



Iden Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on
7th March 2023 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.**

Present

Councillors R Griffin (Chairman), Phil Allard, M. Miller, G. Say and J. Wood.

In attendance: Clerk M. Philo.

Members of the Public: Ten.

1. Apologies

County Councillor Glazier and District Councillors Hacking and Osborne.

2. Disclosure of Interests

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 7th February 2023 as a true record.

The meeting adjourned at 7.36pm for Public Session

Public Questions

Roadworks Closure - New bridge to Gardiner's Hill- 4th January

Residents queried if any patching works had been carried out that day?

Roadworks Closure - New bridge to Gardiner's Hill- 20th March

One network website advises that the road will be closed from 9.30am to 4.00pm for patch repair and the erection of slippery road danger signs.

Fibre Optic Broadband to the Village

Fibre Optic cable has already been laid along the Wittersham, Main Street, connecting with the exchange cabinet/ primary connection point in Grove Lane. From the cabinet the connection to homes is via copper cables.

Coronation Festivities

A small group of residents had met and are suggesting running a similar event to the jubilee picnic and requested permission to use the field on Sunday 7th May with the insurance coverage provided by the parish council. The village hall is being reserved in case of poor weather. The council was asked to assist with funding the event with match funding to allow the group to apply for additional funding from Rother District Council Community Grant Funds for the Coronation. A working group under the parish council to be set up at the next council meeting. The council is considering erecting a plaque on the Elmsmead Bus Shelter following its refurbishment to commemorate the coronation. It may not be ready for the May celebrations. The Women's institute would like to plant some bulbs. The Church Bell ringers will be asked to ring All Saints Bells on the day.

Readers Lane Triangle Verge

Neighbouring homeowners requested information on the area's future maintenance as they were concerned about appearance.

The meeting reconvened at 8.02 pm.

4. Planning

4.1 Enforcements and Appeals

New enforcements

ENF/26/23/IDE May House: Breach of Condition 7 On Appeal Decision
App/U1430/D/21/32881 67. Discharge Of Condition 7 Application Rr/2021/2508/Dc
(Approved.)

ENF/47/23/IDE The Bell Inn: Erection of Wooden Structure in The Setting Of A Listed Building.

Conkers Field – Local Plan – Enforcement

No further information has been forthcoming from enforcement officers. Councillor Miller had written to the Ben Hook (in charge of planning) on two issues: requesting clarification of policy on the enforcement request and about standards of service. Not even a confirmation of receipt had been received. Councillor Miller will write again on these issues to the Chief Executive.

Enforcement Decisions

ENF/16/21/IDE Cues Meadow River Rother South of Iden Lock: Caravans being used as residential – no further action – not expedient.

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

RR/20222917/O Windfalls, Main Street: Proposed Lawful Development Certificate for a rear extension and new front porch. Refused.

4.3 Applications considered

None.

5. Council Finances

5.1 Bank Balances

Bank Balances on 28th February 2023 £21,971.27 (Council Treasurers Account £11,690.53 and Reserve Account £ 10,280.74).

5.2 February Receipts

£5.24 February Bank Interest

5.3 The following payments were authorised

£516.53 Clerk's March salary

£41.70 Clerk's March salary allowances: Room £30 and car £11.70

£140.00 C D Rye Property Services: Securing the bus shelter at Elmsmead

£14.79 Pett Parish Council: share of the clerk's Mobile Phone January to April

£910.80 King Fisher Direct: new dog bin and waste bin for the playing fields (vat £151.80)

Charge Card (9 March)

£4.33 M Philo: Admin costs – share of laminator sheets

£32.00 Charge Card Annual fee

6. Millennium Sundial on Playing Field

It was resolved to contract C D Rye Property Services to refurbish (pressure wash and repair where necessary any sunken sets; reinforce edging sets with concrete and sweep in kiln-dried sand to complete) the Millennium Sundial. Cost £ 540.00 (no vat).

7. Elmsmead Bus Shelter

It was resolved to contract C D Rye Property Services to refurbish (remove existing roof on bus shelter and replace with new; remove old roof and replace with 18mm plywood; re-felt with Tyvek breathable membrane; install roof shingle and ridge capping to complete) Elmsmead Bus Shelter. Cost £ 845.00 (no vat). It was noted that the roof rafters could not be inspected, and so further work may be needed and the cost would increase. It was suggested that a simple seat be added within the shelter.

8. New Burial Ground – Review of Regulations and Charges

It was resolved to maintain current charges and regulations with a review in January 2024.

9. Funds Owed from the Sports Pavilion Account

It was resolved to write off the costs arising from the return of the sports pavilion being £1,308.83 due from the Pavilion Account.

10. Sports Pavilion Repairs

Following discussion, it was resolved to contract W Tollets General Builders Ltd to resolve the roof leaks by installing a flat roof over the score board (estimate £4,000) and dealing with the two other roof leaks (estimate £500) plus repair the floorboard (£500) to make the property weatherproof. Funds to come from the pavilion account £2,000 and

£2,000 from the parish council account and a request to be made to the fete committee for £1,000 from the funds being held. A parish meeting will be held in April to put the matter of the future of the pavilion to residents.

11. Pavilion Finances

11.1 Bank Balance

Bank Balances on 28th February 2023 Treasurers Account £5,442.31

11.2 February Receipts

Nil

11.3 February Payments

£23.00 EDF monthly direct debit payment 15th of the month

12. Iden Playing Field and Pavilion

The Cricket Club has already started preparing for the season but have driven a vehicle to the pavilion leaving deep ruts. The Clerk to ask the cricketers to resolve the issue.

A resident with a pushchair had been found to be struggling to get over the stile at the parking area. It was noted that the stile is there to prevent motorbikes getting onto the playing fields.

13. Risk Assessment – Report on Parish Assets

Nothing new to report.

14. Information for Councillors

Nomination forms for candidates who would like to stand for parish council elections are already available from Rother District Council. Nomination forms must be hand delivered and checked by Rother Electoral Officers by 4pm on the 4th April. Rother offices are open between 10am and 4pm from the 27th March to 4th April.

Election 'Purdah' starts on the 24th March.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 4th April 2023, 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.55pm.