

Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council

Parish Council meeting

Thursday 17 January 2008

Agenda Item 8: Public Liaison and Communication

Imperial College London

By now everyone will have read the statement from ICL explaining that teaching of Applied Business Management at the Wye Campus will come to an end by 30 September 2009. ICL will be seeking to identify the opportunities for activities which would fit well at the campus. Apparently ICL are consulting Savills and have said they will not rule any suggestion out. Since the site is designed for educational purposes an educational use would seem most fitting.

ICL has written to the Parish Council and suggested a meeting. The Parish Council indicated to the clerk before Christmas that it was time to seek a routine liaison meeting with ICL but the recent news makes this more pressing.

Bound up with the future of the Wye Campus is the site submission by ICL requesting that the area from the ADAS site down to Occupation Road and Beanfield allotments (excluding the library) be designated in the Tenterden & Rural Sites DPD for mixed residential and employment development with open public space. Funds generated by such development would apparently be used to improve ICL's core site (the library and the buildings on the other side of Olantigh Road) for educational purposes. However, ICL now lacks its main educational tenant from September 2009.

Parish Council: **to seek a suitable date for a meeting with ICL
to put forward agenda items**

Parish website

The parish website is operating although there is a great deal of work to do uploading information about the Parish Council and its activities. It will be discussed in more depth at the meeting of the Public Liaison and Communications committee meeting on 24 January.

The site was mentioned in the Parish Notes that appeared in the December Parish Magazine and will feature again in January's magazine. Already the clerk has received email and telephone enquiries from people who have googled the site and used the contact details on it to raise questions.