



Iden Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 4th December 2018 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall

Village Notices

The Chairman thanked everyone who had helped with the successful 'Senior Christmas Lunch'. The Carol Service, in aid of Rye Food Bank, would be held on Thursday 20th December at 7pm. Jim Wood was thanked for organising the Life Saving – Basic Skills Training – refresher session last month.

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

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

Item No.		
1	Apologies	None
2	Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items	None
3	Minutes	It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 6th November as a true record.
		The meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm
	County and District Councillors' Reports	
	Core Offer (E.S.C.C.)	The public consultation on county council spending for next year was still open. The council may have to take some unpalatable measures to balance the books, such as the closure of a few libraries and household waste sites. The details of the new Adult Social Care Bill were yet to be revealed and may result in further costs having to be funded by the county council. In the interim central government had released £4 million to assist with winter pressures on the health care system. The Fairer Funding Review was still awaited.
	Potholes	Government ministers had suggested the £4.1 million additional grant for potholes could be rolled over into the next financial year. Winter weather would slow the rate of repair.
	Waste Bin at Grove Lane	The new bin was still outstanding

	Police Officers	200 new police officers will be recruited as a result of the increase in police precept and the decision to release £17 million from police reserves.
	Council Tax Reduction Scheme	Following a public consultation, Rother Cabinet recommended the use of income bands to simplify administering council tax reductions to residents. It is estimated that about 5,000 residents would be entitled to tax reductions but only around 250 people take it up
	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	Rother District was now accepting bids for grants towards infrastructure improvements e.g. speeding schemes. The funds would come from CIL payments held by Rother.
	Homeless and Accommodation Provision	Of the 57 households in temporary accommodation, 51 were housed outside the district. In order to comply with legal requirements, the district council would have to increase its supply of temporary accommodation.
	Local Thefts	Residents were warned that there had been a spate of thefts from vehicles of equipment and of plant.
	Waste Contractor	As a result of new waste contractor, bottles and paper may not need to be separated for recycling in future.
	Public Questions	
	Conker's Field	It was reported that between 60 and 65 residents now objected to Conker's field as an approved site for the local plan 2028. Although many of the earlier issues to the site had been ameliorated, the main problem being access remained unchanged. The action group would be submitting their comments again direct to planning officers. There was a discussion that a community housing scheme could also be pursued but that it would run separately to any sites allocated in the 2028 local plan.
		The meeting was reconvened at 8.05pm
4	Planning	Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1 and 2010
4.1	Enforcements	None
4.2	R.D.C Planning Decisions	None advised
4.3	Applications Received	RR/2018/2938/P – The Hay Field, opposite Malting Wood Yard, The Maltings: Erection of a 7m x 9m barn for the purpose associated with running a small holding It was resolved to make no comment as the council believed that comments from Peasmarsh Council would be more appropriate.
5	Finances	I.P.C. Financial Regulations
5.1	Financial Report	As at the 30 th November 2018 the current account stood at £20,730.14 And the reserve account stood at £ 7,856.08. A first draft budget had been circulated to councillors. Expenditure looked like it would reach £16,000 whilst the council now only had guaranteed income from the precept. Income from burials was erratic and only the cricket club used the field. The clerk was chasing for the final invoice for the grass cutting. The council did have reserves to cover the short fall, but the precept had been at £14,000 for the last four years. The 2019- 2020 financial year may be the last year that the council could keep the precept unchanged.

5.3	Receipts for Previous Month	£ 0.33 Bank Interest (31p October and 34p September)
5.4	Payments	<p>£ 444.25 M Philo Clerk's Salary</p> <p>£ 41.70 M Philo: October Admin – room £30 and car £11.70</p> <p>£ 41.70 M Philo November Admin – room £30 and car £11.70</p> <p>£ 2.23 Pett Parish Council – one third of mobile phone delivery</p> <p>Charge card</p> <p>£ 44.99 McAfee Security for the laptop</p>
6	Mobile Phone Standing Order	It was resolved to set up a standing order to Pett Parish Council for £9.12 which represents one third of the monthly rental for a business phone for the clerk. (Samsung A6 monthly charge including accidental damage £27.36 plus VAT (Pett to claim all vat) – 2GB, unlimited text and phone, 24-month contract)
7	War Memorial Garden	<p>It was resolved to replant the copper beech hedge on the eastern boundary to respect of the original request from the British Legion. The Clerk anticipated that about 10 bushes would be required and that they would cost around £200. The clerk to employ a contractor to plant them.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">War Memorials Act 1923 ss1 and 3</p>
8	New Burial Ground Memorial Regulations	<p>It was resolved to amend the New Burial Ground Memorial Regulations to include wooden and stone crosses of the same size as regular memorial stones, so long as fixed within a suitable stone base with dowels.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 art. 3</p>
9	Conker's Field	<p>Following discussion, it was resolved to write to the Head of Planning stating the council's concerns over the proposed development of Conker's field.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Town and Country planning Act 1990 and 2010</p>
10	Rye Harbour Discovery Centre	It was considered that the council should limit its financial donations to more appropriate causes. Members of the public could make donations independently.
11	Urban Verge Cuts	It was resolved to contract through East Sussex County Council and pay for four additional urban cuts, should Rother District Council choose not to fund this expenditure for 2019. It had been advised that Rother would not fund this in 2020.
11	Playing Fields and Pavilion	After investigation it was ascertained that no lights had been left on in the Pavilion disabled toilet as had been reported. The clerk to remind the pavilion association to padlock the disabled toilets when the pavilion was not in use. It was noted that the guttering on the pavilion had been repaired. Pest control had removed several moles in the last month.
12	Risk Assessment	

	Grove Lane Fingerpost	The fingerpost at Grove Lane had been removed whilst the fingerpost at Readers Lane had still to be returned.
	Play area	Adult swings soft landing surface repair remained good.
13	Information for Cllrs	
	Online Mapping	The Clerk had attended a revision session for the online mapping service the council had signed up to. The Clerk had started to record the council's assets on the system. The system had various uses. It might be possible to produce an updated walking leaflet to publish on the website.
14	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd January 2019 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall
15		Pursuant to section1)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 response to solicitor 1972 Act, sch. 12 A part 1, 5
	War Memorial	A response was resolved upon
		The meeting was closed at 9.10pm