



Iden Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd January 2024 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.

Notices

The chairman expressed the council condolences to John Harrison's family **on his** recent passing. Not only had John been the voice of the village fete and Pantomime Dame but also written a book on the use of vocabulary. There would be a memorial service at All Saints, Thursday 11th January 1.30pm.

Present

Councillors M. Miller (chairman), B. Luckhurst, and G. Say.
In attendance: District Councillors P. Osborne and L Hacking; the Clerk M. Philo.
Members of the Public: Six.

Iden Parish Council holds the General Power of Competence

1. Apologies

Parish Councillors Allard and Wood. County Councillor Glazier.

2. Disclosure of Interests and Dispensations

Councillor Luckhurst had a prejudicial interest in the planning application for her home St Anne.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was unanimously resolved to agree the minutes of the 5th December 2023 as a true record.

The meeting adjourned at 7.35 pm for Public Session

District Councillors Paul Osborne and Lizzie Hacking Report

Over the Christmas period the council had been quiet. The contract for the cash collection from car parks was out to tender. Should a reasonable contract not be forthcoming then the car parks would rely on card/phone payments and payment via the Ringo app.

The meeting reconvened 7.45pm

4. Planning

4.1 Enforcements and Appeals

No further enforcement advice since the last meeting.

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

RR/2023/2156/P Spring Farm - land adjacent to Military Road, Iden: Extension and restoration to existing store for agricultural use. Refused.

Twin Sisters application: the plans had been amended and a bat survey was now required.

4.3 Applications Considered

RR/2023/2464/P St Annes – Installation of a detached timber outbuilding. Under delegation to the Clerk Iden Parish Council supported the application.

4.4 For Information only

RR/2023/2469/O Tyson Marsh Farm, Wittersham Road: Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing occupation of Tyson Farm in breach of an agricultural occupancy condition imposed on permission 76/0087 for use as a dwelling for person/s not employed in forestry or agriculture.

RR/2023/2153/P Conkers, Main Street – 17 dwellings, etc, will be addressed at the extraordinary meeting on Thursday 4th January 2024 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.

5. Council Finances

5.1 Bank Balances

Bank Balances:

30th November 2023	£28,119.25
Total Receipts	£ 49.00
Total Payments	<u>£ 7,457.46</u>
31 st December 2023	£20,710.79

(31st December statements -Treasurers Account £10,349.30 and Reserve Account £10,361.49) Running balance is £20,710.79

5.2 December Receipts

£11.80 Bank Interest
£37.20 Beckley PC: share of ink

5.3 December Additional Payments

£1,284.00 Gibbs & Sons: Cemetery tidy

5.4 The Following Payments were Authorised:

£551.20 Clerk's salary
£41.70 Clerk's salary allowances: Room £30 and car £11.70
Charge Card (January)

£131.82 Jewson: Road Grit for Iden Community Emergency Forum. The Group was thanked for removing the hard old grit and refilling the bins.

5.5 Setting the Precept (Council Tax)

It was resolved to set the precept for the financial year 2024-2025 at £16,000 per annum. The band D property household would pay £68.07 per annum. Previous years' charge around £68.45.

6. Pavilion Finances

6.1 Bank Balance

Bank Balances on 31st December 2023 £714.60

6.2 December Receipts

Nil

6.3 Additional December Payments

£323.60 EDF payment. The monthly direct debit has been changed to 'Whole amount' so only what has been used will be charged monthly.

£5.80 Castle Water: November bill standing order only

6.4 Payments Authorised

£0 EDF monthly direct debit

£19.67 Castle Water

7. Iden Playing Fields and Pavilion

The Pavilion Group had sent their apologies.

The rear pavilion gutter was leaking in heavy rains. Councillor Say would inspect and report back.

The playing field ground was waterlogged, and a small oak branch had fallen. The branch could be easily moved into the wooded area beside it.

8. Risk Assessment

The listed K6 Box in front of the Bell Inn looked unkempt with the door remaining open.

13. Information for Councillors

The Save the Bell Inn pop-up pub on the 20th December had again been very well attended.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Extraordinary meeting Thursday 4th January 2024, 7.30pm Iden Village Hall.

Ordinary meeting Tuesday 6th February 2024, 7.30pm Iden Village Hall.