



Iden Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 5th March 2019 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall

Village Notices

James Ramus had recently passed away. He had taken part in the 1964 Olympics as part of the sailing team.

Present: Cllrs R. Griffin (Chairman), P. Allard, M. Miller, G. Say and J. Wood

In attendance: County Cllr K. Glazier, District Cllr P. Osborne and the Clerk M. Philo

Item No.		
1	Apologies	District Cllr S-A Hart
2	Co-option	It was resolved to co-opt Mr Philip Allard as a member of the council. Mr Allard signed his acceptance of office and joined the other councillors.
2	Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items	All councillors except for Cllr Allard had a personal interest in the item regarding the village fete.
3	Minutes	It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 5th February 2019 as a true record, with the following correction: Rother District Community Grants would reopen in April with approx. £130 thousand.
		The meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm
	County and District Councillors' Reports	County and District Councillors deferred their reports to the Annual Village Assembly taking place directly after the meeting
	Public Questions	
	Philip Allard	Mr Allard, now retired, has a background as a chief financial officer and had worked for various banks in the UK and overseas.
	Bin by Grove Lane Bus Shelter	This was still to be replaced, in spite of numerous requests.
		The meeting was reconvened at 7.40pm
4	Planning	Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1 and 2010
4.1	Enforcements	None.
4.2	R.D.C Planning Decisions	None.
4.3	Applications Received	None.
5	Finances	I.P.C. Financial Regulations

5.1	Financial Report	Bank Balances as at the 28 th February 2019: Treasurer's Account £15,178.15 and reserve account £9,757.20.
5.3	Receipts for Previous Month	£ 0.44 Bank Interest
5.4	Payments	<p>£ 444.25 Clerk's Salary for 8 hours per week</p> <p>£ 52.28 Clerk's Admin: Room £30, car £11.70, Stamp £0.58, Vat training petrol contribution £10.00</p> <p>£ 9.12 Pett PC: mobile phone</p> <p>Charge card</p> <p>£ 304.08 Hopes Grove Nurseries: hedging for war memorial and two trees for the playing field – from Horticultural donation</p> <p>£ 32.00 Lloyd's ban: annual fee for charge card</p> <p>£ 7.01 Cartridge world: ink cartridge (vat £1.17)</p>
6	Playing Fields Gate Refurbishment	It was resolved to contract RE Engineering to refurbish the gates to Iden Playing Field. Approx. cost £380.00
7	Contingency Fund	It was resolved to allocate the contingency fund to cover the cost of the ditch clearing along the additional parking area £180 and the work proposed for the gate £380 and any overspend for the current financial year.
8	Website	It was agreed to contract Mr C Vane to work with the Clerk to construct a new website using Wix with new email addresses, subject to email security being confirmed. £800. Domain names, email addresses, etc are excluded from the fee.
9	New Burial Ground Regulations and Fees	It was resolved to reconfirm the New Burial Ground Rules and regulations and Charges to 2020. Open Spaces Act 1906
10	Fete	The new committee had recently met and a decision taken to scale down the event to the boot fayre and food provided by the committee. There would be no rides and raffle tickets would have to be pre-sold as the grand draw would be at midday. Tom Bourne continued as chairman. It was suggested that the risk assessment be review at the June council meeting.
11	Playing Fields and Pavilion	
	Trees	A branch had fallen and was wedged within the tree. Tree surgeon to remove. Two birches (Jaquemontii and Royal Frost) had been planted on the playing fields and netted off for protection. All protection from the trees in the avenue was removed. The dead tree on the cricket outfield boundary had been replaced.
	Brambles along new burial ground	The brambles along the new burial ground yew hedge had been strimmed. The cherry tree planted in memory of Mrs Roger is now clear.
	Molehills	There were several molehills visible, but pest control had dealt with several moles during the last visit.
	Ground Condition	The ground was very muddy
12	Risk Assessment	

	Steps to Garden of Remembrance	The Clerk was looking for a suitable contractor to quote
13	Information for Cllrs	
	Nomination Papers for Parish Council Elections	Nominees were required to hand deliver their completed forms to Rother District Council and make an appointment to hand them in
14	Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 2 nd April 2019 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall
		The meeting closed at 8.15 pm