non illuminated fascia signs and 2 car park signs – We support.

Planning Application Granted

TM/12/02028/FL	Buckleigh House, Trycewell Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HN Erection of a tree house (Retrospective). Approved on 16 October 2012
TM/12/02471/FL	Roseleigh, Common Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DY Rear conservatory. Approved on 19 October 2012
TM/12/02744/RD	Planet Plants, Back Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 0NY Details pursuant to conditions 4 (materials), 5 (curtilage), 9 (levels), 10 (soft landscaping), 11 and 12 (ecology) and 13 (sustainability measures) on planning permission TM/11/01602/FL (Revised application for the erection of a detached dwelling house for occupation by the Horticultural Manager of the nursery). Approved on 19 October 2012
TM/12/02757/TNCA	Heronshaw, Oldbury Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DE Pollard dying Oak over hanging Oldbury Lane and school entrance to 3.85m. No Objection on 16 October 2012
TM/12/02783/TNCA	Oldbury Farm House, Oldbury Lane Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DE T1: mature Yew - reduce back from building to give approx 2m clearance, reduce

	height by approx. 10%; T2: mature Yew - reduce to height of hedge; T3: mature hazel - reduce overhang and reduce height by approx. 25%; T4: mature Hazel - reduce overhang and reduce height by approx 25%. No Objection on 16 October 2012
TM/12/02398/FL	Jordans, Copt Hall Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DU Two storey and single storey side extension Approved on 24 October 2012
TM/12/02574/FL	29 - 35 Fen Pond Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9JE Demolition of 4no. bungalows and construction of 7no. 3 bedroom houses with associated front and rear gardens plus 2 no. parking spaces per plot Approved on 26 October 2012
TM/12/02951/RD	Little Cluny, The Street, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HE Details of Archaeological Watching Brief pursuant to condition 3 of planning permission TM/12/00317/FL (Alterations and extensions to existing chalet type dwelling amounting to a change of design to the previously permitted scheme (ref TM/09/02855/FL)). Approved on 25 October 2012
TM/12/02784/TNCA	Oast Cottage, Oldbury Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9DG G1: group of cypress - reduce to approx. 3m in height. No Objection on 16 October 2012
TM/12/02750/RD	The Chequers Inn, The Street, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9HH Details of secondary glazing pursuant to condition 7 of planning permission TM/11/03253/FL. Demolition of existing rear projection (single storey). Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey rear garden room. Single storey detached garage and new front boundary railings). Approved on 29 October 2012
TM/12/01672/OA	Selected Plants Nursery, Ismays Road, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 0NY Outline Application: Erection of a nursery managers dwelling at Selected Plants Nursery seeking approval for access only. Approved on 13 November 2012.
TM/12/02646/FL	Land To The North Of Sevenoaks Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent The replacement of 3 existing antenna with 3 CSQ9865A antenna, plus the installation of 1 600mm dish. The installation of 3 equipment cabinets and associated equipment and the removal of 2 cabinets upon the installation of the Huwai BTS cabinet. Approved on 15 November 2012.
TM/12/02973/RD	Ightham Recreation Ground, Sevenoaks Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent Details pursuant to condition 4 (measures to protect trees); 5 (measures to prevent migration of surface materials); and 6 (details of vehicular parking and turning feature) of planning permission TM/11/02108/FL (Proposed extension to an existing car park on Ightham Recreation Ground). Approved on 19 November 2012.
TM/12/03059/RD	The Gatehouse, Rectory Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9AJ Details submitted pursuant to condition 2 (materials) of planning permission TM/12/02037/FL for extension to plant room. Approved on 13 November 2012.

4. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2012 were approved with some minor amendments and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Kent Highways – items to be reported:

Bollards on A25 between Coach Road, Common Road and Oldbury Lane junctions – several are unlit, these have been reported several times but have yet to be fixed.

Trees outside Chequers - Some of the trees on the bank opposite the old Chequers pub are leaning, KCC are trying to establish ownership.

Large pothole on Raspitt Hill/Coach Road junction – already reported.

30mph road signs on Bates Hill have faded and need repainting.

The hedge outside Broadacre is due to be cut back on 26th November.

Cllr Edwards requested that Planning Notices need to be routinely removed once they have expired.

Overgrown Hedges on Busty Lane from the back of Durlings Orchard. Letters have gone to residents in Durlings Orchard to cut back the hedges but no action has been taken. The matter will be passed to KCC.

The 50mph limited on A25 between Seal and Dark Hill has now been approved, we are waiting for signage.

James Reid had phoned Cllr Chartres to say that the Cess Pit outside Skips had overflowed again due to rainwater from the roof of the Scout Hut flowing directly into it. Cllr Chartres asked Cllr Willingham whether his Building Company could find a permanent solution to the problem.

Mrs Chesson – Lease for Guide hut - A letter from Ightham Parish Council to Mrs Chessons solicitor was circulated. It was unanimously agreed that a section 25 notice should be issued immediately terminating the existing lease with a proposal to sign a new lease with an increased rent.

Proposed new Scout Hut - Following recommendations by planners we have received quotes for a tree survey (£600-£800), Landscape and Visual Impact Survey (£2,150 - £3,650) and Topographical Survey (£1,250 - £1,485). It was agreed that IPC would cover these costs, accepting the lower quotes as it would be a dual purpose community building. A question was asked about ownership, this is still being considered but we will need to have a firm lease arrangement in place. The onus of funding the rebuilding project lies with the Scouts who have raised a substantial amount of money already. If the new Scout Hut would incorporate the Pavillion, Ightham Parish Council could contribute towards the capital costs but we need to know how much the new building will cost before making a decision. Plans have yet to be submitted. Cllr Willingham was asked to plot the cess pit and electricity cables near the site.

Proposed new car parking area in Recreation Ground - Construction Contract Cllr Chartres reported that we were expecting a quotation on 27th November.

Churchyard – dangerous tombstones – Cllr Cracknell reported that 4-5 tombstones had been laid on the ground for safety. They can be left like this or reinstated, but at a cost. Cllr Chartres to investigate whether TMBC would fund reinstatement as it is a Health & Safety issue and it is a Public Cemetary.

Little Cobs car park – No further update.

Website – Update – The Parish Clerk circulated the website address of the draft website for Councillors to provide final comments. Parish Clerk to contact Jeremy Stephens to get the host password so that we can upload the site to the IPC website when finalised.

Gypsy Site at Old Lane – Cllr Chartres said that the Inquiry would be held at 10.00am on January 22nd at TMBC, Council Chambers, Kings Hill.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC – Remedial Tree works – This has now been completed and we have received the invoice

Community Speed Watch – Cllr Cracknell offered to undertake SpeedWatch on Bates Hill. No other volunteers have come forward.

Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge – Cllr Holden will report back at the next meeting, he will look into the possibility of funding for the new Scout Hut.

7. FINANCE

The following accounts were submitted for payment, proposed and seconded by Cllrs Holden and Hall:

J P Stephens – website	£30.00
Parish Clerk Salary (to November)	£397.66
Cleaning Services Group Ltd (Emptying Cess Pit)	£184.00
Ightham Village Hall (Hire Charges)	£150.00
KCC – Landscape Services – Remedial Tree Works	£1,844.00
JH Gardening	£150.00
Antony Edwards – Work at Church and in Ightham Parish	£659.62

Poppy Wreath
Bob Lee-Amies - War Memorial and Recreation Ground

£17.00
£331.95

It was also agreed that we would send a donation of £25 to the Royal British Legion in addition to the cost of the wreath. A cheque was duly signed.

Financial position at 31st October 2012

Current account - £2,156.28 (including unrepresented cheques) Deposit account - £161,569.55

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Thanks to Rob-Lee-Amies for his work at the War Memorial which looked great for Remembrance Sunday.

Cllr Brierley reported that she would be requesting a new public footpath which would join the MR230 from Oldbury Lane by the derelict cottage. The footpath has been walked for around 40 years by local residents without complaint by the landowner but he has recently installed a gate so that there is no longer access. Cllr Brierley is gathering letters and witness statements to this effect in the hope that the path can be re-opened.

Cllr Mitchem reported that the path outside Chequers on the way up to the Village car park was covered in leaves and was very slippery on Remembrance Sunday (the path has now been cleared).

Cllr Chartres reported that there is a campaign for Ultrafast Broadband (UBB) in Underriver. The group have paid for a feasibility study by an organisation called Gigaclear. They can install fibre optic cables direct to homes and have a plan to do so in the areas of Seal, Ivy Hatch, Ightham, Shipbourne and Plaxtol. You would have to pay a connection charge and subscription. We would need to promote the venture to get enough interest and support for it to go ahead. Cllr Chartres to circulate more information. (www.gigaclear.com).

Cllr Cracknell has finished the new edition of the Village Booklet. IPC agreed to pay any costs incurred in the production of the booklet. St Peters are putting on a Christmas Production on 28th and 29th November at 8.00pm, tickets cost £5. Mary Allwood has produced an Ightham desktop calender at £4.50. In the New Year, St Peters will be hosting a Christmas Party for Children.

Cllr Chartres reported that the hedges have been cut back and the cars removed from the field on junction A25/Sevenoaks Road. He also reported that Enforcement Action has been taken on the burger van outside the Farm Shop.

Cllr Willingham said that Rob Lee-Amies was not well and may not be able to carry out duties for much longer. He will ask James from JH Gardening to take over some of his responsibilities. The Village Hall now have continual bookings, thanks to the new caretaker. There had been a problem with the boiler which had cost £375 to repair.

Cllr Edwards asked The Parish Clerk to circulate dates for 2013 meetings.

The next meeting will be held at Ightham Mote.

A member of the public who lives on the Farm near to the Borough Green roundabout complained that a notice had gone up on his land saying that the Footpath had been closed without consulting him. He had taken them down and refused permission for work to be carried out. He also reported that cars were travelling far too fast past his property in the 30mph zone, Cllr Cracknell said that she would do a speed check there. He also asked who he should contact regarding trees that needed cutting back along the Borough Green Road. It would be Kent Highways.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

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ON TUESDAY 16th OCTOBER 2012 AT IGHTHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45pm**

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

TM/12/02744/RD

Planet Plants, Back Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 0NY

Details pursuant to conditions 4 (materials), 5 (curtilage), 9 (levels), 10 (soft landscaping), 11 and 12 (ecology) and 13 (sustainability measures) on planning permission TM/11/01602/FL (Revised application for the erection of a detached dwelling house for occupation by the Horticultural Manager of the nursery)

Applicant: Planet Plants, Mr & Mrs McKenna, Back Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9AU – We fully support the proposals in this application pursuant to conditions on planning permissions.

TM/12/02572/FL

Mount Farm, Borough Green Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent

Retrospective application for the retention of 5 agricultural buildings to be used for; Building 1 (livestock shelter), Building 2 (chicken shed/ chicken run and dog kennel), Building 3 (Dry storage), Building 4 (office/ mess-room/ cold store / meat packaging and Building 11 (Wild boar feed store). Applicant: Mr N Connell – No objection.

TM/12/02634/FL

Mount Farm, Borough Green Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent

Stationing of a mobile home for a temporary period of 3 years. Applicant: Mr N Connell – No objection.

TM/12/02750/RD

The Chequers Inn The Street Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HH

Details of secondary glazing pursuant to condition 7 of planning permission TM/11/03253/FL (Change of use of public house to residential (single dwelling house). Demolition of existing rear projection (single storey). Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey rear garden room. Single storey detached garage and new front boundary railings). Applicant: Mr M Ling, Rose Cottage, The Street, Ightham, Kent TN15 9HH - No objection.

TM/12/02792/FL

Bewley Yew Tree, Tonbridge Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9AP

Demolition of existing dwelling house and erection of replacement dwelling with associated new access and parking facilities. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Vincent Power, Bewley Yew Tree, Tonbridge Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9AP - We have reservations about the desirability of demolishing Bewley Yew Tree since we believe the application may understate the house's historical and architectural interest. Furthermore, it fits comfortably into the Bewley area of Ightham and we feel the much larger executive style neo-georgian house proposed as a replacement would be more obtrusive within the AONB. In discussion, it was unanimously agreed that we object to this proposal.

TM/12/02646/FL

Land To The North Of Sevenoaks Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent

The replacement of 3 no. existing antenna with 3 no. CSQ9865A antenna, plus the installation of 1 no. 600mm dish. The installation of 3 no. equipment cabinets and associated equipment and the removal of 2 no. cabinets upon the installation of the Huawei BTS cabinet. Applicant: Everything Everywhere, Hatfield Business Park, Hatfield, Hertfordshire AL10. We support this application.

TM/12/03059/RD

The Gatehouse, Rectory Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9AJ

Details submitted pursuant to condition 2 (materials) of planning permission TM/12/02037/FL for extension to plant room. Applicant: Mr Gavin Friend, The Gatehouse, Rectory Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9AJ – No objection.

PLANNING APPLICATION GRANTED

TM/12/02130/LRD	The Chequers Inn, The Street, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HH Details of materials and joinery pursuant to conditions 2 and 4 of planning permission TM/11/03252/LB (Listed Building Application: Demolish single storey rear kitchen and attached toilet block together with small two storey rear lobby and first floor toilet. Extend with a two storey rear extension and a single storey timber frame ground floor garden room. A single storey timber frame garage together with front boundary wall and wrought iron railings and internal alterations, including rear windows & doors), being Oakhurst Multired Stock Brick. Approved on 21 September 2012.
TM/12/02278/FL	Brockhill, Rectory Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9AJ Demolition of existing stable block and erection of a shed and glasshouse. Approved on 21 September 2012.
TM/12/01880/FL	The Chequers Inn, The Street, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HH Erection of detached garage with studio/guest bedroom in roof space with dormer windows, log store and external staircase. Approved on 25 September 2012
TM/12/02446/RD	The Chequers Inn, The Street, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HH Details of a written scheme of investigation, archaeological watching brief, landscaping and details of privacy screen pursuant to conditions 4, 5, 6 and 8 of TM/11/03253/FL (Change of use of public house to residential (single dwellinghouse). Demolition of existing rear projection (single storey). Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey rear garden room. Single storey detached garage and new front boundary railings). Approved on 27 September 2012.
TM/12/02541/LB	The Chequers Inn, The Street, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HH Listed Building Application: Replacement of all windows to front elevation with painted timber box-framed, single glazed sash windows. Approved on 2 October 2012.
TM/12/02649/TNCA	Glenwood, Spring Lane, And 9-10 Oldbury Close, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DJ. Front of property: Various tree works. No Objection on 2 October 2012.

4. MINUTES The minutes of meeting held on 18th September 2012 were signed as a true record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Kent Highways – items to be reported:

Flooding Outside The Cottage – KCC are putting in a new drainage system outside The Cottage, hopefully this will prevent further flooding.

20mph Signs need to be removed from Coach Road/Pine Tree Lane following resurfacing.

The junction of Sevenoaks Road and A25 is looking very scruffy and needs weeding.

The Bollard on the Coach Road/A25 junction is not lit.

Leathercote Corner is overgrown – Cllr Mitchem to speak to the owners.

The Trees on Bates Hill opposite the Chequers need cutting back, there is some debate over ownership, the matter has already been reported to KCC.

Planning Signs need removing after dates have passed.

Overgrown Hedges outside Broadacre in Ismays Road, Parish Clerk to send the standard letter.

Road Closures – Oldbury Lane 26 Oct – 18th Feb 2013, Common Road 25th April 2013 – 28th June 2013. There have been some meetings to discuss the closure of Oldbury Lane and the possibility of placing temporary traffic signals at the location during the road closure. It was decided by KCC not to do this for safety reasons.

Mrs Chesson – lease for Guide hut - There is no existing signed lease and IPC are keen to get one signed. Cllr Edwards will consult Angela Rowe of Warners to try and get the new lease signed as soon as possible with an increased rent and seek her advice on the next steps if Mrs Chesson does not respond. Under the new arrangements, IPC can charge legal costs to the tenant.

Proposed new scout/football building - Cllr Holden and Cllr Chartres are meeting with the Scouts on Wednesday 17th October to establish progress on the plans and fund raising for the new Scout Hut. A discussion needs to be had on ownership and title of the Hut once it is built and the procedure for allowing other local organisations to use the facility, such as the Football Club.

Proposed new car parking area in Recreation Ground - Construction Contract - Various conditions have had to be fulfilled before allowing the tender process to go ahead. These have now been completed, including a license at a cost of £300. There are 4 contractors on the tender list and documentation is due to be sent to them by the end of October. The car park will not be started until the gas works in Oldbury Lane have been completed.

Churchyard – dangerous tombstones – No further progress. There had been a complaint that an area at the bottom edge of the churchyard was overgrown, Cllr Cracknell reported that this was deliberate and that it was being used as an area for wildlife.

Little Cobs car park – Nothing to report.

Website – Draft template available - A draft of the new website has been circulated to Councillors and various comments received. The Parish Clerk will contact Jane Hasledon with comments and start working on the content. Cllr Cracknell has updated the Parish Book and this can be used to ensure that the website is up to date as well.

TMBC Gypsy site at Old Lane – Appeal – IPC have sent a letter to the Inspectorate along with a number of residents. TMBC have employed a legal team to represent them.

Cess pit outside Skips – This has just been emptied. The Parish Council will bear the cost and it was agreed that the invoice is paid upon receipt.

Cars/overgrown hedges in field by A25 junction – The field is being used as a Breakers Yard, TMBC Enforcement are looking into it. A note has also been sent to the owners asking for hedges to be cut back as they are very overgrown and are obstructing the highway and the Ightham Sign.

Westwood House – The owners have asked whether they can put a visibility mirror in the shrubbery on Jubilee Crescent opposite their house as it is a real blind spot. It was agreed that this could be done at the owners expense.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC – Installation of additional Silo for recycled block material – Following further meetings with Celcon and the Chairman of Borough Green PC it now seems that everyone is content for this to go ahead.

KCC – Remedial Tree works - The Parish Clerk has instructed KCC to carry out all priority tree work. No Planning Permission is required.

Community Speed Watch – Details went in the Parish Magazine but no-one has come forward, Cllr Cracknell will put into the next magazine.

Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge – Details have been passed to Cllr Holden who will speak to the Football Club.

Electoral Review – Local Boundary Commission – Proposals have now been accepted and Ightham will be combined with Wrotham and Stanstead as a two member ward, effective as of 2015.

KCC – Stangate Quarry – We have received notice from KCC to say that permission had been granted for the retention of the Electricity Sub-Station and retention of the Gas Utilisation Plant and installation of a Low Calorific Flare at Stangate Quarry.

7. FINANCE

The following accounts are submitted for payment: Proposer Cllr Holden, seconded by Cllr Hall.

J P Stephens – website	£30.00
Parish Clerk Salary (to October)	£397.66
Parish Clerk Expenses (July – September)	£267.82
Planning for Drought Conference	£75.00
Warners Solicitors – Professional Fees	£2,112.00
Audit Commission	£510.00
Robert Lee Amies – Work at Village Hall and Rec	£392.00

Financial position at 31st August 2012

Current account -	£6,003.01 (including unrepresented cheques)
Deposit account -	£161,569.55

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Gillow reported that Ightham Mote would remain open until 23rd December.

There will be no Village Fete next Year as we had the Coxcombe Fair.

Cllr Edwards reported that The Parish Clerk had now passed the 6 months probation Period and he would be writing confirming her appointment.

Cllr Mitchem reported that 2-3 parishioners had mentioned that they had difficulty walking some of the footpaths on The Fairlawne Estate close to Shipbourne Church because they are impassable with large dogs due to the nature of their design. Subsequent to the meeting Cllr Hall provided all members of the council with an explanation.

Cllr Hall reported that the Chairman of Shipbourne PC had resigned.

Cllr Brierley reported that a double decker bus seemed to be permanently parked in the layby.

Cllr Cracknell had attended a neighbourhood watch meeting at the Harrow. PCSO Mark Thomas will be holding workshops at St Peters Church and Shipbourne Farmers Market. Details in the Parish Magazine.

Cllr Chartres had recently attended a conference for AONB, they are looking for comments and feedback on their management plans.

Cllr Willingham reported that there had been an accident at the Dark Hill roundabout today and that a new Sevenoaks District Sign had been put up near Seven Wents.

Parish Clerk provide details of expenditure against budget for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

**IGHTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2012 AT IGHTHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45pm**

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs P Cracknell, B Gillow and D Hall

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Chartres declared an interest as the representative on the local Relate in relation to the request for a donation from them.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

TM/12/02574/FL - 29 - 35 Fen Pond Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9JE - Demolition of 4 bungalows and construction of 7 x 3 bedroom houses with associated front and rear gardens plus 2 parking spaces per plot

Applicant: Circle Housing Group, Mr Paul Hicks, Basted House, Harrison Road, Borough Green Kent TN15 8PB. "We fully support this proposal which will provide much needed affordable housing for the people of Ightham which we would wish to be reserved for residents of the Parish. We would prefer clay tiles to be used for the roofs as they will be visible from the road and the houses will be adjoining the Conservation area of St Peters Church".

TM/12/02649/TNCA - Glenwood, Spring Lane, And 9-10 Oldbury Close, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DJ - Front of property: Various Tree works. Applicant: Mr Mark Bradley, 9 Oldbury Close, Ightham, Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9DJ. "No objection".

TM/12/02471/FL – Roseleigh, Common Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DY - Rear Conservatory
Applicant: Ms Gillian H Averill, Roseleigh, Common Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DY. "No Objection".

TM/12/02398/FL – Jordans, Copt Hall Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DU - 2 storey and single storey side extension. Applicant: Mr And Mrs Labram Jordans, Copt Hall Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DU. "No Objection".

TM/12/02446/RD - The Chequers Inn, The Street, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HH - Details of materials and a written scheme of investigation, archaeological watching brief, landscaping and details of privacy screen pursuant to conditions 4, 5 and 8 of TM/11/03253/FL (Change of use of public house to residential (single dwellinghouse). Demolition of existing rear projection (single storey). Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey rear garden room. Single storey detached garage and new front boundary railings. Applicant: Mr M Ling, Rose Cottage, The Street, Ightham, Kent TN15 9HH. "No Objection".

TM/12/02447/RD - Rose Cottage, The Street, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HH - Details of archaeological watching brief pursuant to conditions 2 of TM/11/03250/FL (Change of use of The Coach House to residential use as an extension to Rose Cottage. New two storey extension to form link between Rose Cottage and The Coach House, single storey rear garden room extension plus associated works, including new front boundary railings). Applicant: Mr M Ling, Rose Cottage, The Street, Ightham, Kent TN15 9HH. "No Objection".

TM/12/01880/FL - The Chequers Inn, The Street, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HH

Erection of detached garage with studio/guest bedroom in roof space with dormer windows, log store and external staircase. Applicant: Mr Martin Ling, Ye Olde Chequers Inn, The Street, Ightham, Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HH. "No Objection".

TM/12/02278/FL – Brockhill, Rectory Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9AJ - Demolition of existing stable block and erection of a shed and glasshouse. Applicant: Mr Bruce Ponting, Brockhill, Rectory Lane Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9AJ. "No Objection".

TM/12/02487/LRD - Rose Cottage, The Street Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HH - Details of materials and joinery pursuant to conditions 2 and 3 of TM/11/03391/LB (Listed Building Application: Extension to The Coach House to provide a two storey link with Rose Cottage and internal and external alterations to form habitable accommodation). Applicant: Mr M Ling, Rose Cottage, The Street, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HH. "No Objection".

TM/12/02130/LRD - The Chequers Inn, The Street, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9HH
Details of materials pursuant to condition 2 on planning permission TM/11/03252/LB (Listed Building Application: Demolish single storey rear kitchen and attached toilet block together with small two storey rear lobby and first floor toilet. Extend with a two storey rear extension and a single storey timber frame ground floor garden room. A single storey timber frame garage together with front boundary wall and wrought iron railings and internal alterations, including rear windows & doors), being Oakhurst Multired Stock Brick. Applicant: Mr M Ling, Rose Cottage, The Street, Ightham, Kent TN15 9HH. "No Objection".

TM/12/02757/TNCA – Heronshaw, Oldbury Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DE
Pollard dying Oak over hanging Oldbury Lane and school entrance to 3.85m. Applicant: Ian Grice, Heronshaw, Oldbury Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DE. "No objection providing Liz Guthrie is content".

TM/12/02783/TNCA - Oldbury Farm House, Oldbury Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DE - T1: mature Yew - reduce back from building to give approx 2m clearance, reduce height by approx. 10%; T2: mature Yew - reduce to height of hedge; T3: mature hazel - reduce overhang and reduce height by approx. 25%; T4: mature Hazel - reduce overhang and reduce height by approx 25%. Applicant: Mrs Meg Game 50 Dartmouth Park Road London NW5 1SN. "No objection providing Liz Guthrie is content".

TM/12/02784/TNCA - Oast Cottage, Oldbury Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DG G1: group of cypress - reduce to approx. 3m in height. Applicant: Mr Brian Rudd, Oast Cottage, Oldbury Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DG. "No objection providing Liz Guthrie is content".

TM/12/0254/LB – Chequers Inn, The Street, Ightham, Kent TN15 9HH – Listed Building Application: Replacement of all windows to front elevation with painted timber box framed, single glazed sash windows. Applicant: Mr Martin Ling, c/o Ashborn Associates. "No objection".

Planning Application Granted

TM/11/03570/RD	Greenboughs Coach Road Ivy Hatch Sevenoaks Kent TN15 0PF Details of archaeological watching brief submitted pursuant to conditions 8 of planning permission TM/10/01431/FL (Alterations to planning consent TM/09/00063/FL (demolition of existing house and garage and construction of new house, garage and pool building). Approved on 21 August 2012.
TM/12/02052/FL	Leathercoat House Fen Pond Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9JD Single storey side extension with pitched roof and retaining wall to rear Approved on 23 August 2012.
TM/12/02264/TNCA	Copthall Cottage Ismays Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9BB Remove Thuja, too close to property and drains. No Objection on 28 August 2012.
TM/12/01464/FL	Tanglewood Sevenoaks Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9AD Erection of triple bay garage and demolition of existing stables building. Approved on 7 September 2012.

TM/12/02447/RD	Rose Cottage The Street Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HH Details of archaeological watching brief and glazing pursuant to conditions 2 and 4 of TM/11/03250/FL (Change of use of The Coach House to residential use as an extension to Rose Cottage. New two storey extension to form link between Rose Cottage and The Coach House, single storey rear garden room extension plus associated works, including new front boundary railings). Approved on 13 September 2012.
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TM/12/02487/LRD	Rose Cottage The Street Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HH Details of materials and joinery pursuant to conditions 2 and 3 of TM/11/03391/LB (Listed Building Application: Extension to The Coach House to provide a two storey link with Rose Cottage and internal and external alterations to form habitable accommodation). Approved on 13 September 2012.
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We have received a letter from TMBC saying that there is a Planning Enforcement Investigation at land between Oakenhurst and Hillside, Sevenoaks Road, regarding alleged unauthorised works to form access and removal of trees. Richard Edmonds is the case Officer and will inform us of progress within two months.

4. MINUTES The minutes of meeting held on 21st August 2012 were approved with some minor amendments.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Kent Highways – items to be reported:

- The cutting of grass between the Farm Shop and Common Road was done very badly, Cllr Chartres will take up with KCC
- Gulleys between Crown Point and Dark Hill roundabout all need clearing
- Gulleys on Bates Hill need clearing, particularly outside the Rectory
- The field on the corner of Sevenoaks Road/A25 bypass needs hedges cutting back – Parish Clerk to send a letter to the owners
- Bungalow at the bottom of Oldbury Lane has an overgrown beech hedge which needs cutting back – Letter to be sent
- Broken Fence on the corner of Sevenoaks Road/A25 – Parish Clerk to report and speak to contractors painting bridge
- Overgrown hedges by EDF substation on Borough Green Road
- Various road speed restriction notices to be removed following completion of works

Mrs Chesson – lease for Guide hut - no news

Proposed new scout/football building - Cllr Holden has spoken with James Reid about fund raising. A meeting will be set up next week with Cllr Chartres, James Reid and Mike McGonigle to discuss the planning application. The lease needs to be finalised and planning permission sought as soon as possible as it will need to be approved by the Scout Association which in the past has taken a couple of years.

Proposed new car parking area in Recreation Ground - Construction Contract – no further progress. Cllr Edwards had agreed in principle to an Arboricultural Watching Brief which has been requested by T&M Planning. It will cost in the region of £640 for 2 visits and the appraisals. In addition we have paid £690 to Southern Testing for CBR checks.

Churchyard – dangerous tombstones – nothing further to report.

Little Cobs car park – Owners are still considering the proposed price.

Website – We should receive a first draft by the end of the week.

TMBC Gypsy site at Old Lane – Appeal – an Appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate against the decision of TMBC to refuse permission for residence and occupation of a single gypsy family at Woodfold Old Lane. Parish Clerk to draft letter to say that we feel that the Appeal is unnecessary and unjustified and that we hope that the Enforcement Notice will be complied with as soon as possible, particularly in the light of available pitches at the Coldharbour Lane site from Christmas.

Road Closures – Copt Hall Road for one day on 1st October.

Painting of Footbridge – has started and will take approx 2 weeks. It is being kept open.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC – Installation of additional Silo for recycled block material – we have received a proposal from KCC to install an additional Silo for recycled block material at the Celcon Site. We have written to say that we support the application. In addition Cllr Chartres has written to KCC.

KCC – Remedial Tree works quote – we have received a quote from Landscape Services for £1,570 to carry out works listed in the inspection report dated 17 July including the following areas – Recreation Ground, Jubilee Crescent and Ightham Village Hall. Parish Clerk to organise works to go ahead. Cllr Willingham to arrange for additional key to be cut for the Parish Clerk for access to the Recreation Ground.

Minerals & Waste Site Plans – Preferred Options – nothing further, all of our comments have been sent.

Openness & Transparency on personal interests – We will put a notice on our new website to say that the Declaration of Interest forms can be accessed via the TMBC website.

Community Speed Watch – nothing further.

Draft Letter on Trees, hedges, properties and the public highway – this letter circulated by KALC will be sent out as an attachment with our standard Parish letter.

Audit Commission – Conclusion of Audit and right to inspect Annual Return/Appointment of Littlejohn LLP as External Auditor. The accounts have been audited and will be available for Inspection, Parish Clerk will put a notice up on the Village noticeboard with details. We are looking for a new internal auditor to inspect the accounts from next year, it will be on a voluntary basis and should involve no more than 4-5 hours work.

Relate – Request for donation – it was agreed that we should make a donation of £100.

Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge – Parish Clerk to get further details on this programme which provides funding and grants for sports projects.

Kent Downs AONB Countryside Day – Cobham Hall School, Friday 12th October – Cllr Chartres to attend.

Salting routes – Parish Clerk has emailed KCC to say that Coach Road should be included on the salting route.

Play Inspection Report – We have received a report on the playground at the Recreation Ground which details a few minor repairs – passed to Cllr Willingham.

7. FINANCE

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

J P Stephens – website	£30.00
Parish Clerk Salary (to 1st August)	£397.66
Playsafe Limited – Annual Inspection	£93.60
Southern Testing – CBR Tests for Car Park (processed)	£690.00
Robert Lee Amies – Maintenance to Parish Grounds	£480.06
Anthony Edwards - Church Grounds	£547.40
Anthony Edwards – Maintenance to Parish Grounds	£146.96
Cllr Chartres – Reimbursement for Flowers for Coxcome Fair Organiser	£40
Relate – Donation	£100

Financial position at 31st August 2012

Current account -	£2,841.94 (including £2584.06 unpresented cheques)
Deposit account -	£125,303.19

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Chartres reported that Ightham Farm Shop are applying for a licence to sell alcohol

Cllr Brierley reported that there was a new mobile coffee stall outside the Farm Shop
Cllr Holden had reviewed the Consultation of Payments for Parish and Community Councils revising the need for 2 people to sign. He said that the proposals seemed sensible and that there was no need for us to comment.
Cllr Willingham said that the Football Club had enquired about storage at the recreation ground which is currently taken up by stalls. He also reported that the Coxcombe Fair had donated £800 to the Village Hall but the money must be used for a specific project and will probably be used to improve the kitchen. He asked for a donation of around £400 from the Parish Council towards general maintenance to include repairing water damage, paintwork and possible installation of hand dryers. This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

**IGHTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 21st AUGUST 2012 AT IGHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45pm**

MINUTES

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

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr B Gillow

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

TM/12/01683/FL - Applegarth Farm, High Cross Road, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks Kent TN15 0NN,
Four bedroom detached living accommodation and detached double garage for owners of Denmark Kennels.
“We fully support this application to reintroduce planning consent for a second dwelling on this site for the reasons given. This will enable Denmark Kennels to continue to flourish and provide a valuable local service”. *This application has been turned down already*

TM/12/01919/FL - Old Orchard, Ismays Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent ,TN15 9BE
Single storey front and side extensions. “This property has been considerably enlarged in the past and we leave it to TMBC to judge whether these further additions to the bulk of the house are acceptable”.

TM/12/02026/TNCA – The Chequers, the Street, Ightham, TN15 9HH
T1 – Fell leaning Ash, T2 – Crown lift Sycamore and remove Ivy, remove Leylandii and Reduce Hazel. “The removal of these two trees will improve the treescape from the Village Hall Car Park, no objection providing Liz Guthrie is content”.

TM/12/02037/FL - The Gatehouse, Rectory Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9AJ,
Extension to house Plant Room. “A modest extension proposed, which is within the existing lines of the property in sympathetic materials. Therefore we propose no objection”.

TM/12/02052/FL - Leathercoat House, Fen Pond Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent ,TN15 9JD,
Single storey side extension with pitched roof and retaining wall to rear. “No objection”.

TM/12/02101/TPOC – Cobdene, Common Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9AX.
Scots Pine - Work as described in specification. “No objection providing Liz Guthrie is content”.

TM/12/02264/TNCA - Copthall Cottage. Ismays Road. Ightham. Sevenoaks. Kent, TN15 9BB,
Remove Thuja, too close to property and drains. "No objection providing Liz Guthrie is content".

TM/12/01672/OA - Selected Plants Nursery Ismays Road Ivy Hatch Sevenoaks Kent TN15 0NY,
Outline Application: Erection of a nursery managers dwelling at Selected Plants, seeking approval for access only.
"Selected Plants in now a flourishing business providing employment in the area and has recently received considerable investment in new nursery building. Accordingly we now support in principle the construction of a nursery manager's house and the siting and access proposed in this application.

TM/12/02028/FL - Buckleigh House Trycewell Lane Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HN
Erection of a tree house. "No Objection".

Planning Application Granted

TM/12/01327/RD	Bank House Trycewell Lane Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HL Details submitted pursuant to condition 2 (archaeological watching brief), condition 3 (landscaping scheme) and condition 4 (details of materials) in respect of planning permission TM/11/03058/FL (Change of use of amenity land to garden and engineering operations to create parking area with retaining wall), Approved on 26 July 2012
TM/12/01665/FL	Highlands Trycewell Lane Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HL Erection of greenhouse (outbuilding), Approved on 2 August 2012.
TM/12/01891/FL	Penfold Coach Road Ivy Hatch Sevenoaks Kent TN15 0PE Single storey front extension, Approved on 8 August 2012
TM/12/01999/FL	Chippings Fen Pond Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9JF Two storey side and rear extensions (Resubmission of TM/12/00110/FL) Approved on 9 August 2012
TM/12/02026/TNCA	The Chequers Inn The Street Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HH T1 - Fell leaning Ash; T2 - Crown lift Sycamore and remove ivy. Remove Leylandii hedge. Reduce Hazel, No Objection on 7 August 2012

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2012 were signed as a true record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Kent Highways – items to be reported:

- A letter had been received from a resident complaining of the overgrown paths between Common Road and Old Lane and a hole on the bridleway from Common Road. Parish Clerk to email KCC to cut back vegetation along the A25 Ightham bypass and splays on the junctions in time for the Paralympics.
- The bus shelter opposite Common Road is leaning. Cllr Willingham to get a quote to replace it if it is beyond repair.
- Large pot hole opposite Applegarth on layby on High Cross Rd.
- Large pot hole opposite White House Farm on High Cross Rd.

Mrs Chesson – lease for Guide hut - No further developments.

Proposed new scout/football building - Cllr Holden to set up meeting.

Proposed new car parking area in Recreation Ground - Construction Contract – Now likely to be done after the gas pipeline works have been completed.

Churchyard – dangerous tombstones – No further developments.

Little Cobs car park – Owners are considering the price.

Website – Under construction.

TMBC Gypsy site at Old Lane – Enforcement notices have been served.

Road Closures - Oldbury Lane for gas works.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC – Tree safety inspection report – Has been received and they have graded all trees that need action. Parish Clerk to send a letter to owners of Arboret as there are some dangerous overhanging branches.

Cllr Brierley to ask for a estimate to remove dead Silver Birch and immediate action works.

DCLG Consultation on Payments by Parish & Community Councils & Charter Trustees (11 Sept) Cllr Holden to look at.

Minerals & Waste Site Plans – Preferred Options – Cllr Chartres has replied to say that the Ightham Sand Pit site should be continued to be designated as a preferred site (it had been removed from the plans in error).

Salt & Sand Jumbo Bag order – Parish Clerk to place order for salt and sand as per last year.

Resurfacing Works – We have received a letter saying that additional funding may be available for resurfacing works. It was decided that Coach Road be put forward as it is in need of repair, has a high volume of traffic and is a major cut through route and bus route.

Community Speed Watch – Cllr Cracknell is to put details in the Parish Magazine and Parish Clerk to put details on the website of the volunteer scheme which would be of particular benefit along A25 by the School.

7. FINANCE

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

J P Stephens – website	£30.00
Parish Clerk Salary (to 1st August)	£397.66
Citizens Advice Bureau Donation	£100.00
KCC – Grounds Maintenance	£804.28
KCC – Tree Safety Inspection	£600.00
Robert Lee-Amies – Work at Recreation Ground and Village Hall	£339.78
EDF - Electricity Bill for the Pavillion	£51.00
Antony Edwards – Maintenance of Church Grounds	£820.80

Financial position at 31st July 2012

Current account -	£6,758 (including £995.29 unrepresented cheques)
Deposit account -	£125,303.19

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Willingham reported that a new flyer has been circulated promoting the Village Hall.

Cllr Hall requested that the letter re cutting back of hedges should be circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr Brierley put forward a suggestion that the Fete should be held on the Recreation Ground to attract more people. The next one will be held in 2014.

Cllr Chartres reported that the Residents Association at Nutfields had complained of parking issues at the entrance to the development. It is an adopted highway so nothing can be done.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

ON TUESDAY 17th JULY 2012 AT IGHTHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr J Edwards (Chairman), Cllr S Brierley, Cllr K Mitchem, Cllr B Gillow and Cllr R Willingham.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Cracknell, Cllr Hall, Cllr Chartres, Cllr Holden

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

TM/12/01665/FL – Highlands, Trycewell Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, KENT TN15 9H. Erection of Greenhouse (outbuilding) – No Objection “This is a top end green house sensitively positioned”.

TM/12/01464/FL – Tanglewood, Sevenoaks Road, Ightham Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9AD. Erection of triple bay garage and demolition of existing stables building. No Objection.

TM/12/01891/FL – Penfold, Coach Road, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 0PE. Single storey front extension. No Objection.

TM/12/01999/FL – Chippings, Fen Pond Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9JF. Two storey side and rear extensions (Resubmission of TM/12/00110/FL). No Objection.

TM/12/02026/TNCA - The Chequers Inn The Street Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HH. Fell two Ash trees with decay at base and leaning over garden. No Objection.

Planning Application Granted

TM/12/01615/TNCA	4 Oldbury Close Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9DJ Fell Golden Cupressus, Douglas Fir and Leylandii (too large, causing excessive shading). No Objection on 26 June 2012
TM/12/01700/TNCA	Yew Tree Cottage Trycewell Lane Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HL Yew Tree - Reduce crown by 50% (tree in decline - lack of foliage in upper crown). No Objection on 3 July 2012
TM/12/01354/FL	Dendron Lodge Sandy Lane Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9BA Alterations and extension to garage consisting of new roof design, installation of dormer and lean-to store extension to its north-west side Approved on 3 July 2012

4. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2012 were approved with additional wording from Cllr Hall.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Kent Highways – items to be reported:

Flooding in Redwell Lane – CCTV camera due to investigate blockage on 17th July.

Flooding in Back Lane opposite Planet Plants.

Flooding on Tonbridge Road opposite Gibbons Place (Signs had been put up by Police after the torrential rain)

Branch down on Road at High Cross Junction with Tonbridge Road.

A lorry had gone over the turf at the Ismays Road/Copt Hall junction, Cllr Willingham to ask Gardener to put right.

Mrs Chesson – lease for Guide hut - No response received regarding the new lease, Cllr Edwards had contacted Angela Rowe at Warners about increasing the rent, a notice will be sent to Sue Chesson about the increase.

Proposed new Scout/Football building - We have received a draft lease from Angela Rowe at Warners, Cllr Edwards will look through with Cllrs Chartres and Holden and the Parish Clerk. The final version can be used as a basis for the new lease for the Guide Hut/ Skips. The planning application for the new Scout Hut should be received soon.

Proposed new car parking area in Recreation Ground - Construction Contract . Cllr Edwards approved the fees for the supervision of the Construction Contract which will be in the region of £5,000.

Churchyard, dangerous tombstones - No further developments.

Little Cobs car park – Little Cobs are considering the offer to buy the car park.

Website – Gel Creative have sent some initial designs. It was suggested that we contact Mary Allwood regarding using some of her photo's from the Calender. Cllr Gillow suggested that it may be nice to have some photo's with people although subject to their permission. Various suggestions were given as to content and advertising and it was agreed that free advertising should only be available to local businesses. The Parish Clerk will talk to Cllr Cracknell about using some of the content from the Parish Magazine.

TMBC Gypsy site at Old Lane – No further developments.

Road Closures – The controversial closure of Oldbury Lane to replace the gas works has now been postponed indefinitely.

Painting of Bridge – We are awaiting a date for this to be done, it will take around 2 weeks.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC – Tree safety inspection report – Not yet received.

Broadband Campaign - Letter from Open Reach – The campaign continues.

Kent Minerals & Waste Consultation Plan – Our Comments – None of the sites in Ightham have been allocated.

NALC New Code of Conduct – The Parish Clerk will collect together the forms that need to be completed by Councillors in relation to Pecuniary Interests.

Tonbridge & Malling Citizens Advice Bureau – Request for donation – It was agreed that we should donate £100.

Quote from JH Gardening Services – We have received a quote for maintenance of the verge at Ismays Road and the triangle at Ivy Hatch for £50 per month. It was agreed that work should be done on an hourly rate and an invoice submitted each month, as per R Lee Amies and Anthony Edwards. Cllr Willingham will go back to JH Gardening to discuss this.

The Conservation Volunteers – Information was passed to Cllr Gillow.

7. FINANCE

The following accounts are submitted for payment, proposed by Cllr Willingham and soconded by Cllr Mitchem:

J P Stephens – website	£30.00
Parish Clerk Salary (to 1 st August)	£397.66
Parish Clerk Expenses	£247.79
Antony Edwards: Maintenance to Church Grounds and Ivy Hatch	£934.76
Gel Creative – Deposit for Website (paid)	£277.50
St Peters Church – Printing	£72.50
Bob Lee Amies – Work at Recreation Ground, Village Hall and War Memorial	£527.75

Financial position at 31st June 2012

Current account -	£9087.44 (including unrepresented cheques)
Deposit account -	£125,303.19

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Gillow reported that the Horticultural Show at Ightham Mote went well and that there were around 1,500 visitors. The Gardens will also be open on the evening of Saturday 21st July with music and picnics. From March next year Ightham Mote will be open 7 days a week for the core season. Cllr Gillow also reported that her responsibilities now include Oldbury Hill and other National Trust properties in North and West Kent.

Cllr Willingham reported that the lights outside the Village Hall should have been fixed. Cllr Willingham also requested a donation towards an electricity bill that had been received at the Village Hall for £400. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay the balance of the bill, Cllr Willingham to check what that was and pass to the Parish Clerk.

Cllr Brierley has ordered a Rowan Tree for Jubilee Crescent, this should arrive towards the end of the year.

**MEETING OF IGHTHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 19th JUNE 2012 AT IGHTHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45pm**

MINUTES

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

3. APOLOGIES

None

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Willingham declared an interest in relation to Dendron Lodge, Sandy Lane.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

TM/12/01615/TNCA – 4 Oldbury Close, Ightham – Fell Golden Cupressus, Douglas Fir and Leylandii (too large, causing excessive shading) – No Objection if Liz Guthrie is content.

TM/11/01191/FL – Erection of 177 dwellings, creation of 6.83 HA of open space – **Borough Green** – We welcome the division of the proposed development into two phases with continuing access for landfill to Stangate Quarry until the site is completely filled in, restored and returned to agriculture. We remain concerned that the impact of traffic movements from the development on the adjoining narrow lanes in Ightham should be minimised.

TM/12/01354/FL – Dendron Lodge, Sandy Lane, - Re roof garage, installation of dormer in south eastern roof elevation and construction of store to north west elevation of garage – No Objection

TM/12/01700/TNCA – Yew Tree Cottage, Trycewell Lane – Yew Tree, reduce crown by 50% (tree in decline – lack of foliage in upper crown) – No Objection if Liz Guthrie is content.

Planning Applications granted

TM/11/00794/FL	The Ightham Sandpit Borough Green Road Ightham Sevenoaks TN15 9JB Retention of portable building (building 9), change of use of buildings 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8 for storage purposes, use of buildings 3 and 9 for office purposes and use of buildings 5 and 6 for the storage purposes and/or the storage, repair or maintenance of machinery or plant used for mineral extraction. Approved on 15 May 2012
TM/11/03564/RD	Greenboughs Coach Road Ivy Hatch Sevenoaks Kent TN15 0PF Details of materials, landscape and boundary, acoustic assessment, soil contamination, external lighting, levels and surface water pursuant to conditions 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11 on planning permission TM/10/01431/FL [Alterations to planning consent TM/09/00063/FL (demolition of existing house and garage and construction of new house, garage and pool building). Approved on 16 May 2012
TM/12/01106/FL	Greenfields Jubilee Crescent Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9AE Two storey side extension and two storey rear extension plus single storey orangery to rear. Approved on 28 May 2012
TM/11/01602/FL	Planet Plants Back Lane Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 0NY Revised application for the erection of a detached dwelling house for occupation by the Horticultural Manager of the nursery. Approved on 1 June 2012

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TM/12/00416/FL	The Lodge Ightham Court Fen Pond Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9JF Single storey kitchen extension. Approved on 29 May 2012
TM/12/01350/TPOC	7 Nutfields Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9EA Fell Sycamore and Goat Willow; Pollard Goat Willow at 4m; Reduce Birch by 25%; and Remove lowest branch from small Oak. Approved on 6 June 2012
TM/12/01351/TPOC	7 Nutfields Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9EA Two Beech trees - Cut back lower branch of each (interfering with garage) Approved on 6 June 2012
TM/12/01366/TNCA	Prestons Farmhouse Rectory Lane Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9AJ Fell conifer causing damage to pond. No Objection on 6 June 2012

Planning Application Refused

TM/12/00972/FL	Stone Acre Copt Hall Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9DT Single storey side extension (including demolition of existing extension) to form granny annexe. Formation of additional rooms in roof space. Refused on 17 May 2012
TM/12/00956/FL	The Cottage (formerly Coquetdale) Oldbury Lane Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9DD Proposed two bay cart-lodge. Refused on 22 May 2012
TM/11/01444/FL	Woodfold Old Lane Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9AH Variation of conditions 1 and 2 on TM/07/01238/FL: Change of use for stationing of two caravans for residential use, fencing and sheds for occupation by a single gypsy family. Refused on 31 May 2012 (TMBC Legal Team are checking that everything is in place before taking enforcement action)

4. MINUTES of the meeting held on 17th May 2012 were signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Kent Highways – items to be reported:

The Jet Patcher is due to go to Ismays Road, the following potholes have been reported:

Mote Road, 100m along from Scathes Wood, Coach Road by Penfold, 50m East of Pine Tree Land & Coach Road A25 & Coach Road entrance.

Flooding is still occurring at Raspit Hill/Coach Road and ongoing flooding in Redwell Lane after heavy rainfall.

Signage: Coach Road Sign down, Ivy Hatch Sign down on High Cross Road A227 Junction, Heavy Vehicle Sign on Coach Road has dropped, broken manhole cover on Sevenoaks Road/A25 junction.

Overgrown vegetation outside Nutlands on Oldbury Lane and on Mill Lane.

Mrs Chesson – lease for Guide hut - No update. Cllr Edwards to call Angela Rowe. Clerk to check when rent is due.

Proposed new Scout/Football building - The Scouts are working on the Planning Application. Cllr Holden to meet with Mike McGonigle and James Reid to discuss retention of ownership and fund raising in relation to the amount required before we can start work.

Proposed new car parking area in Recreation Ground - Contract Tender - No further progress although now there is an issue due to the proposed road closure of Oldbury Lane for 16 weeks for Gas Works. Cllr Chartres happy to meet with Transco to discuss possibility of getting carpark completed in advance of this to relieve parking in Oldbury Lane during the works.

Website –The Clerk met with Jane Hasledon of Gel Creative to discuss redoing the Parish Website. Jane has done the Hadlow Website which looks very professional and is easy to navigate. It was agreed unanimously that we should go ahead with the work which will cost £925.

Big Tidy Up – Busty Lane – The work has now been completed and Cllr Willingham has asked Bob Lee Amies to clear the footpaths on a regular basis.

School Recreation Grounds – Cllr Chartres has spoken to June Cooke and the police have been made aware of problems of litter/drinking on the recreation ground.

Ightham Coxcombe Fair – Amber Langis have agreed to refund £180 as signage was not put out/collected on time.

Cllr Cracknell and the Team who organised the Coxcombe Fair were formerly congratulated for all their efforts in organising the Fair which was a great success. Cllr Cracknell thanked everyone for the flowers and will have figures in time for the next meeting.

Allotments – The Clerk is to draft letters requesting overdue payments.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC – Tree safety inspection report, we are awaiting the report.

Try Angle Awards – Sponsorship - it was agreed that we should make a £100 donation.

Make Kent Quicker Broadband Campaign – Information has gone into the Parish Magazine, as many people as possible need to register their support on www.makekentquicker.com.

Voucher for Maggie Williams – It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase a gardening voucher to say thank you to Maggie Williams for doing our internal audit.

KCC – 50mph Speed Limit – A letter has been drafted registering our support for the reduction in speed to 50 mph on the A25 from Seal to the Ightham By Pass and asking for a 40mph limit on the stretch from Spring Lane to the By Pass. Cllr Chartres to do a separate response.

Kent Minerals & Waste Consultation Plan – a meeting will take place on 27th June from 9-1pm in Platt Village Hall. The meeting is to get views on the option sites for minerals extraction and supply and waste management. The consultations will close on Monday 23rd July. The Clerk and Cllr Chartres to attend, Cllr Chartres to draft a response.

CPRE Protect Kent – Campaign for zero VAT on Listed Buildings – IPC to draft response registering our support for this Campaign as Ightham has many listed buildings.

Cobnuts Restoration Project at Ivy Hatch – We have received details about a project initiated by Gillian Jones with volunteers to restore the Cobnut Platt at Ivy Hatch belonging to the National Trust which will initially involve clearing young birch and willow trees. We have been asked to make a one off donation of £1,500 which will hopefully be matched with a grant from Kent Downs AONB. Work has already started with funding from Medway Valley Countryside Partnership and further funding would enable completion of the heavy work in year 1 and put the project on a sustainable basis for the future. Cllr Edwards proposed that we donate £1,500, this went to a vote with 5 Councillors voting in favour, 2 voting against and 2 abstaining. The Clerk will draft a letter to say that we would be able to make a one off contribution of £1,500 provided that a matching sum is agreed by Kent Downs AONB and that suitable public access is available when restoration is complete.

Kenward Trust – Request for donation – We already made a donation in November 2011 so it was decided not to make a further donation at this time.

Annual Canvass, Register of Electors – A notice has gone into the Parish Magazine.

NALC Code of Conduct – Under the new Localism Act there is a new model Code of Conduct. The Clerk to circulate to members. In the absence of any objections we resolve to adopt the new Code by 1st July 2012.

Gambling Act 2005 Licensing Policy Consultation – Papers were passed to Cllr Willingham to check whether there were any new issues relating to activities in the Village Hall.

7. FINANCE

The following accounts were submitted for payment and agreed, proposed by Cllr Hall and seconded by Cllr Holden.

J P Stephens – website	£30.00
Parish Clerk Salary (to 1 st July)	£397.66
EDF Energy	£88.92
GA Willingham & Sons	£1,823.71
Robert Lee Amies (Work at the Rec, War Memorial and Ivy Hatch)	£557.30

Financial position at 31st May 2012

Current account - £1,790.76 (including unrepresented cheques totalling £981.10)

Deposit account - £135,287.13

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Boundary Review – The Local Government Boundary Commission are proposing to reorganise wards in order to achieve greater electoral equality. For Ightham this would mean being in a ward with Wrotham and Stansted. Cllr Chartres is writing to the Commissioner and IPC need to send comments by 25th June.

Bob Lee Amies will no longer be able to look after the greens at Ivy Hatch and Copt Hall Road. Cllr Willingham to ask his neighbour James to quote on taking over these areas. In addition Cllr Willingham reported that Antony Edwards had broken his mower whilst working in the Churchyard, it was agreed that he could claim for repair costs. Concern had been expressed that an area of the graveyard where ashes are interred, required attention. Overall we need to ensure that the common areas are maintained to a high standard.

Cllr Willingham reported that the Village Hall has a new Caretaker, Jenny Elliot who has created a website for booking the Village Hall. Details to go into the Parish Magazine.

Cllr Chartres had received details from a Group of Villagers who meet to organise Community Speed Watch.

Cllr Chartres had received information about a Firm who were prepared to pay for slip roads in both directions on Junction 5 of M20.

Cllr Cracknell reported that there had been a lot of rubbish dumped in the recycling area in the Village Car Park.

Cllr Brierley had an application form from Trees to Treasure to apply for a tree in Jubilee Crescent. It was agreed that a Rowan Tree would be a nice addition, we should take delivery towards the end of the year.

Cllr Holden suggested that it may be an idea to try and collect email addresses of Parish members for elections and mailing information about the AGM, it was suggested that we could use the website to facilitate this.

Cllr Gillow said that Ightham Mote would be hosting the Ightham Horticultural Show on 14 & 15 July and that there is an Open Garden for Music and Picnics on Saturday 23rd June.

The meeting Closed at 10pm.

IGHTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 15th MAY 2012 AT IGHTHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45pm

MINUTES

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

ANNUAL MEETING

Election of Chairman, Cllr Edwards registered his willingness to stand as Chairman for a further year; this was proposed by Cllr Chartres and seconded by Cllr Mitchem and carried unanimously.

Election of Vice Chairman, Cllr Edwards proposed that Cllr Holden become Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Willingham and carried unanimously.

Election of: Working Groups and Representatives – it was agreed as follows:

Playground Working Group – Cllrs Mitchem and Willingham
Footpaths – Cllr Edwards
Ightham Tennis Club – Cllr Chartres
Scouts Representative – Cllrs Mitchem and Holden
Village Hall Representative – Cllr Willingham
Ightham Primary School – Cllr Chartres
Tree Warden – Cllr Brierley
St Peter's Church – Cllr Cracknell

MONTHLY MEETING

5. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Gillow

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

TM/12/00956/FL	Coquetdale, Oldbury Lane, Ightham – Proposed two bay cart-lodge – We object on the grounds that this would constitute over development of a small plot in a conservation area.
TM/12/00972/FL	Stone Acre, Copt Hall Road, Ightham – Single storey side extension (inc demolition of existing extension) to form granny annexe. Formation of addition rooms in roof space– No objection
TM/12/01106/FL	Greenfields, Jubilee Crescent – Two storey side extension and two storey rear extension plus single storey orangery – No objection.
TM/12/01366/TNCA	Prestons Farmhouse, Rectory Lane - Fell Conifer causing damage to pond – No objection if Liz Guthrie is content.
TM/12/01350/TPOC	7 Nutfields - Fell Sycamore and Goat Willow, pollard Goat Willow, reduce Birch and remove branch from Oak tree – No objection if Liz Guthrie is content.
TM/12/01351/TPOC	7 Nutfields – Cut back branches of 2 Beech trees that are interfering with the garage - No objection if Liz Guthrie is content.

TM/12/01327/RD Bank House, Trycewell Lane, Change of use of amenity land to garden and creation of parking area – No objection.

Planning Applications granted

TM/12/00658/FL Lambtons High Cross Road Ivy Hatch Sevenoaks Kent TN15 0NN
Internal alterations and addition of 2 no. dormer windows to front elevation together with 2 no. Conservation windows to each oast & creation of oast link at second floor level.
Approved on 18 April 2012

TM/12/00477/FL 9 Durlings Orchard Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HW
Retention of chestnut post and rail fencing which has been erected in place of post and wire fencing, Approved on 27 April 2012

TM/12/00889/TNCA Spring Cottage Trycewell Lane Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HN
Oak tree - Remove crown by approximately 20% in neighbours side and dead wood
No Objection on 24 April 2012

TM/12/00837/TEN Setters Cottage Borough Green Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HU
Installation of green telecommunications cabinet
Prior Approval Not Required on 1 May 2012

TM/12/00853/FL Double Dance Tonbridge Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9AT
Proposed demolition of existing single storey utility and construction of new single storey kitchen extension, plus internal alterations
Approved on 3 May 2012

TM/12/01090/TNCA Church Of St Peter Fen Pond Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent
Remove various trees as specified
No Objection on 8 May 2012

TM/12/00901/TNCA Double Dance Tonbridge Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9AT
Oak (T1) and Sycamore (T2) - Reduce crowns by 30% to maintain amenity Value. No Objection on 8 May 2012

Planning Application Refused

TM/12/00321/LDP The Chase Sandy Lane Ivy Hatch Sevenoaks Kent TN15 0PB
Lawful Development Certificate (proposed): Erection of an outbuilding comprising a home gym, games room and pool house. Refused on 9 May 2012

Planning Appeals

4. MINUTES of the meeting held on 17th April 2012 were signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Kent Highways – items to be reported:

Coach Road by Penfold and 30mph sign – 2 large pot holes

50 m east of Pine Tree Lane and Coach Road Cross Road – 2 pot holes

From A25 Coach Road entrance turn off – very large pot hole

Sign at Seven Wents still not fixed

Ivy Hatch sign at Ightham Mote needs to be re-erected

Redwell Lane still flooding, a member of public stated that he had complained to the Highways Agency who had cleared the drains but found a blockage, they need to send a camera crew to establish what is causing it. The situation has improved but the drains can't take a heavy downpour

Common Road and dip by A25 is still flooding

Coach Road by Raspitt Hill, blocked gully

Mrs Chesson – lease for Guide hut - no response received.

Proposed new scout/football building - almost ready to go to planning

Proposed new car parking area in Recreation Ground - Contract Tender – Cllr Chartres to chase up Andrew Gilbert

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration – Cllr Cracknell brought the programme and reported that preparations are going well. Parking will be on the Recreation Ground and at Double Dance. Richard Mack will do the flowers outside the War Memorial. The official time for the lighting of the beacon is 10.15pm on Monday 4th June

Churchyard – dangerous tombstones – no further developments

Little Cobs car park – no further developments

Website – Cllr Willingham is awaiting an email which he will forward to The Clerk

Big Tidy Up – Busty Lane – Cllr Willingham has bought some resin to fix the posts and will treat the rust

6. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC – Quotation for annual visual tree safety inspection report – Cllr Brierley met with James Ferguson who will carry out our tree inspection within 2-3 weeks. After an initial inspection he is going to write to Mrs Wibbly at Arboret to say that the Silver Birch overhanging the Scout and Guide Huts should come down as it is in a bad state. He will prepare a full report and quote and has suggested that the inspection be carried out every 3 years.

There is room for a small tree on Jubilee Crescent to mark the Jubilee, possibly a Rowan, Cllr Brierley to look into.

Home-Start South West Kent – support and friendship for families – donation request – It was agreed that we would donate £20.

Try Angle Awards – Sponsorship – Cllr Cracknell to look into.

TMBC Gypsy site at Old Lane – TMBC are processing an application in relation to the Gypsy Site at Old Lane, they are waiting for the new site at Coldharbour Lane, Aylesford, to be opened before the travellers can be moved. 47 residents have taken an interest and Cllr Chartres reported that everything that can be done is being done. We have sent a letter to TMBC stating that we would like enforcement action to be taken as soon as possible so that the land can be restored to its original condition.

Village SOS – Big Lottery Fund – This supports business ideas that will bring communities together and offers grants of £10k to £50k to communities of 3,000 or less for projects of £100k or less. We don't have any such projects in the pipeline at the moment. Cllr Chartres suggested that it could be used for an initiative to increase broadband speed.

Trees to Treasure – Scheme operated by DEFRA offering funding for Trees, info passed to Cllr Brierley.

Heritage Open Days 2012 – Nothing for us at the moment

Spring Clean for the Queen and Win £10,000 – We will not take part in this.

Make Kent Quicker Broadband Campaign – We have registered our support and need to get more people to register their support. The Clerk will get posters to put on noticeboards and speak to James Harman to see what else can be done.

AON – Insurance Renewal – The Clerk will check that the policy includes all of IPC assets and it was agreed that we would pay the premium by 1st June.

Paralympic Games Cycling Event, West Kingsdown – This will take place from 5-8 September and training events on 19 June and 3-4 September, there will be road closures and a leaflet will be sent to all local communities on Monday 21 May.

KCC Road Order 2012 to reduce speed to 50mph – We have received a notice of the proposed variation of the speed limit on the A25 from Seal to Ightham ByPass from a point 380m east of its junction with School Lane to a point 170m northeast of Oldbury Lane. We have deadline of 13th July to register support or objection. We need to respond to say that we fully support the proposal but wish to have the speed limit reduced to 40mph on the stretch of the A25 as requested in the recent petition

which we supported. The clerk to pass the information to the School and Parents who did the petition and to establish what was asked for in the petition.

7. FINANCE

A Mandate was signed to include Cllr Cracknell as signatory – a resolution was passed to include Cllr Cracknell as signatory.

The following accounts were submitted for payment and agreed, proposed by Cllr Holden and seconded by Cllr Willingham.

Transfer of funds from Deposit Account to Current Account	£5,000.00
J P Stephens – website	£30.00
Parish Clerk Salary (to 1 st June)	£397.66
Home Start – Donation	£20.00
Amber Langis Ltd – Road Closure	£918.00
Robert Lee Amies – March & April	£563.46
Anthony Edwards - Maintenance of Church Grounds	£548.20
R Willingham – Wine for IPC Annual Meeting	£51.92

The 2011-2012 Annual Return for forwarding to the Audit Commission External Auditor was approved and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Financial Position at 30th April 2012

Current Account £2,893.46 (including unpresented cheques totalling £627.64)

Deposit Account £137,084.13

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

We have been invited to attend a meeting about the Olympic Torch on 4th July – The Clerk will attend.

Cllr Edwards reported that a set of gates had been stolen from Ightham Mote and that Planet Plants had been broken into and a lot of valuable plants stolen. We need to register our concern about the lack of police presence in Ightham, particularly in the light of the recent increase in crime in the area.

Cllr Mitchem attended the Scout Jamboree where she represented Ightham Parish Council. The Scouts entered the Guinness Book of Records for the most people eating breakfast at one time.

Cllr Hall raised concern about overgrown hedges. IPC have a standard letter that is sent out reminding people that it is their responsibility to cut back their hedges. Cllr Chartres to take up with KCC for hedges along highways. We need to stipulate how much hedges need to be cut back by.

Cllr Willingham reported that there is a vacancy for a Caretaker/Bookings Manager at the Village Hall. A notice is to go in the Parish Magazine.

Cllr Willingham reported that there will be road closures in Ismays Road and Coach Road on 4th June for 4 days for BT works.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

IGHTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING ON TUESDAY 17th APRIL 2012 AT IGHTHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45pm

MINUTES

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

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Sarah Huseyin to her first meeting as the new Clerk.

6. APOLOGIES

Cllr B Gillow

7. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Penny Cracknell in relation to the 2 planning applications relating to Double Dance.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- TM/11/02816/FL Gibbons Place, Tonbridge Road, Ightham – erection of agricultural/storage barn to service 50 acre farm and Gibbons Place - we support this proposal to erect an attractive traditional barn within the domestic curtilage of Gibbons Place in order to provide agricultural storage for the 50 acre farm rather than the alternative of erecting an unattractive modern building on the adjoining field, which does not require planning permission.
- TM/12/00889/TNCA Spring Cottage, Trycewell Lane, Ightham – Oak tree – remove crown by approximately 20% in neighbours side and dead wood – no objection providing Liz Guthrie is content
- TM/12/00837/TEN Setters Cottage, Borough Green Road, Ightham – installation of green telecommunications cabinet – no objection
- TM/12/00853/FL Double Dance, Tonbridge Road, Ightham – proposed demolition of existing single storey utility and construction of new singlestorey kitchen extension, plus internet alterations – we support this proposal for a modest extension, replacing an existing single storey utility room, which we consider will have the effect of improving the elevation to north and east.
- TM/12/01090/TNCA St Peters Church – Remove various trees as specified – no objection providing Liz Guthrie is content..
- TM/12/00901/TNCA Double Dance, Tonbridge Road, Ightham – Oak and Sycamore – remove crowns by 30% to maintain amenity value – no objection
- TM/12/00956/FL Coquetdale, Oldbury Lane, Ightham – Proposed two bay cart lodge. (*Not yet received by post, only viewed online and via Green List B*). After discussion the general feeling that it was “over development” and that plans should have been submitted with the original application. It was agreed that our response would be “an objection on grounds of overdevelopment of a small plot in a conservation area”.

Planning Applications granted

- TM/11/02108/FL Ightham Recreation Ground Sevenoaks Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent
Proposed extension to an existing public car park on Ightham Recreation Ground.
Approved on 27 March 2012

It was resolved that Andrew Gilbert (Architect) should invite contractors to tender for this asap. At least 3 contractors should be invited to tender and it was suggested that the work should be carried out during the summer school holidays.

- TM/11/03058/FL Bank House Trycewell Lane Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HL
Change of use of amenity land to garden and engineering operations to create parking area with retaining wall. Approved on 27 March 2012
- TM/12/00378/LB Bewley Farm Tonbridge Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9AP
Demolition of existing carport to be replaced with new biomass boiler and pellet store. Renovation of existing garden store. Approved on 27 March 2012
- TM/11/03250/FL Rose Cottage The Street Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HH -
Change of use of The Coach House to residential use as an extension to Rose Cottage. New two storey extension to form link between Rose Cottage and The Coach House, single storey rear garden room extension plus associated works, including new front boundary railings. Approved on 4 April 2012
- TM/11/03252/LB The Chequers Inn The Street Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HH
Listed Building Application: Demolish single storey rear kitchen and attached toilet block together with small two storey rear lobby and first floor toilet. Extend with a two storey rear extension and a single storey timber frame ground floor garden room. A single storey timber frame garage together with front boundary wall and wrought iron railings and internal alterations, including rear windows & door. Approved on 4 April 2012
- TM/11/03253/FL The Chequers Inn The Street Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HH
Change of use of public house to residential (single dwellinghouse). Demolition of existing rear projection (single storey). Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey rear garden room. Single storey detached garage and new front boundary railings. Approved on 4 April 2012
- TM/11/03391/LB Rose Cottage The Street Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HH
Listed Building Application: Extension to The Coach House to provide a two storey link with Rose Cottage and internal and external alterations to form habitable accommodation. Approved on 4 April 2012
- TM/12/00317/FL Little Cluny The Street Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9HE
Alterations and extensions to existing chalet type dwelling amounting to a change of design to the previously permitted scheme (ref TM/09/02855/FL). Approved on 5 April 2012
- TM/12/00717/FLX 4 And 5 Manor Farm Cottages Oldbury Lane Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9DG
Renewal of planning permission TM/09/00002/FL (Extension to rear/side of existing domestic property, single storey consisting of kitchen area, dining and living space, removal of 2no. trees with replanting). Approved on 10 April 2012

TM/12/00547/TPOC

Three Birches Common Road Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9DY

1. Oak on north side of plot hanging over conservatory at rear of house. Reduction by 25% because of degree of overhanging to the rear of the house and potential damage to property. 2. Oak at far west point of the plot, adjacent to lane to house. Reduction by up to 20%. We have had a tree surgeon look at the tree who believes it would benefit from a reduction to encourage healthy re-growth as currently the density of foliage/crown is well below other oaks we have on the plot, and many of the branches are covered in lichen and mosses. Several dead branches at high level. 3. Oak located on north boundary of plot over vegetable patch. Reduction by 20% because of excessive height and width for proximity to the house. 4. Oak located to west of driveway. Reduction by 20% because of excessive shading to the front of the plot and size of tree for proximity to house and garage. 5. Oak tree to east of driveway. Reduction by 20% because of excessive shading and proximity to the house; and continued damage / interference with overhead telephone and electricity cables. Approved on 3 April 2012.

Planning Application Refused

Planning Appeals

TM/11/03501/FL

Old Orchard Jubilee Crescent, Ightham – demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage with games room over.

4. MINUTES of the meeting held on 20th March 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Kent Highways – items to be reported:

Flooding in Redwell Lane, this is an ongoing matter

Flooding in Common Road, opposite Wellwood

A25 gullies are filled and need emptying from Crown Point to Dark Hill roundabout

Areas around Busty Lane, several gullies are overflowing

Bates Hill A227, the gully down from the Rectory adjacent to the manhole cover needs emptying.

Mrs Chesson – lease for Guide hut - no response yet from Mrs Chesson's solicitors. We need to wait for the lawyers to talk.

Proposed new scout/football building – now that we have planning approval for the car park it is appropriate for the Scouts to make their planning application.

Proposed new car parking area in Recreation Ground – going ahead, see above.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration – Cllr Cracknell has received a £2000 grant from Tonbridge & Malling. This will cover the registered Beacon and fee for road closure. She is also pursuing other sources of funding and is awaiting news from Natwest Bank. We have free street entertainment from "Applause", we were unable to get Punch & Judy.

The Beacon will be lit between 10-10.30pm on Monday 4th June in the grounds of Double Dance, the field will be open to Villagers.

Churchyard – dangerous tombstones – no further developments

Recreation Ground entrance – attention to 'no camping' sign – now fixed

Little Cobs car park – we have received a valuation, Cllr Chartres to negotiate with Little Cobs.

Website – Cllr Willingham has talked to Dave Studeleys daughter and needs to obtain a quote.

Organic Nursery – agricultural tenancy – Cllr Mitchem spoke to Martine Kay Jenkins about the people renting the nursery. The Ingrams are producing their own fruit and veg and have been in touch with T&M with regard to setting up as an organic farm. Martine has also agreed to clear the footpaths.

Big Tidy Up – Busty Lane – Cllr Chartres has inspected the area and there are some concrete posts with tubular rails which

need some repair work posts the following was agreed:

1. The Parish Council will instruct and pay a professional firm to repair the damaged concrete posts (5No.) and have those previously decorated white on Busty Lane re-painted, and,
2. The posts and rail along the edge of the footway bordering the stream will not be decorated as, at present, this section of fence sits well in its surroundings.

Every effort will be made to complete this work in time for the Coxcombe Fair

Lease of land adjacent to Bellevue – this is already rented by Andrew Lyons

6. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC – Quotation for annual visual tree safety inspection report – We have received a quote from KCC for a tree safety inspection of £350 day. It was felt that this would be useful as Men of Trees aren't coming this year, especially with the expansion of car park in the recreation ground. Other areas would include Jubilee Crescent and the Village Car park. Cllr Brierley has taken the papers and will report back.

Home-Start South West Kent – support and friendship for families – donation request – it was agreed that we would donate £20, cheque to be signed at the May meeting.

KALC – annual subscription & Chairmanship Mentoring Programme. It was agreed that we should continue our membership as it provides a useful source of advice. Cllr Edwards has decided not to apply for the Chairmanship Mentoring Programme.

Heart of Kent Hospice – donation appeal – it was agreed that we should donate £200 and the cheque was signed at the meeting.

KCC – Parish Council Legal Scheme – It was agreed that we would not go ahead with this as we are happy with the service that Warners provide.

District Quest Camp – Scouts – We have been asked to send a representative from IPC, Cllr Mitchem agreed to represent us as she is going along anyway.

Oldbury Hill Campsite – World Record Attempt – unfortunately we are not able to send an adjudicator as each Counsellor already had commitments on that date around the Jubilee.

Armed Forces day – Flagpole – Cllr Brierly has a flagpole and will fly a flag for the this event. Details also passed to Cllr Cracknell. Cllr Willingham said that there was a flagpole lying on the ground in “Redwell” and we could use it for the Jubilee, possibly in Jubilee Crescent if it could be easily moved. Cllr Willingham to speak to owners.

Try Angle Awards – Sponsorship – Cllr Cracknell will look into this scheme and we will discuss at the next meeting.

MacMillan Williams – Request for minutes dating to Jan 2007 re A25 Junction. The Clerk to find out what the minutes are required for and pass on Cllr Chartres name.

Bank Mandate – Change of Signatory/ Passing of Resolution – The Chairman signed the mandate with The Clerk and a Resolution was passed to change signatory from Ruth Morris to Sarah Huseyin.

Request for definitive map of the Parish – the enquiry should be directed to the Kent Public Right of Way office at KCC as they hold all of the up to date maps.

South East Water - We are in credit by £27.50.

T&M Planning Office – We have received a refund of £85 as an overpayment.

Ightham Tennis Club – a letter requesting payment was passed to Cllr Mitchem to pass to the Treasurer.

7. FINANCE

The following accounts are submitted for payment:

Proposed by Cllr Willingham and seconded by Cllr Hall.

Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) annual subscription	668.14	VAT	133.63	£801.77
J P Stephens – website				£30.00
The Heart of Kent Hospice - (brought forward from March meeting)				£200.00
TMBC – Non-domestic rates bill for Village Hall				£261.06
Easily – domain name hosting	24.99	VAT	5.00	£29.99
Red Cross – For Coxcombe Fair				£200.00
Parish Clerk Salary (to 1 st May)				£397.66
Ruth Morris Invoice				£398.92
Sarah Huseyin Invoice				£49.70

Financial position at 30th March 2012

Current account -	£5,410.75 (including unrepresented cheques totaling £1,159.96)
Deposit account -	£93,995.27

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

APM – Cllr Willingham to organise wine and Cllr Gillow is organising glasses. Cllr Brierley gave her apologies. Cllr Willingham and S Huseyin to set up at 7.15pm on 26th April.

Cllr Chartres reported that the Cricket Noticeboard needs repainting and asked for a contribution towards the cause, which should be undertaken before the Coxcombe Fair.

Cllr Holden said that the Saturday morning Football Club need new goals, Cllr Chartres suggested that they apply to IPC for a contribution.

Cllr Cracknell asked about planting flowers around the War Memorial. Richard Mack, who lives opposite had asked whether he could plant red white and blue flowers around the Memorial for the Coxcombe Fair. It was agreed that this would be welcome. The Remembrance Day wreaths need to be removed.

Cllr Willingham had been asked by the Agency for Revenue & Customs to provide an explanation for a drop in income of the Village Hall over the last 3 years from over £6k to £4k. The increased income was due to the Celcon Enquiry and we get more income when the Village Hall is hired for elections (due in 2015).

Two members of the public were at the meeting, Mr Shipton and Mr Fonseca. Mr Shipton asked whether some trees on council land could be removed as they blocked sunlight in his garden. It was agreed that they should be left as they are. Mr Fonseca passed over his rental cheque for the allotment.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

IGHTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 20th MARCH 2012 AT IGHTHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45PM

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

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr R Chartres and Cllr D Hall

The Chairman introduced Mrs Sarah Huseyin, who would be taking over as Parish Clerk on 1st April and was attending the meeting as part of the handover.

2. DELARATION OF INTERESTS. None.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- TM/12/00378/LB Bewley Farm, Tonbridge Road, Ightham – demolition of existing carport to be replaced with new biomass boiler and pellet store. Renovation of existing garden store – no objection.
- TM/11/03058/FL Bank House, Trycewell Lane, Ightham – amended site location – change of use of amenity land to garden and engineering operations to create parking area with retaining wall – no objection
- TM/12/00547/TPOC Three Birches, Common Road, Ightham – reduce five Oak trees by 20%-25% - no objection if Liz Guthrie is content.
- TM/12/00477/FL 9 Durlings Orchard, Ightham – retention of chestnut post and rail fencing which has been erected in place of post and wire fencing – no objection.
- TM/12/00416/FL The Lodge, Ightham Court, Fen Pond Road, Ightham – single storey kitchen extension – no objection.
- TM/12/00438/TNCA Charters, Tonbridge Road, Ightham - amended application with regards to the Monterey Cypress (T4) which needs to be felled as it is diseased – no objection providing Liz Guthrie is content.
- TM/12/00317/FL Little Cluny, The Street, Ightham – alterations and extensions to existing chalet type dwelling amounting to a change of design to the previously permitted scheme (ref TM/09/02855/F1) – although a very slightly increased volume to the scheme approved previously, the addition of tiled pitch roofs instead of flat roofs will vastly improve the appearance of this property. No objection.”
- TM/12/00717/FLX 4 and 5 Manor Farm Cottages, Oldbury Lane, Ightham – renewal of planning permission TM/09/00002/FL (extension to rear/side of existing domestic property, single storey consisting of kitchen area, dining and living space, removal of 2no. trees with replanting) – no objection.
- TM/12/00658/FL Lambtons, High Cross Road, Ivy Hatch – internal alterations and addition of 2no. dormer windows to front elevation, together with 2no. conservation windows to each oast and creation of oast link at second floor level – as compared with the original application in 2010, which was refused, the proposed size of the dormers is now appropriate to the visual balance of the façade but we still consider the proposed addition of conservation windows to the roofs of the oasts would further damage their visual integrity as surviving oast houses in the Ivy Hatch Conservation Area.

Other Planning Matters

TM/11/00794/FL **For information only – amended drawings can be viewed at www.tmbc.gov.uk.** The Ightham Sandpit, Borough Green Road, Ightham – change of use of buildings 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 for storage

purposes, use of buildings 3 and 9 for office purposes and change of use of weighbridge to lorry car park

Planning Applications granted

TM/11/03560/FL	Oaklands, Back Lane, Ightham – First floor extension for rooms in roof
TM/12/00095/TNCA	Trees at Tryces and Sping Cottage, Trycewell Lane and Ash Tree Farm, Mill Lane, Ightham – selectively reduce/remove various trees as described between both properties
TM/11/03521/TPOC	The Old Rectory, Rectory Lane, Ightham – Extensive tree works
TM/12/000294/TNCA	Ightham Mote, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch – Mature Beech hedge – re-pollard all trees and remove dead stems to ground level
TM/12/00286/TNCA	Ightham Mote, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch -T1: Common Ash (multi-stemmed) – fell due to health and safety issues (close to shop on unstable bank), T2: Common Ash – reduce two outer scaffold limbs by approximately 50% (overhanging bridle route)
TM/12/00223/RD	Selected Plants Nurseries, Ismays Road, Ivy Hatch – details submitted pursuant to condition 2 (materials) of planning permission TM/11/00901/FL 9 Replacement of existing agricultural buildings with the erection of a general purpose agricultural building)
TM/12/00284/TNCA	Fir Cottage, Ismays Road, Ightham – 3 Oaks – crown lift and trim back to allow more light to cottage
TM/12/00089/FL	Hope Cottage, Common Road, Ightham – single storey side extension (resubmission of TM/11/02961/FL)
TM/12/00438/TNCA	Charters, Tonbridge Road, Ightham - amended application with regards to the Monterey Cypress (T4), which needs to be felled as it is diseased
TM/12/00135/FL	Ightham Mote, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch – three parking meters in car park
TM/12/00136/AT	Ightham Mote, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch – 3 No signs in car park related to parking meters
TM/12/00412/TNCA	Little Cluny, The Street, Ightham – T1, T2 and T3 (all Willow) to be felled to ground

Planning Application Refused

TM/12/00110/FL	Chippings, Fen Pond Road, Ightham – two storey side and rear extension
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4. MINUTES of the meeting held on 21st February 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Kent Highways – items to be reported:

Potholes outside Fairways in Back Lane.

Oldbury Lane junction with A25 – on the lefthand side of the road a deep hollow has appeared and this is getting larger.

On the traffic island at junction of Sevenoaks Road and A25 the manhole cover has completely shattered and is dangerous

On traffic island at junction of Sevenoaks Road and A25 the illuminated bollard is missing

On traffic island at A25 junction with Coach Road the illuminated bollard is missing

On traffic island at A25 junction with Common Road and Spring Lane the illuminated bollard is missing

Flooding is still occurring in Redwell Lane at the lowest point when it rains.

Pot holes in Common Road – the Clerk had received notification from Kent Highways that these would be repaired when the road was closed by BT on 12th March. This does not appear to have happened and the Clerk will contact KHS regarding this.

Mrs Chesson – lease for Guide hut – the Chairman reported that valuations had been carried out on the Guide and Scout huts and the value is £64,000 and £60,000 respectively. A valuation for a proper market rent had been received for the Guide Hut and the figure recommended is £2,350 per annum as opposed to the £500 being paid at present.

Our solicitor has forwarded a revised lease to Mrs Chesson's solicitor and we have asked them to advise her that the rent is likely to be increased. The Chairman asked for opinions regarding an increase in the rent, bearing in mind the rent has been set at £500 per annum for the past 15 years. Cllr Holden said that in view of the large amount spent on repairs in the early years of Mrs Chesson's occupancy he felt a rent of £1,000 per annum would be fair with a revision in three years time as per the conditions of the lease. This was unanimously agreed by all councillors present and the Chairman said Cllr Chartres, who was absent from the meeting, had suggested this figure.

The Chairman said he has also asked our solicitor to include a clause in the lease in respect of allowing for the occasional accommodation of special needs children up to the age of 16.

The valuer had also recommended that we have an asbestos survey carried out as this is an obligation for a landlord. Cllr Willingham will obtain the name of a company to carry out the survey. Cllr Gillow said she also had a contact.

Proposed new scout/football building – the Chairman said that as the scout hut is on land owned by the Parish Council, the building is our property and cannot be owned by the scouts. He has asked our solicitor to draft a lease with a peppercorn rent of £1.00 a year. Cllr Willingham suggested that the Parish Council absorb the cost of insurance on the scout hut.

Proposed new car parking area in Recreation Ground – the application has now been validated but TMBC are insisting on a turning area. The Chairman said we hope that the car park might be in use in time for the Olympic torch procession.

The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebration – Kent Highways have agreed to the short deviation route, which they used during a recent closure of The Street. The cost of this will be £765.00, plus VAT at £153.00 and it is hoped that we may be able to recoup the cost from TMBC. An estimate for this amount had been received from Amber Langis Traffic Management Systems.

Churchyard – dangerous tombstones – no further progress.

Play area– muddy hollow at entrance – this has been infilled.

Recreation Ground entrance – attention to ‘no camping’ sign – Cllr Willingham will ask Mr Lee-Amies to attend to this.

Little Cobs car park- this has been valued at £2,500 and the meeting agreed that Cllr Chartres be given authority to open negotiations with the owner.

Oldbury Close sign – re-erection – this has now been carried out.

Play equipment annual inspections – a reply had now been received from ROSPA who state that, although it is not mandatory, to protect the Parish Council we should still have their annual inspection as Playsafe Playgrounds do not have people qualified for this.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The Kent Men of Trees – competition 2012 – Cllr Brierly said the competition is only open for trees in the centre of the village, and as nothing has changed we should not enter this year. It was suggested that perhaps we should plant a tree to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee and several suggestions were put forward including obtaining advice from Liz Guthrie at TMBC.

South East Water – current water resources situation – an update on the hose ban had been received and this advised that it was possible to obtain concessions for the disabled, people over 65 etc – it was suggested that we put this information on the website.

Amber Langis Traffic Management Systems – Estimate for road closure/diversion signs for Coxcombe Fair – 2nd June – it was agreed that the Clerk should accept the estimate and ask them to forward an invoice for payment in advance.

7. FINANCE

The following accounts are submitted for payment, proposed by Cllr Holden and seconded by Cllr Mitchem:

Ruth Morris salary			£397.66
Ruth Morris – reimbursement for printer ink cartridge	21.66	VAT 4.83	£28.99
Ightham Coxcombe 2012 – additional funds for PA system and raffle ticket printing			£370.00
R Lee-Amies – work to Recreation Ground and Village Hall			£339.66
G A Willingham –clearing snow in Recreation Ground footpath to Ightham School	82.00	VAT 16.40	£98.40
Latitude Architects – Professional fees re car park extension	920.00	VAT 150.00	£1,070.00
Transport Solutions Consultant Ltd – transport statement re car park	1650.00	VAT 330.00	£1,980.00
Ben Larkham Associates Ltd – Arboricultural survey re car park	520.00	VAT 104.00	£624.00
Sheffords Chartered Surveyors – valuation for Skips and Scout buildings	500.00	VAT 100.00	£600.00
Sheffords Chartered Surveyors – valuation for parcel of land at Cobtree, Oldbury Lane	362.00	VAT 70.00	£432.00
Kent County Council contribution to replacement parish maps			£200.00
J P Stephens – website			£30.00
Ightham Village Hall Management Committee – contribution to car park lighting			£500.00
R G Willingham reimburse repaired to village Hall heating system	50.00	VAT 10.00	£60.00
AON Limited – insurance cover for Guide and Scout Huts – 1 st March – 1 st June 2012			£394.96

Financial position at 29th February 2012

Current account - £1,525.71 (including un-presented cheques totaling £271.00)

Deposit account – £103,897.32

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman said there had been a further meeting at TMBC regarding the Olympic Torch passage and concerns were raised about the number of people and parking. There will be a road closure in force in Borough Green. He also said there will be a Paralympic Road Cycle Race starting at Brands Hatch, which will be viewable from the roadside without tickets. Further information will be provided at a later date.

Cllr Chartres had been in touch with a group proposing the cleaning up of the Busty stream and we will be asked to contribute financially.

Gllr Gillow reported that Ightham Mote is now fully open.

Cllr Willingham brought up the question of the website and said it is not 'visitor friendly'. This was agreed and he was asked to obtain a quotation for its re-design from a contact who had expertise in this area.

Cllr Mitchem said the sign outside the village hall now had a new pole.

She also commented on the visual impact of the daffodils and crocuses at Leathercote Corner.

Cllr Brierley said the footpath from Heronshaw down to the bypass is virtually impassable, and the Chairman said this is the responsibility of the landowner. Cllr Brierley said the Organic Nursery has been sold to the owner of the stables and the poly tunnels are being used by a couple who will be growing salad vegetables but they are not occupying the house this is contravening the agricultural tenancy planning conditions for the house and is a matter for TMBC Enforcement. Cllr Mitchem said she will speak to the owner before any further action is taken.

Cllr Cracknell said she had been passed a letter from Mrs Joanna Abnett, a trustee of Home-Start West Kent who support young families experiencing a time of trouble. Their aim is to take these families on a day out and she is asking for a donation of £20 from the Parish Council. It was agreed that this should be discussed again at the April meeting.

The Chairman said as this will be the last occasion on which the Clerk will be present at a meeting, he would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her long and valuable service during the last ten years. She was then presented with a water colour of Ightham village and a bouquet of flowers.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

IGHTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2012 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 B Gillow

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS. None.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- TM/11/03526 Camping and Caravan Club, Styants Bottom Road, Seal Chart – upgrades and improvements to existing site including: extension to existing internal site access roads, tarmacadam resurfacing of all internal site access roads: extension to existing site opening period to 16 February to 5 January – no objection.
- The Parish Council could see no reason to object to this application, but some of the nearby residents have strongly objected. Cllr Chartres said that he had met with them and has passed on their concerns to TMBC. He said it appears that the site is well operated. One of the residents main concerns is that satellite navigation directs caravans via Letter Box Lane which means they have to negotiate the extremely narrow and steep part of the road instead of via Styants Bottom Road. He said a brown sign needs to be erected at Letter Box Lane to deter them from using this route.
- TM/12/00095/TNCA Trees at Tryces and Spring Cottage, Trycewell Lane and Ash Tree Farm, Mill Lane, Ightham – selectively reduce/remove various trees as described between both properties – no objection.
- TM/11/03570/RD Greenboughs, Coach Road, Ivy Hatch – details of archaeological watching brief ref condition 8 of TM/10/01431/FL – demolition of existing house and garage and construction of new house, garage and pool building – no objection.
- TM/11/03564/RD Greenboughs, Coach Road, Ivy Hatch – details of landscape and boundary, acoustic assessment, soil contamination, external lighting, levels and surface water pursuant to planning permission TM/10/01431/FL - demolition of existing house and garage and construction of new house, garage and pool building – no objection.
- TM/11/03058/FL Bank House, Trycewell Lane, Ightham – change of use of amenity land to garden and engineering operation to create parking area with retaining wall – no objection.
- TM/11/03560/FL Oaklands, Back Lane, Ightham – First floor extension for rooms in roof - we have no objection providing the previous approval for a loft conversion in the main house is relinquished. This house has been much enlarged in recent years and we think this should be the last expansion permitted
- TM/12/00089/FL Hope Cottage, Common Road, Ightham – single storey side extension (resubmission of TM/11/02961/FL) – we support this resubmission.
- TM/12/00110/FL Chippings, Fen Pond Road, Ightham – two storey side and rear extension – no objection
- TM/12/00223/RD Selected Plants Nurseries, Ismays Road, Ivy Hatch – details submitted pursuant to condition 2 (materials) of planning permission TM/11/00901/FL (Replacement of existing agricultural buildings with the erection of a general purpose agricultural building) - we support the choice of materials and colours and hope this application can be approved without delay so that construction of the building can begin.
- TM/12/00135/FL Ightham Mote, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch – three parking meters in car park – no objection
- TM/12/00136/AT Ightham Mote, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch – 3 No signs in car park related to parking meters – no objection.

- TM/12/00284/TNCA Fir Cottage, Ismays Road, Ightham – 3 Oaks – crown lift and trim back to allow more light to cottage - no objection providing Liz Guthrie is content.
- TM/12/00286/TNCA Ightham Mote, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch -T1: Common Ash (multi-stemmed) – fell due to health and safety issues (close to shop on unstable bank), T2: Common Ash – reduce two outer scaffold limbs by approximately 50% (overhanging bridle route) – no objection providing Liz Guthrie is content.
- TM/12/000294/TNCA Ightham Mote, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch – Mature Beech hedge – re-pollard all trees and remove dead stems to ground level - no objection providing Liz Guthrie is content.
- TM/12/00412/TNCA Little Cluny, The Street, Ightham – T1, T2 and T3 (all Willow) to be felled to ground – removal of the 3 ‘deformed’ trees will enhance the coppice in which they are situated. The tree scape will be unaltered – a positive piece of tree work.
- TM/12/00438/TNCA Charters, Tonbridge Road, Ightham – T1, poplar covered in Ivy – take tree down to ground level. T2, Poplar x 4 – pollard reducing by 50%, T3 Monterey Cypress – take down to ground level, T4 Monterey Cypress – shorten and remove branches close to boundary - no objection providing Liz Guthrie is content

Planning Applications granted

- TM/11/03213/LB Meadlands, Tonbridge Road, Ightham – external alterations and repairs to jowl posts, structural frame and brick panels. Removal of brick flue on north elevation, 2 replacement windows on east and west elevations and re-opening window on west elevation
- TM/11/03228/FL The Ightham Club, Sevenoaks Road, Ightham – new entrance porch
- TM/11/03226/FL Ladywood, Coach Road, Ivy Hatch – new white T-shape conservatory on rear lefthand corner of house and associated works
- TM/11/03437/TPOC Sycamores, Bates Hill, Ightham – 23 x Lime trees – epicormic growth to be removed up to 8 metres and sever the Ivy to allow greater levels of light to reach the property

Planning Application Refused

- TM/11/03501/FL Old Orchard, Jubilee Crescent, Ightham – demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage with games room over

4. MINUTES of the meeting held on 17th January 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Kent Highways – items to be reported:

Signs at Bates Hill opposite Sevenoaks Road have been demolished
 Coach Road – sign has been damaged again
 Manhole cover in the middle of the road on Bates Hill near the junction with Mill Lane is misaligned and rattling.

Cllr Willingham said the pot holes in Common Road have still not been repaired. The Clerk said she had received notification from Kent Highways that these will be attended to when BT close the road on 12th March

Mrs Chesson – lease for Guide hut – the Chairman reported that he, Cllr Chartres and the Clerk had met with our solicitor and a reply had now been received from Mrs Chesson’s solicitors, agreeing to many of our points, but we need to explore further the point that she still asks for children up to the age of 16.

The Chairman said he had arranged for a valuation to be carried out on both huts for us to insure the buildings. The cost to insure the Guide Hut will be recoverable from Mrs Chesson. The valuation will also recommend a market rental for the Guide Hut..

With regard to the Scout Hut James Reid is under the impression that the Scouts own the hut as it was erected by them, but it is not possible for a building to be owned by someone other than the land owner, which is the Parish Council. It was agreed that we should inform him that he cannot own the building.

Proposed new scout/football building – no further progress

Proposed new car parking area in Recreation Ground – the planning application has now been submitted, and an article was to appear in the Chronicle newspaper that week, asking why there has been such a delay.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration – Cllr Cracknell reported that the organising committee is about to launch their website and signs will appear on the boarding outside the old Chequers Inn. Cllr Chartres is pursuing the road closure and long diversion since during the previous week Kent Highways had closed The Street with a short diversion via Ightham Bypass and Sevenoaks Road back on to Bates Hill, with no problems for trucks and buses.

Churchyard – dangerous tombstones – no further progress

Play area– muddy hollow at entrance – Cllr Willingham said he would check if Mr Lee-Amies had rectified this.

Recreation Ground entrance – attention to ‘no camping’ sign – Cllr Willingham will ask Mr Lee-Amies to repair the sign

Little Cobs car park – Cllr Chartres said he has spoken to the owner who wants to sell or rent her part of the car park. He suggested an independent valuation and we should ask the person valuing the huts to give us a valuation.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Kent Highways – pot holes in Common road – repair date 12th March to coincide with BT road closure

Samaritans – donation request – donated £100 in January 2011- this was agreed at £100.00.

KCC Landscape Services – annual tree inspection – in view of the fact that it seems difficult to obtain the services of a tree surgeon at times, it was agreed that we should ask Landscape Services to quote for this service.

ROSPA/Playsafe Playgrounds Limited – annual inspections – it was felt that we may not now need the ROSPA inspection as Playsafe Playgrounds will supply a report, but it was agreed that the Clerk should check with ROSPA.

South East Water – Update on Metering programme

South East Water – Drought Plan

7. FINANCE

The following accounts were submitted for payment, proposed by Cllr Hall and seconded by Cllr Holden.:

Ruth Morris salary		£397.66
Ruth Morris expenses		£312.23
J P Stephens – website		£30.00
Ightham Village Hall – hall rent and storage charges		£141.00
Mr R G Willingham – reimburse boiler repair at Village Hall	70.00 VAT 14.00	£84.00
Roger Ward Limited – heating repairs at Village Hall	76.64 VAT 15.32	£91.96
AON Limited – Annual Insurance premium – Village Hall		£2774.01
Samaritans – donation		£100.00

Financial position at 31st January 2012

Current account - £5,188.82

Deposit account – £103,897.32

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Cracknell said the George and Dragon are tidying their garden and would like three or four trees. They understand that Woodland Trust are offering trees free of charge, but it was pointed out that there is a need to take 100 trees – not just a few.

Cllr Chartres said that the Oldbury Close sign has become detached from the two posts and is lying on the ground. Cllr Willingham will refix this.

Cllr Chartres said that KCC are carrying out a consultation on civic amenity sites and are looking for a site in the TMBC area – he said he has replied.

Cllr Chartres reported that the KCC Waste and Mineral Strategy 25 year plan contained technical errors relating to two sites in Ightham Parish. These were the partially backfilled Celcon proposed new factory site which is to be reinstated and the other is the land north west of the railway arch which has sand reserves beneath. Cllr Chartres said he had responded to say that we supported these corrections.

Cllr Willingham reported on the Village Hall finances. At the end of December 2011 income was £1900 down on the previous year due to the loss of Pilates.

It was reported that EDF are laying a cable underground in June from Ismays Road to the footpath.

The Chairman said he had received a letter of resignation from the Clerk. He said under the terms of her Contract of Employment she had to give four weeks notice, but had kindly offered to stay on to the end of March it being the end of the

Financial Year. It was agreed that her post would be advertised in the Parish magazine, which was about to be published and on the Parish notice-boards.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

IGHTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2012 AT IGHTHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45PM

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

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr S Brierley, Cllr R Chartres and Cllr B Gillow

6. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS. None.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- TM/11/03437/TPOC Sycamores, Bates Hill, Ightham – 23 x Lime trees – epicormic growth to be removed up to 8 metres and sever the Ivy to allow greater levels of light to reach the property – no objection
- TM/11/00794/FL H + H UK Ltd – Ightham Sandpit, Borough Green Road, Ightham – change of use of buildings 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 for storage purposes, use of buildings 3 and 9 for office purposes and change of use of weighbridge to lorry car park - we have no objection to the change of use for the buildings. With reference to the change of use of weighbridge to lorry car park, we feel there should be appropriate conditions attached to limit numbers and traffic movements. It may be pertinent to ask H + H UK Limited about the control and management of the lorry parking.
- TM/11/03250/FL Rose Cottage, The Street, Ightham – change of use of Coach House to residential use as an extension to Rose Cottage. New two storey extension to form link between the two, single storey rear garden room extension plus associated works, including new front boundary railings – no objection.
- TM/11/03391/LB Rose Cottage, The Street, Ightham – LBA – extension to Coach House to provide a two storey link with Rose Cottage and internal and external alterations to form habitable accommodation – no objection.
- TM/11/03253/FL The Chequers Inn, The Street, Ightham – change of use of public house to residential (single dwelling house). Demolition of existing rear projection (single storey). Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey rear garden room,. Single storey detached garage and new front boundary railing – no objection.
- TM/11/03252/LB The Chequers Inn, The Street, Ightham - Listed Building Application – demolish single storey rear kitchen and attached toilet block together with small two storey rear lobby and first floor toilet. Extend with a two storey rear extension and a single storey timber frame ground floor garden room. A single storey timber frame garage together with front boundary wall and wrought iron railings and internal alterations, including rear windows and doors – no objection
- TM/11/03501/FL Old Orchard, Jubilee Crescent, Ightham – demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage with games room over – no objection.
- TM/11/03521/TPOC The Old Rectory, Rectory Lane, Ightham – additional application (amended form) as the Holm Oaks as described below are covered by a TPO G1. All shrubs/trees adjacent to rear boundary (mainly Holm Oak, Laurel and Holly) in neighbour's garden, located in the grounds of The Old Rectory – prune back up to approx height of 5-6m from level of raised area to allow more light into client's shrub bed below – no objection providing Liz Guthrie is content.

Planning Applications granted

TM/11/02894/FL	2 Ramblers, Oldbury Lane, Ightham – car port to side of existing cottage
TM/11/02526/LRD	Bewley Farm, Tonbridge Road, Ightham – details pursuant to condition 6 (curtilage, buildings , 7 (bat and bird mitigation), 8 (foul and surface water drainage), 9 (Landscaping) 10, (sustainability measures), 11 (sustainability standards) and 12 (vehicle parking and turning) of planning permission TM/11/00929/FL for conversion of existing derelict granary (storage) building into 4 bedroom single family dwelling house
TM/11/02525/LRD	Bewley Farm, Tonbridge Road, Ightham – details pursuant to conditions 2 and 3 (rainwater, goods and joinery and rooflights) to Listed Building Consent for conversion of existing derelict granary (storage) building into 4 bedroom single family dwelling house
TM/11/02842/FL	Viewlands, Jubilee Crescent, Ightham – single storey front and side/two storey rear extensions
TM/11/03276/ELEX	Church of St Peter, Fen Pond Road, Ightham – remove existing overhead line and poles
TM/11/03307/TNCA	5 Oldbury Close, Ightham – Quercus Robor – fell because of excessive shading –amended description received: remove the two main scaffold branches back to source leaving main vertical stem, reduce the remaining crown by approximately 20% to live points
KCC/TM/0489/2011	Ightham Primary School, Oldbury Lane – to renew planning permission for existing single class mobile at Ightham Primary School – building is not altered in any way
TM/11/02840/FL	Viewlands, Jubilee Crescent, Ightham – Garden room to rear of property, less than 4m high
TM/11/03175/ELEX	Wesleyan Place, Chapel Row, Ightham – removal of existing overhead line and telegraph pole and repositioning of telegraph pole and overhead line
TM/11/03230/FL	Green Leaves, Coach Road, Ivy Hatch – ground floor extension to single family dwelling

Planning Application Refused

TM/11/02949/FL	Five Acres, Sandy Lane, Ivy Hatch – new detached double garage
TM/11/02961/FL	Hope Cottage, Common Road, Ightham – single storey side extension

Revised Planning Application

Revised application (TM/11/01602/FL) for the erection of a detached dwelling house at Planet Plants, Back Lane, Ightham – application to be reported back to Area Planning Committee on 18th January 2012.

4. MINUTES of the meeting held on 20th December 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Kent Highways – items to be reported:

Road sign at junction of Coach Road and A25 – pole is leaning badly and sign is lying on the verge.

Mrs Chesson – lease for Guide hut - The Chairman explained that he and Cllr Chartres had perused the numerous alterations made to the draft by Mrs Chesson and this would now be forwarded to our solicitors for their comments. Mrs Chesson and a friend attended the meeting and he wanted to explain the importance of Skips to the village, to which the Chairman replied that we were well aware of its importance and hoped that at long last we would now be able to finalise the lease to the satisfaction of both parties. He assured Mrs Chesson that we would do all in our power to expedite the finalisation of the lease.

Proposed new scout/football building – it was reported that there is a possibility of a grant of £2,000 from TMBC towards the new scout building. Cllr Willingham said KCC Cllr Valerie Dagger also has funds available and suggested that James Reid applies to her.

Proposed new car parking area in Recreation Ground – the Chairman explained that Mr Andrew Gilbert has now put everything together for submission to TMBC.

The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebration - It was reported that there is a fund for Jubilee celebrations and we can apply for a maximum of £500. With regard to the beacon, Cllr Cracknell proposed that the field at ‘Double Dance’ be used for this as it is close to the centre of the village and the George and Dragon could be approached to provide refreshments.

Churchyard – dangerous tombstones – Cllr Cracknell reported that several head-stones had been laid flat to avoid them toppling over. It has now been confirmed that the box ones are actually listed. Cllr Cracknell said she has advised Cllr Chartres of these facts.

Lime trees in Recreation Ground – Cllr Willingham reported that Duncan Simpson has carried out an inspection of the Lime trees and they are all in a sound condition.

Play area– muddy hollow at entrance – Cllr Willingham will ask Mr Lee-Amies to supply bark to infill.

Recreation Ground entrance – attention to ‘no camping’ sign – Cllr Mitchem said the sign is extremely dirty and she will clean it. Cllr Willingham said he will speak to Mr Lee-Amies and ask him to lift and re-secure the sign.

Little Cobs car park – no further information.

6.CORRESPONDENCE

TMBC – Community Fund: Parish/Town Council Bidding Round – bids to support Jubilee/Olympics

Kent Highway Services – notification of closure of Ismays Road Ivy Hatch on 6th and 7th March 2012

Kent Highway Services – notification of closure Sandy Lane on 5th April 2012

7. FINANCE

Setting of Precept for 2012/2013 – the Chairman explained that he had met with the Clerk and then Cllr Holden and it was felt that we should increase our Precept by approximately 14% which is considerably down on last year’s increase of 40%. It is felt that we need to keep our reserves topped up as there is no prospect of grants from anywhere and we will be funding the new car park in the Recreation Ground, almost certainly contributing to the new Scout Hut/Pavilion and need funds available for the new roof for the Village Hall. It was unanimously agreed that we should increase our Precept by 14% for 2012/2013.

The following accounts were submitted for payment, and agreed; proposed by Cllr Willingham and seconded by Cllr Hall.

Ruth Morris salary		£397.66
Ruth Morris – reimburse Domain name renewal fees to Easily Ltd	3.98 VAT 8.99	£40.78
J P Stephens – website		£60.00

Financial position at 31st December 2011

Current account - £2,386.71 (including un-presented cheques totaling £1696.20)

Deposit account – £108,897.32

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Mitchem said compliments were received in respect of the efficient hall heating at her New Year’s Eve party.

Cllr Hall raised a question about the KCC Development Framework and the Chairman said that Cllr Chartres was going to make a presentation at this evening’s meeting had he been present.

Cllr Holden said at a recent meeting of the Badminton Club it was said that their fee for hiring the village hall had not been increased for a long time. Cllr Hall said in view of the state of the hall finances could this not be considered. Cllr Willingham said it is difficult because at present they are competitive with other halls in the area and an increase could cause the loss of hire in the present economic climate.

Cllr Cracknell said there would be a Jubilee Jamboree community event presented by St Peter’s in the hall on 25th February to raise awareness for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Tickets at £10 per head to include food.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.