



Iden Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th January 2022 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.

Present

Councillors G Say (Chairman), P. Allard, M. Miller, and J. Wood.
In attendance: County Councillor K Glazier and District Councillor P. Osborne.
Members of the Public: three

Apologies

District Councillor Hacking and Parish Councillor Griffin

Disclosure of Interests

None.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Following minor amendment, it was resolved to agree the minutes of the 7th December 2021 as a true record.

The meeting adjourned at 7.35pm for Public Session

County Councillor Report

Budget Discussions: The maximum tax increase would be 4.5%. made up of approximately 1.9% county council increase plus, as agreed by central government, 1% allocation for Covid plus 1.5% (the remainder of a 3% deal over two years) for adult social care. A decision will be made at the next cabinet meeting.

District Councillors Report

Budget discussions were also underway and the maximum increase for a band D property would be £5 but savings would have to be made.

Public Questions

None

The meeting reconvened at 7.42pm

Planning

4.1 Enforcements: None

4.2 Planning Decisions made by Rother District Council since the last meeting: None

4.3 Applications considered: None.

Finances

5.1 Third Quarter Financial Report

Bank balances as of 30th June £21,323.58

Income totalled £ 10.25 for the quarter:

£10 refund for shared stationery for the clerk from Appledore Parish Council and 25p bank interest.

Expenditure totalled £5,203.16 (net of vat) for the quarter

This includes the final payment for the grass cutting of the playing fields and cemeteries of £2,015 (net of vat) and cutting back of trees and hedges around the football pitch £1,200 (net of vat). Substantial growth had occurred in the last 5 years as one set of goal posts had become lost within it. The new website has been progressed with the acquisition of a domain name for 3 years at £28.78 and hosting fee for three years of £151.20. Wilder Iden were refunded the hire of a scarifier £55.30 (net of vat) and £40.80 was refunded for plants for the war memorial. The Poppy Appeal also received a donation of £50. The remaining costs are running costs, salary, subscriptions, phone, and stationery.

Within the bank balance the council holds £8,000 as a general reserve and £812.56 ring fenced for the website and £246 garden society donation for natural enhancements around the village.

It is estimated that the expenditure for the final quarter will be £3,000, leaving the council with £18,000 odd which includes the reserved sums mentioned before.

5.2 Bank Balances

Bank balance as of 31st December 2021 £21,323.58.

5.3 December Receipts

£0.08 December bank interest

5.4 Additional December Payments

£66.36 S Pyrah: refund for Wilder Iden scarifier hire

£2,418.00 Gibbs & Son: remaining charge for grass cutting (vat £403)

£1,440.00 Gibbs & Son: cutting back round the football pitch at playing fields (vat £240)

Business Charge Card - Nil

5.5 The following payments were authorised

£41.70 Clerk's January Allowances: Room £30 and car £11.70

£473.55 M Philo: January Clerk's salary

£400.00 Iden Village Hall: Hall hire for April 2021 to March 2022

Charge Card – Nil

5.6 Setting the Precept

It was resolved to set the precept at £16,000 per annum for the financial year 2022-2023. The average household (band D) will be approximately £67.28 a small decrease on the current year.

5.7 Clerk's Subscription

It was resolved to fund a share of the Clerk's annual membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks. Total charge £208, Iden's share £51.20.

6 Future Meetings and Delegation to the Clerk

It was resolved to extend the delegation to the Clerk, in the event of a lockdown being by Central Government, to June 2022.

7 Iden Pavilion Association

Iden Pavilion Association has been dissolved and the pavilion has returned to the parish council. Until such time as the future of the pavilion is decided, the parish council will be running it directly. The pavilion accounts will be shown as parish council funds though ring fenced for the pavilion.

7.1 Pavilion Water bills

It was resolved to refund Iden Cricket Club monies paid for the pavilion water bill. £367.45. Funds to come from the pavilion bank account.

7.2 Structural Survey

In order to have full information available to consult with parishioners on the future of the pavilion, **it was resolved to instruct Richard Copland to complete a structural survey of the pavilion.** Estimated cost £700. Costs to be covered by the monies from the pavilion bank account.

7.3 Cricket Team

I) It was resolved that Iden Cricket team will be able to play, on Saturdays, the 2022 season, only, on Iden Playing Fields at the current hire charge of £200 for the playing field plus £200 for Pavilion use with the team preparing the wicket and outfield themselves, as is usual.

II) It was resolved to allow one off matches for a cricket team to play on Sundays for the 2022 season for a fee of £40 per match. This will be subject to the team preparing the wicket and outfield, the same as the Saturday Cricket team. The Clerk to be advise of match dates at the start of the season.

7.4 Pavilion Bank Account and NS&I

It was resolved to close the NS&I account and Barclay Bank Account and transfer money into the new separate parish council online account ring fenced for pavilion funds with Lloyd's bank with the same signatories as the current parish council accounts, until such time as the future of the pavilion is decided.

8. Risk Assessment – Report on Parish Assets

The clerk had checked the playing fields and play area whilst litter picking. The ground was very wet. The trees and bushes had been cut back around the football pitch.

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The Clerk hoped to have a quote for the replacement of the direction finger for the fingerpost near Iden Stores

10. Information for Councillors

The new website will go live this month.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st February 2022, 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.07pm.