



Iden Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on
2nd January 2018 at 7.30 pm at Iden Village Hall

Village Notices

There had been two power cuts, one on Christmas Eve and the other on the 30th January. So as to supply around 130 homes in Iden, EDF had installed a generator to supply the substation to these homes. The generator, that had been sited in The Bell Inn car park, was expected to be running for a couple of weeks while the fault, located in Rye was fixed. Unfortunately the generator was noisy.

Present:

Councillors:, Mr. R. Griffin, Mr. M. Miller, Mrs. P. Riley, Mr. G. Say and Mr. J. Wood.

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

Members of the public: 4

Item No.		
1.	Apologies	None. LGA1972 sch12,12
2.	Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items.	None. Code of Conduct
3.	Minutes	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5th December 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record with the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Get to Grips Campaign: first sentence amended to read "The county council campaign about school absence had received poor publicity."- Rye Harbour Discovery Centre: last two sentences amended to read "With regard to the car park, this has been taken on by Icklesham Parish Council. They have a donation box at the car park."- Item 6. Co-option Ballot: addition at the beginning " There were two candidates: Greg Say and Philip Allard."- Item 9. Business Rates on Public Conveniences: addition at the end "It was noted that there are no public toilets in Iden."

	Minutes Contd.	- Item 11. Iden Playing fields and Pavilion: first sentence - the word "with" to be amended to "before" LGA1972 sch12,19.1
		The meeting was adjourned
	County and District Councillors' Reports	
	Central Government Final Settlement to County Councils	Central government had increased the amount that county councils could raise council tax without having to hold a successful referendum from 2% to 3%. Central Government had also continued to offer the option to increase council tax by a further ring fenced 3% for adult social care. The county council would be voting in February on a proposed tax increase for their share of £10 per annum more than last year for the average homeowner (band D).
	Proposed Creation of a Town Council for Bexhill	The final vote had gone against the motion for a new town council. The Bexhill area would continue to be part of Rother District Council.
	A259 Road Works	For two weekends in June /July between 8pm to 6am the road between Skinners roundabout in Rye and the Brenzett roundabout would be closed and the other weekend, from Friday 9pm the Monday 6am South Undercliffe (Skinners round about to Kettle O'Fish and roundabout in Rye) would be closed.
	District Council Tax 2018-2019	Rother District Council would be voting soon on a proposed tax increase for their share of £5 per annum more than last year for the average homeowner (band D).
	Public Questions	None
		The meeting was reconvened.
4.	Planning	Details on applications can be found on Rother District Council Website. Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1/2010
4.1	Enforcements	None advised to the Clerk.
4.2	R.D.C. Planning Decisions	None.
4.3	Applications Received	None.
5.	Finances	I.P.C. Financial Regulations
5.1	Financial Report	Third quarter financial figures and report as attached. Proposed budget for consideration report also attached.If the precept were set at

5.1	Financial Report contd.	<p>£14,000.00 per annum a band D homeowner would pay approx. £59 per annum.</p> <p>It was resolved to set the precept for the financial year 2018 -2019 at £14,000 per annum.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Local Government Finance Act 1992</p>
5.2	Receipts	<p>£ 83.13 HMRC refund (previous years overpayment from signing up to HMRC online notification)</p> <p>£ 0.28 December bank interest</p>
5.3	Payments	<p>£ 440.75 Clerk's Salary for 8 hours per week plus taxable car allowance - Standing Order.</p> <p>£ 43.70 Clerk's administration costs: car £11.70, room £30.00, file £2 (33p vat)</p> <p>£ 37.87 Society for Local Council Clerks: Iden share 22.95% LGA 1072 s111</p> <p>£ 6.00 Local Council Advisory Service Annual Seminar Vat amount</p> <p>Charge Card - Nil</p>
6.	New Burial Ground Charges	<p>Following review of the charges, it was resolved to hold the fees at the same level.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Open Spaces Act 1906</p>
7.	Health and Safety Policy (Statement)	<p>It was resolved to agree the Health and Safety Policy presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Health and Safety Executive Guidance</p>
8.	Resilience Seminar Report	<p>The resilience seminar began with a keynote presentation by Mark Andrews, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, East Sussex Fire and Rescue, highlighting the three pillars of community resilience: Prepare, Respond, and Recover, and then on preparations for winter. The seminar highlighted a few incidents of emergency peculiar to rural communities, such as outbreak of animal disease, pandemic illnesses, loss of fuel supplies, electricity, water and phone services that the Iden Plan ought to be updated to include. A reminder was made about of the need for H&S risk assessments, especially for those working in severe weather. The County Highways seminar underscored the large amount of gritting that was carried out.</p> <p>Various stalls were available during the lunch recess. The British Red Cross stall holders promised 200 leaflets on preparing for winter which would be distributed with the parish magazine. Unfortunately these were not received in time. JW spoke with Southern Gas Network stall holders regarding the possibility of mains gas supply to Iden. He was advised that villages thinking of requesting a gas supply would now</p>

8.	Resilience Seminar Report Contd.	<p>need to have an assessment carried out which residents would have pay for, however they would send the relevant application forms. The SGN presentation in the afternoon confirmed that they owned some 70,000 Km of pipeline, as well as storage, pumping, monitoring and control systems, and aimed to replace about 1000 Km per year. They were responsible for the pipes up to the meter and the gas retailers were responsible from the meter to the house. It was stressed that gas outages took a substantial time to resolve as all air and water had to be purged from the pipes before reconnection, and all properties visited to ensure that gas appliances had been turned off.</p> <p>The afternoon seminar on Planning for Winter Health revealed the risk of flu to the vulnerable, in particular to the elderly. Frailty would mean that they would not venture outdoors and no one would be aware that they may be in need of help. A good defence against the flu for the elderly was to heat the house to above 18 degrees. A discussion on heat poverty followed and it was noted that more people die from the effects of cold homes than from drugs, alcohol and road accidents combined! Heat poverty could be due to fuel poverty, but equally to the heating system not working, being inefficient or not being used properly.</p> <p>The floor was opened for public discussion and it was suggested that a talk on the flu and prevention should be organised.</p>
9.	Risk Assessment	Best Practice
	Pavilion Update	<p>The sports association had sent an email advising that as a result of difficulties with the showers they had not drained down the system but were checking regularly the building and keeping the heating on. The council commented that having the heating on with standing water may increase the risk of legionella. Furthermore the water would still have to be drained down to comply with safety requirements. Clerk to write to the Pavilion Association and copy in the insurance company. It was noted that the gutters were overflowing in places.</p>
10.	Information for Councillors	
	Roadside Bin Collection Update	<p>Rother District Department responsible would be reviewing the bins and their condition and their collection as well as considering emptying additional waste and dog bins within the playing fields.</p>
	Rother Rural Trust	<p>The trust had confirmed receipt of the donation and thanked the council.</p>

	Online Payments Banking	Upon further investigation Lloyd's Bank had advised that online payments banking could only be instigated by those authorised to sign cheques even with a second online authorisation requirement.
	New Burial Ground	The hedge would be trimmed in the next week.
	Neighbourhood watch	Following a recent burglary in Iden, a cllr asked what had happened to Neighbourhood watch and the police reports that used to be made at the meeting. Neighbourhood watch now came under the fire brigade umbrella. Further a burglary was seen as a victimless crime so a police officer would not necessarily come out. However the cllr's point was the lack of presence.
	War Memorial	The council had heard nothing since the November 2016 meeting and correspondence relating to this running on to February 2017.
	Rural Community Community Survey	Rural Services Network had requested the council to complete a survey. As the survey required contact details of bodies other than the council the council would ask them if they wished to provide contact details.
	Cricket Club Fee	The Clerk asked for assistance with the outstanding fee. The club had been reminded several times. The council advised to write to the club advising if the club if the fee was not received shortly then the council would have to consider whether cricket club would have use of the playing field this year.
11.	Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting would be Tuesday 6th February 2017 at 7.30pm in Iden Village Hall.