



Iden Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on
3rd May 2022 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.**

Present

Councillors R Griffin (Chairman), M. Miller, Greg Say and Jim Wood
In attendance: District Councillor P Osborne and Clerk Mary Philo
Members of the Public: Four

Election of Chairman

Councillors Miller and Wood nominated Councillor Griffin. **It was resolved to elect Councillor Griffin as Chairman till the parish council re-elections in May 2023.**

Acceptance of office was signed later.

Local Government Act 1972, 15(1) & (2)

Election of Vice-Chairman

Councillors Miller and Griffin nominated Councillor Say. **It was resolved to elect Councillor Say as Vice-Chairman till the parish council re-elections in May 2023.**

Apologies

County Councillor Glazier, District Councillor Hacking and Parish Councillor Allard.

Disclosure of Interests

None.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 5th April 2022 as a true record.

The meeting adjourned at 7.35pm for Public Session

District Councillor Report

An automatic rebate of £150 will be paid to council tax properties owners in bands A-D. Those with properties in E-G can apply for a rebate but it is not guaranteed.

The first draw of the Rother Community Lottery took place last week. There was a good take up from community groups who will share in the profits.

Public Question

A request was made for details of the new officer now in charge of wildflower verges. As part of the jubilee celebrations the church would have a flower display for each of the clubs and groups in the village.

The current management and franchise for the pub was not known.

The meeting reconvened at 7.47pm

Planning

It was resolved elect councillors to serve or represent the council on the following bodies as follows:

- a) Iden Community Emergency Forum – Councillor Wood**
- b) Rother Association of Local Councils – Councillors Allard and Miller**
- c) East Sussex Association of Local Councils – Councillors Allard and Miller**

Planning

7.1 Enforcements and Appeals

Appeal - R/2021/3821/P Sabroan, Church Lane: Alterations to existing dwelling, including replacing existing single storey extension with new single storey extensions, new cladding and windows and alteration of roof. Dismissed.

7.2 Planning Decisions made by Rother District Council since the last meeting

None.

7.3 Applications considered:

RR/2022/678/P Lavender Cottage: Creation of dropped kerb to create access.

Extension to RR/2021/161/P - **Support**

Finances

8.1 Bank Balance

Bank Balance as of 31st March 2022 Parish Council Accounts £19,221.72 (being Treasurer's Current Account £8,955.63 and Business Reserve £10,266.09) and Pavilion Account £178.23. Funds from the Pavilion Bank Account with Barclays is still to be transferred.

8.2 March Receipts

£0.09 April Bank Interest
£8,000.00 Precept (Council Tax Income) first instalment

8.3 The following payments were authorised

£488.55 Clerk's May salary
£41.70 Clerk's May Allowances: Room £30 and car £11.70
£420.00 Armadillo Safety Solutions: Pavilion Safety Inspection (vat £70.00)
£157.92 JAK Country Furniture Designs Limited: fingerpost repair (vat £26.32)
£360.00 JJM Locksmith: Open-up exterior toilet block, remove broken door lock from alarm room and add lock to Store cupboard for parish council use
Charge Card (9th May)
£106.99 Curries: Set of ink cartridges (vat £17.83). Appledore and Pett Parish Councils

to be charges for their share.

£3.60 Timpson Limited: padlock for sports pavilion (vat £0.60)

£5.00 Timpson Limited: 2nd padlock for sports pavilion (vat £0.83)

£2.25 Tesco: File dividers (vat £0.38)

9. Iden Playing Fields Woodland, New Burial Ground, Garden of Contemplation and All Saints Churchyard Management Plan

Sussex Wildlife trust had visited the woodland at the playing fields and saw no issue with the informal path through it, suggesting that it would benefit from some light touch management. They suggested cutting down the sycamore saplings before they grow large because they fill the canopy and block out light to the woodland floor. They also suggested clearing some of the wood close to the path. Concern was expressed about the condition of the ash trees and lime trees in that woodland. The Clerk would investigate the trees along the path and the ash trees in the vicinity of the path. The tree survey of 2016 will be consulted.

The RVA had also visited and thought funding could be made available for an information board for the area.

Seven people from Wilder Iden had made use of the logs from the fallen tree branches in the Churchyard making insect homes (organ pipes for beetles/solitary bees and log piles) and placing them between the footpath gate and large gate to the adjacent field.

A small square of grass area in the churchyard has been scarified for a wildflower patch.

A replacement TPO holly tree for the village hall will be bought in the autumn.

10. Iden Pavilion

The pavilion has passed the safety inspection. Some minor housekeeping improvements were needed. The electricity contract has been transferred but a direct debit has to be signed. **It was resolved to agree to pay EDF by direct debit** (from the Pavilion Account). The outside toilet block has been opened-up as well as sorting out a couple of other door locks. The cricket season has restarted. The Clerk has written to Barclay's Bank to transfer the funds into the parish council pavilion account.

11. Response to Sector Finance Survey

Councillors were in agreement that town and parish councils should be able to seek funding directly from central government and supported NALC lobbying on their behalf. Clerk to complete survey appropriately.

12. Iden Playing Fields

The oak tree in memory of Jean Cloute would be planted between the children's playground and the pavilion.

13. Risk Assessment – Report on Parish Assets

A risk assessment for the Jubilee Picnic is outstanding. Councillors advised that the paperwork must be received by the 11th May. Insurance cover was in place for the Jubilee picnic without extra activities.

A branch was down in the church yard on the boundary with the parking area. The Clerk to arrange removal.

14. Information for Councillors

Insurance cover was in place for the Jubilee picnic without extra activities. The Clerk is awaiting response from the Jubilee Celebration group regarding confirmation of dog show for the event.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th June 2022, 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall. Date of the annual village assembly/parish meeting was altered to 28th June 2022 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 8.40pm.