



Iden Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd March 2020, 7.00pm, Iden Village Hall

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

In attendance: County Councillor K Glazier, District Councillor Paul Osborne and the Clerk M. Philo
Members of the Public: 11

1. Apologies

District Councillor Sally-Ann Hart and Councillor Allard. Councillor Wood was delayed.

2. Disclosure of Interests

All councillors hold a prejudicial interest in the Fete

3. Agreement of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Following some minor amendment, it was resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting of the 4th February 2020 as a true record.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 7.05pm for County and District Councillors Reports and Public Questions

District Council Share of Council Tax

This will increase by £4.97 for a Band D property.

Rother Draft Environmental Strategy

The strategy to make the council carbon neutral by 2030 is open for public consultation till the 18th May.

Road Closures in Rye

The Southern Gas Network road closures in Rye to allow for an old cast iron pipe to be replaced had commenced mid-February were almost immediately cancelled as a result of complaints from business in Rye and residents in and around Rye. Objections were made about the alternative route being impractical and that residents and businesses should have been consulted. Additional emergency electricity road works on the high street had made the situation worse as no alternative route was possible These works would be rescheduled for the holidays.

Potholes

The number of potholes dealt with this year is almost triple that of last year with 98% being filled in within required timescales. Residents were requested to continue reporting potholes.

The meeting reconvened at 7.20pm

5. Planning

Enforcements

None.

Planning Decisions Notified by Rother District Council

None.

Applications considered

RR/2019/2840/P Partridge Main Street

Demolition of existing extension, link extension between dwelling and garage and internal works including part conversion of existing garage. **It was resolved to support the application.**

6. Finances

6.1 Financial Information

Bank balances at 29th February 2020 Treasurer's Account stood at £4,158.60 and Reserve Account at £9,912.11.

6.2 Receipts

£0.43 February bank interest

6.3 Agreement of payments

£452.05 Clerks monthly salary (8 hours per week)

£41.70 Clerks admin; room £30 and car £11.70

£9.33 Pett PC- Mobile Phone

£285.00 L Leadbetter: Annual Pest Control fee

£44.32 M Philo: Admin cost

Charge Card

£32.00 Charge Card Annual Fee

7. Pest Control on the Playing Fields

It was resolved to renew the contract with L Leadbetter Pest Control for pest control at Iden Playing Fields

8. Amended Rother Association of Local Councils Constitution

The major change was the inclusion of meeting procedures based on council ones. Councillors had no comments or suggestions.

9. Iden Fete

The fete Committee had scheduled its Annual General Meeting for the 12th March 7.30pm at the village hall.

10. Playing Fields, Pavilion and Play Area

The ground at the playing fields was sodden and concern was expressed as to whether it would dry in time to reopen the play area. A tree branch on the boundary with Twin Sisters had fallen and the grass cutters charged with removing it.

11. Risk Assessment

Councillor Miller had made a written complaint to UK Power Network about the failing trees in All Saints Churchyard interfering with the power cables. Badgers continued to dig in the new burial ground. The Clerk continued to fill the holes.

12. Information for Councillors

Clerk's training for word processing to create accessible documents

The clerk would undertake a webinar on the subject in March

VE Day Celebrations

There were plans to celebrate the day on Sunday 10th May and it was suggested that a small grant from Rother District Council should be applied for. The Clerk to contact the organisers.

COVID-19

It was suggested that ICE should mobilise to assist villagers with issues created by the international virus.

13. Meeting Closure

The meeting closed at 7.30pm