



Iden Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 4th June 2019 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall

Village Notices

Iden open Gardens 8 gardens will be open to the public from 11am to 5pm on the 9th June. Teas will be available in two gardens and lunch is available at the Bell Inn.

Cream Teas will be available in the Village Hall on the Saturday 8th June.

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

In attendance: County Cllr K. Glazier, District Cllrs S-A. Hart and P. Osborne and the Clerk M. Philo

Members of the public: 4

Item No.		
1	Apologies	District Cllr Sally-Ann Hart was attending another parish council meeting, Cllr Griffin and County Cllr Glazier.
2	Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items	None.
3	Minutes	It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 16th May 2019 as a true record.
		The meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm
	County and District Councillors' Reports	
	District Election Boundary Changes	With the boundary changes Peasmarch and Rye Foreign had been added to the Eastern Rother District Area. As Rye Foreign held their monthly meeting on the same day as Iden, District Councillors Osborne and Hart would alternate between the two meetings.
	District Cabinet Posts	Cllr Osborne had remained Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee.
	Bexhill Town Council	Several of the new independent cllrs to the Rother Cabinet had stood for the creation of a new Bexhill Town Council. It was anticipated that any referendum would coincide with the county council elections in 2 years' time.
	New Waste Collection Contract	The new contract with Biffa would start early July. Biffa had some smaller lorries so more smaller roads should have doorstep collections. Residents were advised to look out for the new recycling leaflet as there would be minor changes in addition to glass being accepted in the recycling box.
	Neighbourhood Plans	The current Core Strategy (Rother District Commercial and Residential Building Plan) would complete 5 years in September 2019. Central government would continue to increase pressure for more houses to be built. Some saw neighbourhood plans as a means to control building in parishes however they could not prevent building.
	A268 Hawkhurst to Sandhurst	The road will be shut for 11 weeks for a new gas pipe to be laid.

	Public Questions	None.
		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 advised.
4.3	Applications Received	RR/2019/987/P and L – Ades Cottage, Playden Lane: Install handrails either side of steps to front door. – Support.
5	Finances	I.P.C. Financial Regulations
5.1	Financial Report	Bank Balances as at 31st May 2019 Treasurer's Account £22,255.82 and Reserve Account £9,758.36. Certificate of exemption had been sent to the external auditor.
5.3	Receipts for Previous Month	£ 0.40 May bank interest £ 150.00 Cricket Club playing Field season hire £ 225.00 New Burial Ground plot acquisitions
5.4	Payments	£ 452.05 Clerk's Salary 8 hours a week (Inc. share of car allowance) £ 41.70 Clerk's Admin: room £30, car £11.70 £ 9.26 Clerk's Mobile Phone share monthly increase to £9.19 and 7p for last month Charge card Nil
6	Appointment to External Bodies	It was resolved to appoint the following councillors as representatives on: Rother Association of Local Councils: Cllrs Allard and Miller East Sussex Association of Local Councils: Cllrs Allard and Miller Iden Pavilion Association: Cllrs Griffin and Say
7	Iden Community Emergency Forum	It was resolved to appoint Cllr Wood to serve on Iden Community Emergency Forum. The working party of the council is looking for residents to assist.
8	Online Mapping Service	It was resolved to renew the online mapping service provided through RALC – approx. cost £60
9	Iden Fete	This year the fete would only include a boot fayre, BBQ, teas in the Pavilion and Bargains Galore. The parish council confirmed its authorisation of permit Iden Fete Committee to use the Playing Fields for the event on the 27 th July, so long as a suitable but brief risk assessment was provided for the council to review. The council also accepted that the amount of Public liability insurance would be £5 million but the insurance must cover volunteers and boot fayre specific insurance. Clerk to write to the Fete Committee.
10	Playing Fields and Pavilion	
	Pavilion Safety Inspection	The safety inspection had been completed and only the following minor actions were needed:

		<p>Basic fire plan to be written</p> <p>Fire extinguishers signage</p> <p>The path to the disabled toilets needed to have the moss removed and the hole filled.</p>
	Disabled Toilets	It was noted that the toilets had not been closed to the public during the winter. Council representatives to make enquiries about this.
	Play Area Equipment	A contractor had visited the site and a quote was awaited for a wooden climbing structure for young children and a replacement baby swing. The climbing structure would not require safety surface and would be in a new location within the play area. A new safety surface could be overlaid the current one for the baby swing.
	Additional Parking Area Ditch	The contractor had advised that ditch clearing was scheduled for two months' time.
	Risk Assessment	
	Ash trees at the Entrance to the Churchyard	The Clerk had been in touch with Little Gate Farm and advised that it might take a little while to organise inspection. Clerk to contact other arborologists.
	Broken branch on Chestnut Tree	This had been dealt with.
	All Saints Tower Repair Works	Scaffolding would be going up shortly to repair the tower. It was expected that the works would take two weeks.
11	Information for Cllrs	
	Rother District Parking Laws	The proposed changes were to standardise rules across all car parks and allow for modern payments methods. The District council was also looking at pricing to keep parking charges competitive.
	Overgrown Hedges	A plea was made to residents to check their hedges and cut them if overgrown. Clerk to notify highways of speed sign being blocked by vegetation.
	Speeding	The Clerk had received a request for the council to look again at speed reducing measures. The council to ask again about a flashing speed indication device.
12	Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 2 nd July 2019 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall
		The meeting closed at 8.25pm.