



Iden Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on
7th June 2022 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.**

Notices

The Jubilee celebration saw a large number of the community come together and enjoy a picnic lunch with the WI planting a tree and fun races. It was suggested that a photographic record be created.

Present

Councillors R Griffin (Chairman), Phil Allard M. Miller, Greg Say and Jim Wood
In attendance: County Councillor K Glazier and Clerk Mary Philo
Members of the Public: Four

1. Apologies

District Councillors Hacking.

2. Disclosure of Interests

Councillor Wood declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application for East View.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 3rd May 2022 as a true record.

The meeting adjourned at 7.40pm for Public Session

County Councillor Glazier Report

He had missed the last meeting as he was away at the Eden Project as part of a county council group considering environmental action.

Initial budget discussions had started. The central government funding formula for county councils and legislation on adult social care will impact income and expenditure.

A visit with the highways steward of Iden lanes had been completed which he concluded were not as bad as in other places.

A councillor mentioned that the Rye High Street overnight works had been conducted quickly with little fuss though it was noisy. The work to Deadmans Lane is still to be carried out.

District Councillor Osborne Report

The first scrutiny committee meeting had looked at the council's work progress in the various fields. Regarding waste collection, recycling rate had dropped 51% and this will be investigated as to whether this is due to recycling less or a drop in consumption. The supply of temporary accommodation for homeless people is drying up, so funding from central government will be sought to have capacity in time for winter. On the planning front there was concern that the increased speed of dealing with planning application was resulting in quality decisions. The next meeting will consider the Bexhill Town Hall planned up-grade.

Public Question

None.

The meeting reconvened at 7.46pm

4. Planning

4.1 Enforcements and Appeals

None.

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

RR/2022/822/P Grove Farmhouse Grove Lane: Re-roofing of main farmhouse and single storey extension to rear; replacement tile hanging on elevations and new rainwater goods – Permitted.

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4.3 Applications considered:

RR/2022/1218/P Iden Cottage, Iden Lock: Demolition of existing garages and replacement with new building for carving workshop and studio – Support.

RR/2022/1198/P Sobraon, Church Lane: minor alterations to existing dwelling, including replacing existing single storey extensions with new single storey extensions, new cladding and windows and changes to material - Support.

RR/2022/812/L East View, Main Street: Amendments to a previously approved listed building consent 2020/1692. Additions to the previously approved include clarification of window opening type, window details, adjustment of the location of patio door and application for an additional window to the west and application for a fabric awning face fixed to the west elevation – Support.

5. Finances

5.1 Bank Balance

Bank Balances on 30th April 2022

Pavilion Account £178.23 (no transactions) Council Treasurers Account £14,637.00

Reserve Account £10,266.18

Bank Balances on 31st May 2022

Pavilion Account £30.80 (EDF 6-month bill of £147.43 paid to avoid charges whilst direct debit set up) Council Treasurers Account £23,386.89. Reserve Account £ 10,266.26

5.2 April Receipts

£0.09 April Bank Interest

£8,000.00 Rother district Council – 50% precept payment

5.3 May Receipts

£0.08 Bank interest

£49.64 Pett PC Share of two sets of ink cartridges (curry's and buy ink online)

£10.00 Pett PC outstanding bill from last year for share of black ink cartridge

5.4 The following payments were authorised

£488.55 Clerk's June salary

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

£16.99 Appledore PC: Loo roll for Platinum Jubilee

Charge Card (payment 13th June):

£71.71 Buy ink online set of ink cartridges (vat £11.95)

A transfer of £10 was also agreed to the pavilion account to cover the first EDF direct debit payment.

5.5 Statement of Internal Control 2021-2022

Having considered the internal auditors report **it was resolved to agree the statement of internal control 2021-2022.**

5.6 Annual Governance and Annual Return 2021-2022

Having noted the liability of the Iden Playing Fields pavilion and the requirement for repairs, **it was resolved to agree the nine assertions of the Annual Governance Statement – Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22.** Chair and clerk sign the return.

5.7 Annual Governance and Annual Return 2021-2022

Having considered the explanation of variances and bank reconciliation **it was resolved to agree section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021/22 of the Annual Governance and Annual Return.** Chairperson signed the return.

5.8 Certificate of Exemption 2021-2022

Having agreed the Annual Governance and Annual Return, **it was resolved to agree to complete a certificate of exemption for 2021/2022.** Chairman and Clerk signed the certificate.

6. Council Insurance

Upon reconfirming that BHIB were aware of the previous use of DAS with regard to the war memorial, **it was resolved to renew the council insurance with BHIB £893.38 (one year) and to request a 3-year long term agreement.**

7. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

It was resolved to cover the cost of the event up to £250.

8. Grass Cutting of the Churchyard and New Burial ground

Councillors believed the grass cutting should remain as is unless a significant saving could be made. The memorial stones needed to be visible to avoid tripping. The issue to be reconsidered at renegotiation of the contract.

9. Iden Pavilion

With the transfer of electricity services to the council pavilion account, Barclays bank had been written to transfer the funds from Iden pavilion Association Account. The clerk was waiting to hear.

10. Iden Playing Fields

St. Michael's School Sports Day is scheduled for the 14th June or if bad weather then the 28th June. Lines will be drawn a day or two before the 14th June. Rye retreat had also asked to hire the pavilion twice and the clerk was confirming dates with the cricket club.

11. Risk Assessment – Report on Parish Assets

The trees around the Grove Lane bus shelter were encroaching on it and would eventually damage it. The clerk would investigate it.

The K6 Telephone Box needed a clean. The chair would deal with this matter.

The football goalposts on the recreation ground had been damaged. As these were concreted into the ground, the Clerk was asked to get them removed.

An accident damaged car had been left in the playing fields parking since the day before the meeting. The Clerk was asked to have it removed if it was not gone towards the end of the week.

12. Information for Councillors

The council needed another councillor to be a signatory on the bank account.

13. Information for Councillors

Another bank signatory was required. This would be dealt with at the next meeting.

14. Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 5th July 2022, 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall, will be the annual meeting of the parish council. Annual village assembly/parish meeting Tuesday 28th June. Village groups are welcome to say a few words about themselves. All welcome.