



Iden Parish Council

**Minutes of Meeting held on
3rd July 2018 at 7.00 pm at Iden Village Hall**

Village Notices

Chairman expressed the council's condolences to the respective families for the recent passing of Beryl Broad and Alice Coleman.

Present:

Councillors: Mr. R. Griffin (Chairman), Mr. M. Miller, Mrs. P. Riley, Mr. G. Say and Mr. J. Wood.

In attendance: District Cllrs S-A Hart, P. Osborne and Parish Clerk Mrs. M. Philo.

Item No.		
1.	Apologies	Cllr Glazier who was attending the party conference in Birmingham LGA 1972 sch12,12
2.	Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items.	All councillors regarding the fete. Code of Conduct
3.	Minutes	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5th June 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record with the following amendments: - District Council Employee Salary Increase: addition " This is being funded from the district precept" - 5.1 Internal Auditors Report: Last line amended to " The Clerk advised that the auditor wished to remind councillors that the budgeted contingency sum must be allocated within the financial period" LGA 1972 sch12,19.1
		The meeting was adjourned at 7.20pm
	Sgt. Dave Townsend - Community Policing	The type of crime that community policing faced had changed over the last 10 years. The number of burglaries had significantly fallen because there was a greater chance of being caught. Criminals preferred scams as they could remain hidden. As a result policemen

	Sgt. Dave Townsend - Community Policing Contd.	were no longer seen walking the beat but deployed straight to where they are needed. The police engage with the public to alert them to the dangers of scams. However the police attend every home burgled. The police would also be enforcing parking restrictions in Rother whilst the approval process for civil enforcement was being completed. Residents were advised to be wary of drones over their properties as the drones may be carrying cameras.
	County and District Councillors' Reports	
	Fire in Playden	The explosion created by a bonfire had destroyed two houses in Playden.
	Rural Transport	Kent County Council were consulting with the public and parish councils to seek solutions to rural transport issues over the coming months.
	Rother Housing Benefit	Rother District Council's Housing Benefits department is looking to improve its processing time for new claims and changes to claims. It recently invested in a document image processing system to deal with the number of claimants per year.
	Rother Council Tax Reduction Scheme	Working age applicants for council tax reduction is managed by the district council. The current means tested benefit system is very reactive to changes in income. The rollout of universal credit has led to more regular changes to applicants income and in turn further continual changes to council tax benefits. To alleviate the complexity of the system, income banding is being introduced.
	Public Questions	None
		The meeting was reconvened at 8.00pm
4.	Planning	Details on applications can be found on Rother District Council Website. Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1/2010
4.1	Enforcements	None advised to the Clerk.
4.2	R.D.C. Planning Decisions	None advised to the Clerk.
4.3	Applications Received	None.
5.	Finances	I.P.C. Financial Regulations
5.1	Financial Report	As at the 30th June the bank balances stood at £16,840 Current Account and £ 7,854 Savings Account

5.2	Receipts	£ 350.00 Cricket Club Hire for for 2017 and 2018 season £ 250.00 Reservation of burial plot £ 0.36 June Bank Interest
5.3	Payments	£ 440.75 Clerk's Salary for 8 hours per week. Standing Order. £ 62.82 Clerk's administration costs: Room £30, car £11.70, back pay £10.50, refreshments £10.62
6.	Play Area	It was resolved to fund the repair of the play area adult swings safety surface and to agree to repair the hole in the baby swings safety surface. Est. cost £ 722 for adult swing. Baby swing basic hole repair £115. A discussion followed on the need for a defined scheme for the new play equipment. Cllr Riley and Miller to work on a scheme in the summer recess. Health and Safety Regulations
7.	Fete	The Clerk to remind the Fete Committee that the Risk Assessment and Proof of Public Liability should be with the council in the next few days.
8.	Iden Playing Fields and Pavilion	St. Michael's School sports day on the playing field had been uneventful. As the council had not been able to find a contractor willing to empty the bins within the play fields, the red bin had been moved to the parking area. The clerk was monitoring whether this additional bin would be emptied along with the regular two bins in this location.
9.	Risk Assessment	Best Practice
	Roadside Litter Bin at Grove Lane Bus Shelter	Rother's officer had been requested a date for the delivery of a new bin. The clerk awaited a response.
9.	Information for Councillors	
	New laptop and website	The Clerk requested a day to be arranged to acquire a laptop.
	Bowls Club	A branch that had broken off from a tree and left on the bowling club land had not come from a tree growing on the club's land.
10.	Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting would be Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 7.30pm in Iden Village Hall.