



Iden Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 5th February 2019 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall

Village Notices

Percy Bryant, aged 97, had recently passed away. He had lived and worked on Bosney Farm his whole life.

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

In attendance: District Cllrs S-A. Hart and P. Osborne and the Clerk M. Philo

Item No.		
1	Apologies	County Cllr Glazier had sent his apologies.
2	Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items	None.
3	Minutes	It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 2nd January as a true record.
		The meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm
	County and District Councillors' Reports	
	Modern Slavery	The police were running a campaign to raise awareness and help victims of modern slavery. The police are working with social service providers to identify victims. The Police are calling for residents to notify them if they have any suspicions.
	District Council Tax	The District Council would no longer receive any subsidies from central government and would have to rely on its income from business rates, council tax, charges on services it provided and income from its investment strategy. Council tax would be increased by the 2.99% that being £5 increase on a band D property.
	Business Rates	Rother had been accepted as part of a pilot scheme (East Sussex Business Rates Pool Scheme) for 2019/2020 which would allow them to keep 75% of the rates levied as opposed to the usual 50%.
	Waste Disposal Contract	This had been awarded to Biffa who would start this June. The cost of the contract had been higher than anticipated and the contract would be £1.5 million higher than the current contract.
	Community Infrastructure Levy Funding Applications	The District Council were considering requests for funding for infrastructure improvement projects.
	Members (Councillors) Allowances	District Cllrs received various allowances to assist with covering their running costs. These had been reviewed and the broad band allowance discontinued. Allowances increase in line with officer wages so they had been increased by 2%.

	Rother District Community Grants	All monies had now been allocated but the fund would reopen in April with approx. £130 thousand.
	Providing for the Homeless	The District Council had acquired a nursing home to be used to provide temporary accommodation and allocated £250,000 to assist people with finding accommodation or helping them to stay in accommodation. Currently there were around 50 homeless families at any one time.
	Public Questions	None
		The meeting was reconvened at 7.50pm
4	Planning	Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1 and 2010
4.1	Enforcements	None.
4.2	R.D.C Planning Decisions	None.
4.3	Applications Received	None
5	Finances	I.P.C. Financial Regulations
5.1	Financial Report	Cllrs had been provided with the third quarter payments and receipts as well as budget comparison and bank reconciliation. Bank Balance bank as at 31 st January 2019: Reserve account £9,756.76 and Treasurer's Account £19,509.74.
5.3	Receipts for Previous Month	£ 0.35 Bank Interest
	Payments	£ 444.25 Clerks monthly salary for 8 hours a week £ 41.70 Clerk's Admin costs: room £30, car 11.70. £ 9.12 Pett PC: Share of mobile phone for clerk £ 78.00 SSALC Vat Training (vat 13.00) 50% cost to be paid by Pett PC £ 285.00 Lance Leadbeter - pest control for the playing fields £ 1,680.00 Gibbs and Sons Grass cutting September and October 2019 (vat £280.00) Charge Card – nil as at 31 st January 2019
6	Iden Playing Fields Parking Area Ditch	To agree to contract Andrew Wood to clear the ditch in the playing fields additional parking area. Cost £150
7	Website	Following discussion of the quote, there was no support to take up the proposal from Reflow.
8	Pest Control	It was resolved to renew the contract with Lance Leadbetter for pest control on the playing field till February 2020. Cost £285.
9	Iden Playing Fields - Gates	A quote had been received to realign and refurbish the gates to mitigate the current difficulties to close the over latch and then padlock the gate. As it would be difficult to source three quotes, the quote received would be put for agreement at the next meeting.
10	Brambles along New Burial Ground Hedge	The Clerk to request the grass cutters to clear the area.

11	Play area	Clerk to organise a date for councillors to discuss. It was suggested that a grant request could be made to Rye Community Shop.
12	Risk Assessment	Clerk still to seek contractor for steps into Garden of Remembrance.
13	Information for Cllrs	
	Ditch outside St. Anne's	Having cleared the ditch erroneously, Highways had returned the ditch to its previous condition.
	Litter Pick	Clerk to organise a litter pick dependent on the weather.
14	Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 5 th March 2019 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall. Annual Parish Meeting to follow on at 8.15pm.
15	War Memorial	The item was defered.
		The meeting closed at 8.20pm