



# Iden Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall

## Village Notices

The Say and Gordon families were congratulated on the births of Ryley Gordon and Felix Say.

Annette Walton had recently passed away at the age of 80.

The Village Hall were looking for new members for its committee. The committee met once a month on the last Tuesday at 7pm for an hour. The objective was to maintain the building and provide a local amenity. The flower trough at the entrance to the hall was a beautiful enhancement.

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

**In attendance: Clerk M. Philo**

**Members of the public: 7**

Item No.		
1.	<b>Apologies</b>	District Cllr Paul Osborne was attending another parish council meeting, Cllr S-A Hart was attending a day meeting at some distance from the parish, Cllr Allard and County Cllr Glazier was at another meeting.
2.	<b>Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items</b>	All Cllrs had an interest in the Fete.
3.	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 as a true record.</b>
		The meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm
	<b>Public Questions</b>	
	<b>Grove Lane Bus Shelter Bin</b>	A new bin had been installed and the old one removed. The parish council were thanked its for continued efforts over the last year and a half to have the bin replaced.
	<b>Bees in the Playing Field</b>	The bees had moved on before a local beekeeper could collect them.
	<b>BT Phone Kiosk</b>	BT had confirmed that all lists now had Iden K6 Phone box as being listed and it had been deleted from BT's removal list. The chairman was thanked for cleaning the box. The phone facility could only be used for reverse calls which are expensive. The clerk had requested that a card payment facility be added and awaited a response. Clerk to put up a new notice on how to make a call as the current one was faded.
		The meeting was reconvened at 7.40pm
4.	<b>Planning</b>	Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1 and 2010
4.1	<b>Enforcements</b>	None.

4.2	<b>R.D.C Planning Decisions</b>	None advised.
4.3	<b>Applications Received</b>	None
4.4	<b>Community Infrastructure Levy</b>	Rother District Councils had excluded parish councils from the initial first round for applications to the fund but had decided to remedy this at the last-minute leaving parish and town councils little time to prepare their bids. The fund would be open for bids next spring. The clerk noted that works to the pavilion would fit into the description of suitable works. Preparing a bid would have to start imminently.
4.5	<b>Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)</b>	A public consultation was running on the design requirements for buildings in the AONB.
5.	<b>Finances</b>	I.P.C. Financial Regulations
5.1	<b>Financial Report</b>	Bank Balances as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 Treasurer's Account £21,601.60 and Reserve Account £9,758.79. Receipts for the first quarter totalled £7,726.22: mainly from the 50% of the precept and prepayment for the erection of several headstones. Payments for the first quarter totalled £1,760.31. Very few bills came in the first quarter. Furthermore, no unexpected costs had arisen.
5.2	<b>Additional Payments made in June</b>	£ 156.51 ESALC/NALC Annual Subscription (vat £28.24)
5.3	<b>Receipts for Previous Month</b>	£ 0.43 June bank interest
5.4	<b>Payments</b>	£ 452.05 Clerk's Salary 8 hours a week (Inc. share of car allowance) £ 23.40 Clerk's back pay £ 41.70 Clerk's Admin: room £30, car £11.70 £ 9.33 Clerk's Mobile Phone share monthly £ 82.02 RoSPA Play Area safety inspection (vat £13.70) Charge card Nil
6.	<b>Ash Trees at Entrance to Churchyard and Playing field</b>	This item was deferred as UK Power Network had been contacted and would be carrying out some work on the trees engulfing the overhead cables. Any tidying or visual improvement work to be reconsidered thereafter. It was noted that a tree consultant was expensive.
7.	<b>Fete</b>	The Clerk had not received any information from the Fete Committee, but Cllr Miller advised that the Fete would not be running an event on the Playing Fields. There had not been enough interest in the boot fair.
8.	<b>Play Area</b>	The council had received a quote for almost £30,000 to install a wooden activity centre and a replacement baby swing unit with nest and safety surfacing. The council had almost £9,000 in the replacement play equipment fund. For an application to be made to Rother District Council Community Fund the council needed to have 50% match funding. The constantly increasing price of play equipment made it very difficult to save fast enough. Additionally, local

		companies and other funding sources did not allow councils to apply or did not fund this area. The Rye Community Shop was still to be contacted. If the proposed equipment was installed, then there should be little in the way of maintenance costs to deal with in the next 10 years. At the end of the March 2019, the council accounts held £7,000 in addition to the £7,000 reserve. The deadline for applications is 15 <sup>th</sup> July. <b>It was resolved to use £6,000 from reserves in order to make an application for match funding from the Community Fund.</b>
9.	<b>Playing Fields and Pavilion</b>	The weather had improved so the clerk hoped to organise the parking area gate to be painted and have the grease removed.
10.	<b>Risk Assessment</b>	
	<b>All Saints Tower Repair Works</b>	The work been completed, and the scaffolding removed.
11.	<b>Information for Cllrs</b>	
	<b>Electoral Register</b>	The Clerk was not able to open the documents sent by email. The clerk was trying a free download to open them.
	<b>Converting a pdf to jpeg</b>	The Clerk was concerned about using a free website to convert documents as there seemed to be issues with the laptop afterwards. It was thought that the security package installed on the laptop would prevent any hijacking. Cllr Wood to investigate whether free adobe offered the facility to convert from pdf to jpeg.
	<b>Cars Sales from Outside the Village Shop</b>	Trading Standards had been advised and would be investigating.
12.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall
		The meeting closed at 8.40pm.