



Iden Parish Council

**Minutes of Meeting held on
5th June 2018 at 7.30 pm at Iden Village Hall**

Village Notices

The Chairman thanked all those who attended the coffee morning pop-in "Available in Iden". Cream teas would be available on Saturday 9th June 2.30pm - 5.30pm at the village hall to raise funds for the hall.

Present:

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

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

Item No.		
1.	Apologies	None. LGA 1972 sch12,12
2.	Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items.	None. Code of Conduct
3.	Minutes	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 1st May 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record. LGA 1972 sch12,19.1
		The meeting was adjourned
	County and District Councillors' Reports	
	Potholes	Residents were advised to continue reporting potholes. Concern was expressed that the reduction of funding from central government for county councils might mean the county council could only react to issues. A member of the public commented that road tax used to be all spent on the roads which was not the case currently.
	Government Funding for County Councils	It was essential that a way was found to fairly fund county councils. Central government basis for funding of some fundamental services did not factor in the number of people requiring the service such as adult and vulnerable social care and special needs transport service. Council tax for county services may have to be increased.

	District Council Employee Salary Increase	The government 1% pay cap had been lifted. Council members wished to support and value their staff with a moderate 2% increase for two years. This is being funded from the district precept.
	District Council Property Investment	A revised property investment strategy had been approved allowing borrowing up of up to £35 million. £100,000 in the revenue budget had been set aside to cover the cost of external specialist advisers.
	Burwash 32 Homes Planning Application	The District Council had set aside funds to defend the decision to refuse the development planning application.
	Public Questions	
	Heavy Goods Vehicles	A member of the public mentioned the increased use of local roads by large heavy goods vehicles which were dangerous and also damaged the road. These lorries could only be prevented by weight restrictions on the road. It was suggested that if they came from a local business these could be approached to request that their drivers take more care.
	Community Policing and Neighbourhood Watch	A resident recommended the worth of neighbourhood watch and urged the council to promote the community police attendance at the next meeting.
		The meeting was reconvened.
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	Internal Auditors Report	The internal auditors report was reviewed and noted. The clerk advised that auditor wished to remind councillors that the budgeted contingency sum must be allocated within the financial period.
5.2	Annual Governance Statement 2017/2018	Having reviewed the assertions of the Annual Governance Statement the council resolved to agree the Annual Governance Statement 2017/2018 (section1 of AGAR) and the Chairman signed the form.

5.3	Accounting Statements 2017/2018	Having considered the figures the council resolved to agreed the Accounting Statements 2017/2018 and the Chairman signed the form.
5.4	Certificate of Exemption	Having considered all the previous financial documents, it was resolved to sign the certificate of exemption. The Chairman signed the document.
5.2	Receipts	£ 0.32 May bank interest £ 0.33 April bank interest
5.3	Payments	£ 440.75 Clerk's Salary for 8 hours per week. Standing Order. £ 43.30 Clerk's administration costs: room £30, Car £11.70, screw and bolt £1.60 (vat 62p) £ 450.00 GSH Tree Surgery: removal of large fallen branch from oak on playing fields £ 484.95 M Philo: refund of bench for Peter Hammel - to be refunded by Mr Hammel Charge Card £ 7.64 Cartridge World: black Ink cartridge £ 54.00 Abbot print: leaflets £ 49.99 Argos: WD passport portable hard drive £ 81.54 Earth Anchors: soft ground anchors for bench for the play area
6.	Clerk's Salary	It was resolved to increase by 2% the clerk's salary in line with the national agreement (NALC/SLCC and government) as of 1st April 2018. Best Practice
7.	Air Ambulance Donation	It was resolved to donate £150 to Air Ambulance LGA 1972,s137
8.	Electronic Agenda	It was resolved to accept agendas for public meetings in electronic format and paper.
9.	Council Insurance	It was resolved to renew the council insurance on the 18th June 2018 for one year with Zurich Municipal. Cost £2,525.68 (Pavilion Building insurance £1,312.06) LGA1972,s111
10.	Play Area Equipment Fund	It was resolved to allocate £2,000 from year end bank balances after reserves to the play area equipment fund.

11.	Iden Playing Fields and Pavilion	Rye Retreat would be holding its annual staff outing on 22nd July. They would be using a third party to provide food so the Clerk had requested copies of the contractors and Rye Retreat's public liability insurance as well as a risk assessment. The Clerk was requested to check with Playden School if they would be hiring the playing fields.
12.	Risk Assessment	Best Practice
	Adult Swing Safety Surface	Since the last meeting, one side of the safety surface had parted from the edging allowing the surface to raise up slightly. The Clerk was seeking quotes for a quick repair.
	Waste Bins within the Playing Fields	The clerk sought confirmation for the wording for the signs.
	Fingerposts	An application for match funding had been submitted to East Sussex Highways for repair to the fingerposts at Grove Lane and Readers Lane. Photographs of their condition had also been sent.
	Hedge on Corner of Bowls Club	A cllr. reported a request for the hedge be trimmed to improve visibility on that bend.
	Sheep on the Playing Fields	Over the last weekend in May, the footpath gate between Mr Strangeways field and the playing fields had been left open several times. Sheep had escaped each time. Once the flock had left the playing fields and set off down the main road. Fortunately the sheep were shepherded into a field further on and there were no accidents. The council to write to the Mr Strangeways to replace the gate to ensure that his livestock can not leave his field.
	Pavilion Guttering	The end of the gutter at the front was now missing.
13.	Information for Councillors	
	Tree Order on Trees on Bowls Club Land	An order had been made on two beech trees.
	Wildflower Verges	The clerk would be attending a meeting about wildflower verges in August.
	Grant Funding	The Police awarded grants towards crime prevention measures for local groups
	2019 Annual Assembly	This would be held in March 2019.
14.	Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting would be Tuesday 3rd July 2018 at 7.00pm in Iden Village Hall. The meeting would start with a presentation by Inspector Dan Russell - Community Policing.

15.	War Memorial	Pursuant to section 1) 2 of the public bodies (admission to meeting) Act 1960 it was resolved that, because of the confidential nature of business transacted, the Public and Press leave the meeting during the consideration of the War Memorial - The council were awaiting a reply from the solicitor with further information in order to finalise a response. LGA1972.sch12a part 1, 5
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