



Iden Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th July 2023 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.

Notices

Rogate, Grove Lane will be holding open gardens in aid of the village hall.

Iden Village Stores will toast its 25th Anniversary at the shop annual general meeting on the 17th July 6pm.

Present

Councillors M. Miller, P. Allard, B. Luckhurst and J. Wood.

In attendance: District Councillors L Hacking and P. Osborne; the Clerk M. Philo.

Members of the Public: Eight.

1. Apologies

Councillor Say and County Councillor K. Glazier.

2. Disclosure of Interests and Dispensations

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was unanimously resolved to agree the minutes of the 6th June 2023 as a true record.

The meeting adjourned at 7.35 pm for Public Session

Questions for County Councillor Glazier

A member of the public requested an update on the replacement of the missing drain covers.

Councillor Miller was still awaiting a response regarding the reasoning behind the rural verge cutting schedule.

District Councillor Lizzie Hacking Report

A public consultation on dog control on open space sports pitches and beaches is open till 31st July 2023.

District Councillor Paul Osborne Report

Following the elections, councillors were undergoing training.

Public Questions

A residents enquired about the future of the pub due to rumours of it closing. The Parish Council had asked the owner who had advised that they had no comment at the moment.

The meeting reconvened 7.44pm

4. Planning

4.1 Enforcements and Appeals

Further enforcement advice is awaited regarding May House and Conkers.

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

None.

4.3 Applications Considered

None.

4.4 Delegation

It was unanimously resolved to delegate to the Clerk the comment on planning applications during summer recess, unless a substantial application comes in.

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5. Council Finances

5.1 Bank Balances

Bank balances on 30th June 2023 £24,909.37 (Council Treasurers Account £14,604.87 and Reserve Account £ 10,304.50).

5.2 June Receipts

£6.56 June bank interest
£209.00 Rother District Council Coronation Grant
£21.10 Pett Parish Council: share of ink
£250.00 Ashes internment fee
£200.00 Transfer from Pavilion Account for cricket club playing field hire
£420.00 Transfer from Pavilion Account for payment of pavilion safety inspection

5.3 June Additional Payments

915.97 BHIB: Councill annual insurance.
£48.00 ESALC: New Councillor Training (vat £8)

5.4 The following payments were authorised:

£525.20 Clerk's July salary and £525.20 August Salary (Payment in August)
£41.70 Clerk's July salary allowances: Room £30 and car £11.70 and £41.70 for Clerk's August salary allowances - August payment in August

£84.00 RALC and Parish Online Annual Subscription if invoice received during the recess

Charge card (10th July)

£21.06 Iden Stores: Gift for Internal Auditor

£9.99 W H Smith: Cash book (vat £1.66)

5.5 Threshold for External Audit

Due to rising costs, it was unanimously resolved to write to the County Association requesting that they lobby government or other appropriate body to have the exemption limit for self-certification to be raised to £30,000.

6. Community Asset – The Bell Inn

The original registration of 2016 lasted for 5 years until 2021. During that time two moratoriums were applied however no community group came forward. Should the council be allowed to apply again, **it was unanimously resolved to apply to Rother District Council to register The Bell Inn as a Community Asset again.**

7. Public Consultation on Dog Control

Following discussion it was unanimously resolved to respond as follows:

With regard to the Parish of Iden's open spaces, the Parish Council wish the current regulations to remain in place. There have been no problems with dogs or dog owners on Iden Playing Fields. It would be difficult to enforce a dog ban for sport pitches. Additionally, in the case of Iden Playing Fields, two public footpaths cross the area.

8. Pavilion Finances

8.1 Bank Balance

Bank Balances on 30th June 2023 Treasurers Account £5,532.13

8.2 June Receipts

£30.00 Bodium Cricket Club Match 18th June.

8.3 Additional May Payments

£138.18 Castle Water: Pavilion water bill November 2022 to September 2023

£200.00 Transfer to the Parish council account in respect of fees for the playing field.

8.4 Payments Authorised

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

£135.00 RSR Drains: Pavilion cesspit empty

9. Iden Playing Fields and Pavilion

The health and safety inspection has been carried out. The report will be made available upon receipt of payment.

The work on the roof of the scoreboard has started and the main roof struts have been found to be sound. The floorboard to the storage room has also been replaced.

10. Risk Assessment

Nothing reported.

11. Information for Councillors

The flytipping on Iden Playing Fields has been reported to the civil enforcement team.

The swallows, in Elmsmead Bus Shelter are to fly shortly so the bus shelter repaint should take place over summer. The commemorative plaque, for the Coronation has been delivered. It was suggested that there should be an unveiling ceremony followed by tea in the village hall.

The PCSO Luke Carden allocated to the Iden area is currently in training. PCSO Becky Unicombe is covering. The Clerk to invite the PCSO to attend a coffee morning.

The new dog and waste bin for Iden Playing fields has been installed.

It was noted that the pavilion working party would hold its first meeting mid-July.

At the East Sussex Association of Local Councils there were three main areas of discussion:

- i) The recent water supply problems. The C.E.O Robert Swinton of South East Water had been asked to attend but no response had been received. He was reported as having been called to report to OFWAT.
- ii) Martyn's Law. There was concern about the new regulations to protect against terrorism for events of over 100 people and how it would affect events held at village halls.
- iii) Parish Councils experiencing issues with finding Clerk's and management issues.

Complaints had been received about the noise from the Motorcross track. The parish council does not receive many complaints, and these are only from neighbouring properties. The parish council does not have the legal power to act nor make any changes to the agreed terms for racing on the track. It was suggested that neighbours may be able to obtain better communication if they contact the two clubs themselves and failing any improvement then contact again rother enforcement officers and obtain proof of the sound levels.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm Iden Village Hall.