



Iden Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd September 2019 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall

Village Notices

Congratulations to the Chairman and his wife on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

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

In attendance: County Cllr K. Glazier, District Cllr P. Osborne and the Clerk M. Philo

Item No.		
1	Apologies	District Cllr Sally-Ann Hart. County Cllr Keith Glazier apologised for his absence in July. He had been attending the Local Government Association Conference.
2	Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items	None.
3	Minutes	It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 2nd July 2019 as a true record.
		The meeting was adjourned at 7.35
	County and District Councillors' Reports	
	Jet Patcher for Roads	Three such machines work across the county. These seal the roads and prevented the surface from deteriorating while these roads await scheduling for maintenance works. They do not fill potholes.
	Brexit	The port of New Haven sees 2 sailings a day. The Department for Transport is confident that there is the enough capacity to stack lorries if needed. The Resilience Forum is dealing with medical supplies and is confident that they can cope. Iden Community Emergency Forum advised that they had not been contacted by the Resilience Team. Advice was given that the Team is on a national basis and planned to bring in medical supplies by plane and then use lorry transport.
	County Council Budget	Central government may shortly advise of another one-off £1.5 billion nationally of financial assistance for Adult Social Care to county councils for next year. The early announcement would allow councils to start budget planning sooner.
	Rother Community Grant to Iden	Rother Cabinet voted to grant Iden PC £14,920 towards replacement equipment for the play area. Thanks to Paul Osborne and Sally-Ann Hart for their support.
	Development and Sites Allocation	The final consultation finishes in October. The Local Plan first stage review is now underway.
	Waste Collections	The new contractor had not emptied some recycling bins as regularly as scheduled. The routes were being reviewed.
	Public Questions	

	Empty Optivo Housing	Two homes in Iden were reported as being empty since February. Cllr Osborne would investigate this as 40 households were currently in temporary accommodation.
	Rubbish near Thornsdales Oast	Residents raised health concerns about the rubbish piling up at the location.
		The meeting was reconvened at 7.45pm
		Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1 and 2010
4	Planning	
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	As at 31 st July 2019 Treasurers Account 18,316.33 Reserve Account £9,909.18. As at 31 th August 2019 Treasurers Account £ 24,854.95 Reserve Account £9,909.60. Election recharge to Iden PC estimated uncontested £119 and contested £1,184.
5.3	Receipts for Previous Months July and August	<p>£ 100.00 Memorial Stone £ 50.00 Playing Fields Hire £ 0.39 July Bank Interest £ 0.42 August Bank Interest £7,000.00 Second half of precept payment</p>
5.4	Payments	<p>Paid £ 452.05 August Clerk's Salary £ 9.33 Pett PC: August share of mobile phone</p> <p>It was resolved to draw the following: £ 452.05 September Clerk's Salary £ 9.33 Pett PC: September share of mobile phone £ 87.53 August and September Admin room car £83.40, Stamps £1.44, bin bags £2.69 (vat refund 45p) £ 75.00 Rother Association of Local Council: annual subscription and online mapping service</p> <p>Charge card Paid £ 20.15 Cartridge World: set of print cartridges (vat refund £3.36) £ 9.29 Webbs of Tenterden: sandpapers for playing field gate and teak oil for play area seat (vat refund £1.55)</p> <p>It was resolved to draw the following: £59.99 Microsoft Office: annual subscription</p>
6	War Memorial Garden	<p>The chairman had received a letter from Mrs White stating she would be retiring from tending the war memorial garden from September. The council thanked Mrs S White for having taken care of the war memorial and its garden for enumerable years, as her father had done before her. A couple had since offered to look after the memorial and its garden. Clerk to</p>

		<p>meet with them.</p> <p>The replacement hedging appeared to have die. It was resolved to agree to acquire further hedging plants and rooting hormone. The Clerk suggested smaller plants would fare better. The Bowls Club had agreed to provide water to clean the memorial and water the hedge when the second replacement hedge is planted.</p>
7	Play Area	<p>The bench in memory of Peter Hammel had been sanded and oiled.</p> <p>Rother District Council had approved a grant of £14,920 for the play area. The sum represents 50% of the total cost to replace the baby swings and climbing frame. The Clerk was instructed to place the order for the play equipment so the equipment could be installed before the ground became boggy during the winter. The Rye Community Shop was taking funding applications again. An application for senior exercise equipment to be made. The Clerk to further investigate grass matting to make winter access to the play area possible.</p>
8	Iden Playing Field	<p>The cricket season was nearly over, and the pavilion would be vacant till next year. Insurers to be advised and the pavilion association to confirm what actions would be taken regarding the water. A reminder to padlock the disabled toilet was made. It was suggested that a meeting with the pavilion association may be appropriate. As Rye Retreat had not held their annual staff party, the deposit should be returned. The Clerk to enquire. Councillors reviewed the draft response on the RDC Playing Field Strategy and resolve to agree it. The playing field was not well used. It was suggested that local schools should be contacted.</p>
9	Risk Assessment	
	Trees	<p>The grass contractor had removed the broken branch on the chestnut tree on the avenue on Iden Playing Fields. The branch had broken in the high winds. The clerk was to chase UK Power Network to cut back the trees encroaching on the electricity cables on All Saints Church.</p>
10	Information for Cllrs	
	Next Door Social Media Site	This is now up and running.
	Polling Stations	The village hall will continue as the polling station.
	Bell Inn – Community Asset	The pub had been put up for sale in July and the community had until the 27 th August to express an interest in acquiring the pub. No interest was recorded.
	Fete Jumble Sale	The weather on the day was stormy and raining. Many national events had been cancelled. Nevertheless, the event raised approx. £2,500.
	Election Register	The Clerk had downloaded a free program to open compressed and passworded protected files and now held the register.
	Hedges	A flyer had been generally distributed in Iden. Many were expressed to those that had trimmed and cut back hedges to clear paths and reveal road signs.
	Standing Orders	Councillors were reminded to review the draft of the latest version to agree at a meeting.
	RALC Speeding Workshop 26th Nov	Cllrs suggested that it would be more appropriate for someone from Speed watch to attend. The Clerk to enquire.
	SALC Finance Training 26th Nov	Cllrs were agreeable to the Clerk attending.
	Dulverton Trust / Sussex Community Foundation Grants	The Dulverton Trust offered small grants to bodies that benefit to young people.

	Report on RALC Meeting 10th July	During the discussion of the community infrastructure levy, Rother Officers suggested that small parishes could cluster on joint projects. Inspector Jonathan Hartley reported that burglar is down whilst stalking is on the increase. In towns knife crime was an issue. The Police had to prioritise as the budget could not cover all problems.
11	Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 1 st October 2019 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall
		The meeting closed at 8.30pm