



Iden Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 6th November 2018 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall

Village Notices

The World War I memorial service had been well attended.

Iden Footpath Team were thankful for the £200 donation received from a resident

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

In attendance: District Cllrs S-A. Hart, the Clerk M. Philo and 15 members of the public

| Item No. | | |
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| 1 | Apologies | Cllrs Glazier and Osborne. LGA 1972 sch 12, 12 |
| 2 | Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items | Cllr Wood had a significant interest in respect of the information item regarding drones. |
| 3 | Minutes | It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 2nd October 2018 as a true record. LGA 1972 sch 12, 19.1 |
| | | The meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm |
| | County and District Councillors' Reports | |
| | Rogue Traders | The police were running a campaign to make the public aware of doorstep crimes such as distraction burglary and rogue traders. |
| | Operation Magpie | The Police had also run an autumn burglary prevention and awareness campaign. |
| | In the Know | Residents can keep up to date by joining the police community messaging service 'In the know'. |
| | Development and Site Allocations Local Plan | The final consultation on the proposed sites for development for the Local Plan 2028 opened on the 26 th November and would run till the 7 th December. |
| | Public Realm | The working group will be bringing to cabinet their strategy to manage spaces in public ownership for cabinet discussion in the new year. They |

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| | | have had to consider reducing speed and road safety, conservation of heritage assets and historic street scene, alongside economic growth. |
| | Medium Term Financial Strategy | Rother District Council objective of the strategy is to make the council self-sustaining via investment in the local economy through a local based property portfolio. |
| | Public Questions | |
| | Bin at Grove Lane Bus Shelter | The Clerk had chased for the replacement bin to be installed without success. |
| | Garden Waste Bin | A resident asked for assistance with obtaining a replacement bin for his currently splitting one. District Councillor would try to assist. |
| | Drones | A resident advised that he and his family had experienced various incidents of low flying drones across his rear garden. The Battle PCSO had spoken to the drone's owner about the regulations on flying them. Police advice to residents was to be vigilant and record details of incidents of overhead drones. Injunctions could be imposed to prevent drone intrusions. |
| | Readers Lane Fingerpost | In response to query the Clerk advised that the carpenter had apologised for the delay in returning the post. |
| | Life Saving Training | Iden Community Emergency Forum had organised a refresher course for 14 th November evening at the village hall. |
| | | The meeting was reconvened at 8.10pm |
| 4 | Planning | Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1 and 2010 |
| 4.1 | Enforcements | None. |
| 4.2 | R.D.C Planning Decisions | None advised since last meeting. |
| 4.3 | Applications Received | None. |
| 5 | Finances | I.P.C. Financial Regulations |
| 5.1 | Financial Report | Second quarter financial report attached. |
| 5.3 | Receipts for Month | None |
| 5.4 | Payments | <p>£ 444.25 Clerk's Salary for 8 hours per week</p> <p>£ 19.97 M Philo: refund for cartridge discounts ink cartridges (vat £3.33)</p> <p>£ 40.00 RALC online mapping</p> <p>£ 100.00 Poppy Appeal: It was resolved to donate £100 to the British Legion</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LGA 1972 s137</p> |

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| | | <p>Charge card</p> <p>£ 36.00 Wordpress annual fee for no adverts</p> <p>£ 5.50 Tesco - paper</p> <p>£ 15.00 B & Q Stain for bench</p> <p>£ 59.99 Microsoft Office Annual Subscription</p> |
| 6 | Clerk Sickness and Absence Policy | It was resolved to rescind the six-month rule in order to review the decision on the sickness and absence policy. It was resolved to agree a replacement version. |
| 7 | Playing Fields and Pavilion | Cllr Say was thanked for repairing the ball trap netting damaged from the fallen oak tree branch in the spring. The Clerk advised that the pest control officer had suffered a minor stroke but was now on the way to recovery. Insurers had been advised that the pavilion was not in use for the winter. Cllr Miller advised he was looking to plant a tree near to the play area near to the elm tree stump. The Fete Committee had kindly donated £1,900 towards play equipment. The Clerk had re-stained the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee bench. |
| 12 | Risk Assessment | The clerk had filled in the large holes in the ground in the garden of contemplation. The top step to the garden was broken, the Clerk to speak to the footpath team to see if they were able to replace the small patio slab. It was also reported the village sign at the top of Gardiner's Hill was leaning. The Clerk thought it was unlikely that highways would consider it a risk. |
| 13 | Information for Cllrs | |
| | Drones | This item was discussed earlier |
| | Cemetery Hedge | The regular grass cutter had trimmed the hedge during the last month. |
| | Data Processing | The annual data registration with the Information Commissioner's Office would be due later in November. Following the revised regulations brought in spring this year the Commissioner had finally confirmed that a parish council did not fall within the definition of Local Authority for this law. As a result there would be no need to have a Data Officer. Following discussion the clerk was advised that the council would likely renew the Data Officer Contract. |
| | Annual Parish Meeting | As elections would be held in May 2019, the annual parish meeting would be held in March 5th 2019 directly after the regular council meeting. |
| | Council Annual Meeting | As a result of the election day being 2 nd May 2019, the annual meeting would have to be held between the 13 th and 21 st may inclusive. The date settled on was Thursday 16 th May. |
| | Grass Cutting Contractor | The current contractor held £1 million public liability insurance |
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| | Clerk's Printer | The Clerk reported that she was experiencing printer problems probably due to it being overused. The council advised that they would consider sharing the cost of a laser jet printer with four toner cartridges with Pett and Appledore Parish Council. |
| 14 | Date of Next Meeting | Tuesday 4 th December 2018 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall |
| 15 | | Pursuant to section 1) 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it was resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business transacted the public and press leave the meeting during the consideration of 1972 Act, sch. 12 A |
| | War Memorial | It was resolved to agree a response to solicitors |
| | | The meeting closed at 9.00pm |

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