



Iden Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on
6th December 2022 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.**

Present

Councillors R Griffin (Chairman), M. Miller, Greg Say and Jim Wood.
In attendance: County Councillor Keith Glazier, District Councillor Hacking, and the Clerk
Members of the Public: 7.

Notices

The chairman offered the council's condolences to the family of Fran Lovick who had recently passed away. The Chairman of Rye Memorial Hospital will speak during the meeting about the warm hub and hot food scheme available at the hospital.

1. Apologies

District Councillor Osborne and Councillor Allard.

2. Disclosure of Interests

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Following minor amendment, it was resolved to agree the minutes of the 1st November 2022 as a true record.

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

Report by County Councillor Glazier

The county council had voted in general to not support fracking but it would continue to consider any application for fracking licences on its own merits as required by the laws regarding predetermination.

Central government's statement regarding funding allocation for counties is due on the 21st December, but it is anticipated that the planned cap on the maximum amount a resident would pay on elderly care costs will be delayed to 2025 which would allow time to complete pilot testing.

The county council is looking at budgeting and whether to implement the 2.99% council tax increase plus 2% dedicated to Adult Social Care.
A response regarding the ramps in Rye High Street will be provided at the January meeting.

Report by District Councillor Hacking

District Council officers pay is still in negotiations with the last offer being rejected.
The Marine Conservation Society has awarded Winchelsea Beach and Camber Beach with recommended status in their good beach guide.

Public Question

A resident queried the location of the road closure sign on Gardiner's Hills for the road Closure on 12th December. The Clerk will check for details and post information on the website and noticeboard.

The meeting reconvened at 7.40pm

4. Planning

4.1 Enforcements and Appeals

None.

4.2 Planning Decisions made by Rother District Council since the last meeting
RR/2022/2341/P St Anne's Church Lane: Single Storey extension to rear to form a garden room. – Granted.

RR/2022/1218/P The Cottage, Iden Lock: amended plans of September and November – demolition of existing garages and replacement with new building for carving workshop & studio - Granted

4.3 Applications considered:

RR/2022/2662/P Sabraon, Church Lane: Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2022/1198/P to allow the addition of a pergola to western extension – Support

The meeting adjourned at 7.46pm for Advice on Warm Space and Hot Food available at Rye Memorial Hospital – Mr B Needham

The hospital is reaching out to those who need help with food and a warm space over the next 3-4 months: till the 23rd December and from 3rd January to 31st March 2023. A facility providing free tea/coffee/biscuits and a warm place for anyone to stay all day from 9am to 3pm is open. There is also a voucher scheme that the parish council can provide to families in need which will provide one adult and two children (or equivalent family unit) with a free meal at the facility and the buses will also allow free travel with the voucher. Should there be no bus service the Rye dial-a-ride service will collect. The hub will provide any further vouchers and information and help for those to obtain further assistance such as vouchers for food banks.

Iden Community Emergency Forum

The new head of the group thanked Jim and Gill Wood for dedicatedly leading the group over the last years and presented flowers to Gill.

The meeting reconvened at 7.57pm

5. Parish Council Finances

5.1 Bank Balance

Bank Balances on 30th November 2022 £24,224.05: Council Treasurers Account £13,955.29 and Reserve Account £10,268.76. A second draft budget had been circulated to councillors. The figures presented are unrelated to the pavilion and did not include any sums that may be expended on weather proofing the sport pavilion. It is reasonable for the precept to remain unaltered at £16,000.

5.2 November Receipts

£1.10 Bank Interest
£43.32 Pett Parish Council: Share of ink cartridges

5.3 Payments Authorised

£488.55 Clerk's December salary
£41.70 Clerk's December salary allowances: Room £30 and car £11.70
£80.00 Rother Association of Local Councils annual subscription
£233.04 Refund Clare Carle for war memorial 100th anniversary exhibition and decoration (vat £38.84)
£29.58 Pett Parish Council: July to December share of Clerk's Mobile
£4.75 Refund M Philo Admin costs
Charge Card (7th December)
£53.99 HP Inc Store UK: black ink cartridge (cost to be shared with Pett and Appledore)

6. Climate Change

Councillors are not aware of what is entailed in declaring a climate emergency but are able, over the course of time to make small changes to its own assets such as using led lights in the pavilion and encourage other village bodies to do the same.

7. Defunct Electricity Poles in the Woodland behind the Sports Pavilion and All Saints Churchyard

It was resolved to give permission to Iden Footpath team to cut down and use the old electricity poles, left in the woods and churchyard when the pavilion supply was placed underground many years ago.

8. Pavilion Finances

8.1 Bank Balances

Bank Balances on 30th November 2022 Treasurers Account £5,666.11

8.2 November Receipts

Nil

8.3 November Payments

23.00 EDF monthly direct debit payment
£130.80 J S Fire Protection: annual extinguisher check (vat £21.80)

Note

£1,938.61 Refund to Iden PC current account, agreed at the July meeting has not been made.

9. Iden Playing Fields and Pavilion

The clerk was asked to check that the Cricket Club had confirmed in writing their agreement to the new fees discussed when councillors met with cricketers in October.

A grant application had been submitted to Rother District Council Community Grants for weather proofing the sports pavilion accompanied by 5 letters of support from local groups. Following on from the works the village will be consulted on the future of the pavilion.

10. Risk Assessment – Report on Parish Assets

A couple of tree branches in the rear of the Churchyard may need work in the future and will be monitored.

The Clerk was asked to get quotes to reduce trees overhanging the Sports Pavilion roof.

11. Information for Councillors

The annual data handling registration has been completed.

The budget will be voted on at the January meeting.

Clerk has chased the district council to repair the broken dog bin lid at the playing field.

12. Rother District Leisure Strategy Survey

It was resolved to delegate to the clerk to respond pointing out local residents interest in the Rye swimming facilities remaining open as opposed to being replaced in the long term by a new facility in association with Hastings Borough Council

13. Date of Next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 3rd January 2023, 7.30pm Iden Village Hall.

14. Clerk's Appraisal

Pursuant to section 1) 2 of the public bodies (admission to meeting) Act 1960, it was resolved, because of the confidential nature of business transacted the Public and Press leave the meeting during the Clerk's Appraisal

1972 Act sch 12a, part 1,3

Following the government agreement to salary hourly rates for scale point 20:

a) it was resolved to agree to back pay 10 months difference being £279.83.

b) it was resolved to confirm that, at the recently agreed rate for scale point 20, the new monthly salary including taxable mileage is £516.53 from January 2023.

To agree that from the 1st April 2023 to pay the clerk at scale point 20 at least £15 an hour which will be adjusted if necessary once the hourly rate is agreed by the government.

Note that an additional days holiday has been awarded from the 1st April 2023 and that the allowances may be increasing. That will mean the Clerk has 5 weeks and 1 day as holiday.

Meeting closed to the public at 8.30pm