



Iden Parish Council

Minutes of Virtual Meeting held on 6th April 2021 7.30pm

Present

Councillors R Griffin (Chairman), P. Allard, M. Miller and J. Wood.
In attendance: County Councillor K. Glazier, Clerk M. Philo
Members of the Public: 1

1. Apologies

Councillor Say and District Councillor Osborne apologies were given.

2. Disclosure of Interests

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 2nd March 2021 as a true record.

The meeting adjourned at 7.37pm for County and District Councillors Reports and Public Questions

County Councillor Report

Councillor Glazier would be joining the highways Steward for an inspection of the roads in Iden. The patch of potholes on Houghton Road on the corner at the bottom of the hill before the school were reported as needing review.

Wilder Iden – Sam Murphy

Sam had joined the Clerk to measure and record flowers already growing on the verges on the Hare hairdresser's side from the post box down to the Bowls Club corner. Neighbours south of the Hare were all agreeable to leaving the verge uncut and waiting to see what would grow. Without disturbing the bulbs currently there and so as to enrich the variety of wildflowers on the Readers Lane and Grove Lane triangles, plug plants could be planted. The season to plant is now however the status as meadow verges was still to be confirmed although a positive stance had been taken on the wildflower verge application. Sam also

visited the Churchyard and the playing fields. Although the area at the rear of the church was a good location, no action would be taken until the already planned nature survey had been completed. The playing field area could be seeded in the autumn but the group was still discussing the two latter areas.

It costs around £110 for about 120 plug plants and approximately £80 for 500 grams of wildlife seed that would cover up to 100 square metres.

Public Questions

None.

The Meeting Reconvened at 7.54pm

4. Planning

4.1 Enforcements

None.

4.2 Planning Decisions made by Rother District Council since the last Meeting

RR/2020/2221/P Park Farm: Erection of 2-bay garage, proposed erection of greenhouse – Refused.

RR/2020/2219/P and RR/2020/2220/L: Proposed reduction of utility room and insertion of double doors in kitchen. Internal alterations to ground floor utility and kitchen area and layout of first floor masters bedroom and ensuite – Approved conditionally.

4.3 Applications Considered by the Parish Council

RR/2020/2222/P and RR/2020/2223/L Amended plans Park Farm, Wittersham Road: Proposed conversion of first floor and part ground floor of outbuilding to a residential annexe ancillary to the main dwelling. In light of the lack of information on the proposed use of the outbuilding as either granny annex, holiday rental or occasional extra accommodation and the historic value of the house and garden the parish council object to this application.

RR/2021/3821/P Sabroan, Church Lane: Alterations to existing dwelling, including replacing existing single storey extension with new single storey extensions, new cladding and windows and alteration of roof. The item was deferred to the next meeting due to insufficient members able to vote.

5. Finances

5.1 Bank Balances

Bank Balance as of 31st March 2021 £20,121.37

5.2 Payments made since the last meeting:

£16.99 Refund Clare Carle: compost for hedge planting in New burial ground

£51.20 M Philo: Share of Clerk's Society for Local Councils (agreed at January meeting)

5.3 March Receipts

£0.08 February Bank Interest

5.4 It was resolved to draw the following:

£473.55 Clerk's April salary

£41.70 Clerk's March April Allowances: Room £30 and car £11.70

£169.86 East Sussex Association of Local Councils and National Association of Local Councils Annual Subscriptions
£420.00 Armadillo Safety Limited- Safety inspection of Playing Field Pavilion (vat £70)
Charge Card - Nil

6. New Burial Ground Steps to Garden of Contemplation

The Clerk has been unable to contact Gavin Gray. Having contacted 2 contractors who have advised that they will not be able to carry out the work this year, J Knight & Sons supplied the contact of SMB Groundwork LTD a subsidiary of theirs who has quoted £750 for a ramp. **It was resolved to contract SMB Groundworks LTD**

7. Iden Playing Fields and Pavilion

Cricket

The annual invoice for hire of the playing fields had been sent. The Chairman and Clerk would be meeting with the Cricket Club the Friday following the meeting.

8. Risk Assessment – Report on Parish Assets

Fingerpost near Iden Stores – Directional finger towards Wittersham has broken and the wooden finger appears to have been stolen.

9. Information for Councillors

None.

10. Date of Next Meeting - Virtual

Tuesday 4th May 2021, 7.30pm – Annual Meeting.