



# Iden Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall

### Village Notices

Anne Stern, previously of Grove Lane had passed away. A service would be held on 27<sup>th</sup> January at All Saints in Iden at 1pm.

Sally-Ann Hart had been elected as the Member of Parliament for Hastings and Rye.

### Minutes

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

In attendance: District Councillor P. Osborne and the Clerk M. Philo

Members of the Public: 5

Item No.		
1	<b>Apologies</b>	District Councillor Sally-Ann Hart and County Councillor Glazier.
2	<b>Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items</b>	All councillors had a prejudicial interest regarding the Fete.
3	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 as a true record.</b>
		<b>The meeting was adjourned at 7.32 pm.</b>
		<b>County and District Councillors' Reports</b>
	<b>District Council Budget and Council Tax</b>	An online consultation is running till the 31 <sup>st</sup> January. 250 people had responded so far.
	<b>Climate Change</b>	The district council task force was working towards a 12-week public consultation in January/ February on proposed changes to reduce the council's carbon footprint to zero.
	<b>Public Questions</b>	
	<b>Potholes</b>	The potholes at the cul-de-sac in Elmsmead were reported again. The Clerk would report these again to Highways.
	<b>Overgrown Hedge Opposite Mi Cottage</b>	The hedge was again reported as the hedge continued to be dangerous as it had not been cut back. The Clerk to investigate and report again.
		<b>The meeting was reconvened at 7.45pm</b>
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.
4.3	<b>Applications Received</b>	RR/2019/2389/O: The Small Holding: Certificate of Lawfulness of existing use of part of building and garden area for residential dwelling- For information and not for consultation.
4.4	<b>Appeals</b>	Application RR/2019/2137/T Orchard Field has gone to appeal.
5	<b>Finances</b>	I.P.C. Financial Regulations
5.1	<b>Financial Report</b>	As at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 Treasurer's Account £19,665.87 and Reserve Account £9,911.26.
5.2	<b>Precept for 2020 - 2021</b>	<b>It was resolved to set the precept at £16,000 per annum for the financial 2020 – 2021.</b> Band D charge approx. £67. The increase should be explained at the village meeting.
5.3	<b>Receipts for Previous Month</b>	£ 0.38            December bank interest £13,623.50      Rother District Council Community Fund grant for play area
5.4	<b>Payments</b>	£452.05          Clerks monthly salary (8 hours per week) £83.40           Clerks admin; room £30 and car £11.70 x 2 £9.33             Pett PC- Mobile Phone £44.32            Refund to M Philo share of Clerk's professional association £1,596.00       Gibbs & Son: grass cutting (vat £266) £350.00          Iden Pavilion Association Charge Card £11.89            Cartridge Discount – set of inks vat £1.98
6	<b>New Burial Ground Charges Review</b>	The item was deferred.
7	<b>Unauthorised Encampment Consultation</b>	Councillors would complete and return the questionnaire to the clerk to compile.
8.	<b>Fete and Storage Container</b>	No further news.
11.	<b>Iden Playing Fields and Play Area</b>	The new equipment was in place. Both Sally-Ann Hart and Paul Osborne would open the play area in Easter holidays. The Clerk had asked the play contractor to clarify the invoices and would then make payment.
12.	<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The Clerk, Chairman and Councillor Miller had investigated the difficulty with closing the latch on the playing field gate.

		Removing an unused lug would resolve the issue. The fingerpost near to Iden stores did appear to be rotting halfway up the main shaft so the Clerk will speak to a contractor to investigate.
13.	<b>Information for Councillors</b>	
	<b>Trees at All Saints</b>	Power Networks had not as yet reduced the trees around the electric cables
	<b>Development of Site Allocation Plan</b>	The government Planning inspector have signed off the document. The conkers field remained included for residential development without any alterations.
	<b>Village Meeting</b>	The clerk would look for other footage to that held on Iden fete.
14.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall
		The meeting closed at 8.10pm