



Iden Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on
6th June 2023 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.**

Present

Councillors M. Miller, P. Allard, B. Luckhurst and G. Say.

In attendance: District Councillor P. Osborne and the Clerk M. Philo.

Members of the Public: Eight.

The Chairman congratulated the Village Hall Committee on a successful Tea Party which raised £430.00. Councillor Osborne was congratulated on his re-election.

1. Apologies

Councillor Wood. County Councillor K. Glazier and District Councillor L. Hacking.

2. Disclosure of Interests and Dispensations

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Following amendment, it was resolved to agree the minutes of the 18th May 2023 as a true record.

The meeting adjourned at 7.35 pm for Public Session

Keith Glazier County Councillor Report (read out in his absence)

Councillor Glazier offered his apologies for the incorrect cutting of the wildflower verges by the new contractor. The error was due to a mapping failure. The contractor has also offered their apologies and to reseed the verges.

Councillor Miller has also asked for the reasoning and timings for cutting the verges not allocated as urban verges when other counties appear not to be cutting these.

District Councillor Paul Osborne Report

The District Council was being led by a coalition with the Conservative Party in opposition. Councillor Osborne will continue as Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee and

would join the Community Infrastructure Levy Panel, the Community Grant Panel and Property Investment Panel.

The Bank Holiday Sunday water shortage was a result of a fault in Beckley. A second failure resulted when the water pipes were recharged, causing a different older pipe to burst. A member of the public commented that the suppliers should have replaced pipes and equipment years ago.

A resident noted that the water pipe replacement through Iden, in 2017, had been poorly tarmacked and had resulted the current poor condition of the road and numerous potholes.

Public Questions

None.

The meeting reconvened 7.50pm

4. Planning

4.1 Enforcements and Appeals

No further advice since the last meeting.

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

RR/2023/313/P Iden Bowls Club: Erection of a new open sided timber trellis to front façade of existing building. Approved.

4.3 Applications Considered

RR/2023/1053/P Twin Sisters, Church Lane: alterations and extensions to existing building & pool house. It was resolved to support subject to an ecological survey being completed and any wildlife being removed.

RR/2023/760/P Park Farm: Erection of green house. It was resolved to support.

RR/2023/1006/P Barons Grange, Readers Lane: Retention of vacant agricultural mobile home for holiday let use. It was resolved to support.

5. Council Finances

5.1 Bank Balances

Bank Balances on 31st May 2023 £26,577.40 (Council Treasurers Account £16,379.46 and Reserve Account £ 10,297.94).

5.2 May Receipts

£5.85 May Bank Interest

5.3 The following payments were authorised:

£525.20 Clerk's June salary

£41.70 Clerk's June salary allowances: Room £30 and car £11.70

£14.79 Pett Parish Council: share of the clerk's Mobile Phone January to April

£171.60 Rother District Council: Dog bin empty annual fee (vat £28.60)

£420.00 Armadillo Safety Solutions: pavilion inspection (vat £70.00)

£40.00 ESALC: new councillor training

Charge Card (6 June)

£38.94 Cartridge People: black ink cartridge a third to be recharged to Pett and Appledore Parish Councils

£253.50 Majestic Metals: Coronation commemorative plaque for Elmsmead Bus Shelter

£4.75 Tesco: ream of paper

£37.00 HP Ink: black ink cartridge a third to be recharged to Pett and Appledore Parish Councils

6. Agreement of the Annual Governance and Annual Return

As the receipts and/or payments for 2022-2023 financial year exceed £25,000, the parish council must undergo a limited assurance external audit by PKF Littlejohn LLP.

6.1 Internal Auditor Report and Statement of Internal Control

Having considered the internal auditor's report, it was resolved to agree the Statement of Internal Control. Chairman and Clerk signed the statement.

6.2 Annual Governance and Annual Return Section 1

It was resolved to agree the 9 assertions of the Annual Governance Statement – Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

6.3 Annual Governance and Annual Return Section 2

Having considered the financial information, it was resolved to agree Section 2 Accounting Statements of the Annual Governance and Annual return 2022/23.

7. Emergency Delegation to the Clerk

It was resolved to agree the proposed delegation to the Clerk to manage the parish council during an emergency which prevents the council from meeting. LGA 1972 s101

8. Rye Observer Iden Village Reporter

Following discussion, a resident was suggested. Enquiries would be made.

9. Pavilion Finances

9.1 Bank Balance

Bank Balances on 31st May 2023 Treasurers Account £6,283.31

9.2 May Receipts

£700.00 Iden Cricket Club hire of Pavilion and Playing Fields. Councillors confirmed that the sum should be divided as billed across the parish council and pavilion bank accounts.

£60.00 Bodium Cricket Club Match 21st May

9.3 May Payments

£23.00 EDF monthly direct debit payment 15th of the month.

10. Iden Playing Fields

Councillor Osborne offered to arrange for the community grant officer to attend the pavilion with a view to a grant application. The Pavilion Working Party would be informed of the offer.

10.1 Fly Tipping

Fly tipping at the ground was becoming a regular event and animals were breaking into bags making a unsalutary mess. Clerk to contact the Civil Enforcement or Richard Parker Harding at Rother District Council.

10.2 Playing Field and pavilion Hire Sunday 30th July

It was resolved to permit Rye Retreat to hold their staff picnic on Sunday 30th July 2023. The insurers had advised that it was a requirement for the parish council to hold details of all hirers making signing an indemnity unnecessary. The clerk advised that the cricket clubs had provided proof of public liability cover.

11. Risk Assessment

Nothing reported.

12. Information for Councillors

Bus Shelter repaint has been re-scheduled till the swallows have departed.

The requirement for independent and searchable generic emails for councillors is being pressed as necessary for General Data Protection Regs and Information Requests. The clerk suggested that the start of a new term would be a suitable time to install this update of council procedure before an issue arose.

Councillor Edwards had attended the Police Focus Group and circulated a report. The clerk was requested to ask the dedicated PCSO to attend a parish council meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday July 4th at 7.30pm Iden Village Hall.