

Agenda 4th Apríl 2023, Iden Parish Council

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Parish council members are summoned to the Meeting to be held on 4th April 2023 at 7.30pm Iden Village Hall

Signed Date 30th March 2023

Members of the Public and Press are welcome and encouraged to attend

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Disclosure of Interests

To receive any disclosure by Members of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the member regards the personal interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct. Members are reminded of the need to repeat their declaration immediately prior to the commencement of the item in question.

3. Minutes (available from http://www.idenvillage.uk)

To approve minutes of the parish council meeting held on 7th March 2022 (previously distributed) and to sign as a true record.

The meeting to adjourn for up to 25 minutes for

Report from the County Councillor and District Councillors Public Question Time

This 10-minute period is available for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the following agenda. Because of time constraints, only one question will be permitted per member of the public. Please advise the clerk if you have any other questions at the end of the meeting.

The meeting to reconvene.

Members of the public are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting when they must remain silent.

4. Planning

(Information on applications is available from Rother District Council website)

4.1 Enforcements and Appeals

4.2 Planning Decisions by Rother District Council

None

4.3 Applications to be considered:

RR/2023/371/P Windfalls, Main Street: rear single storey extension, front porch and new proposed cladding.

5. Finances - Parish Council

5.1 Bank Balances

Bank Balances on 29th March 2023 £22,454.60 (Council Treasurers Account £12,169.02 and Reserve Account £10,285.58). Figures to be updated.

5.2 March Receipts

£4.84 March Bank Interest £26.69 Pett PC share of ink cartridge £1.201.15 HMRC Vat reclaim

5.3 Payments to authorise:

£520.00 Clerk's April salary

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

£144.64 ESALC Annual Subscription

£5.90 Refund M Philo: litter pickers – The Helping Hand Company (vat £5.90)

Charge Card (6 April)

£93.87 Viking Direct 4 pack of ink cartridges (vat £14.81)

6. Elmsmead Bus Shelter

Refurbishment works to the bus shelter will start on the 6th April. The works will include replacement of the missing rear ship lap board. The clerk asked for a bench seat to be added. There will be an additional cost for this. Following on from the works, the shelter walls will need to be repainted. To agree that the clerk along with some volunteers could re paint it as part of the coronation helping hand initiative but just early. **To agree to commission a commemorative plague for the coronation £100.**

7. King Charles III Coronation Celebrations

A group of residents, as a working party of the council, is planning a similar event as the picnic for the jubilee to be held on the playing fields. To agree to give permission for the event to be held on the playing fields on Sunday 7th May and for the pavilion to be available for the event. To further agree to provide public liability insurance for the event. The working party to provide a risk assessment for the event. To also agree to provide funds up to £500 for the event.

On the original letter a request was made for a councillor to join the group. To take nominations.

Iden Cricket club have offered to help with preparations regarding the grass, chairs and tables.

8. Iden Community Emergency Forum

The working party has updated the plan and submits it to the parish council for approval. To agree the reviewed plan.

The team has advised that the rock salt held, is spent and have requested more salt be acquired. To agree to acquire new salt bags in the autumn. About £11.50 a 20 kilo bag plus vat and delivery.

To agree to pay for the emergency leaflet. Artwrite £36.00 (vat £6)

9. Asset Register, Financial and Management Risk Policy and Statement of Internal Control.

To agree the asset register as of the 31st March 2023.

To review and agree the Financial and Management Policy risk assessment.

To agree the Statement of Internal Control.

10. Air Ambulance

To agree to make a £200 donation. (LGA 1972, s137)

11. Sports Pavilion Repairs

The Clerk has not contracted Tollets as CD Rye Property Services has advised that they can complete these works and a quote is awaited.

12. Finances - Pavilion

11.1 Bank Balances

Bank Balances on 28th February 2023 Treasurers Account £5,569.31

11.2 February Receipts

£150.00 EDF (Cost of Living) Alternative Fuel Payment

11.3 February Payments

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

13. Iden Playing Fields and Pavilion

The Clerk wrote to the Cricket Club about the ruts to the pavilion created by a vehicle. The Club advised that having waited for the ground to dry so as to collect the mower for servicing it, unfortunately rained heavily the day before collection. The ground was rolled immediately afterwards.

14. Risk Assessment – Report on Parish Assets

15. Information for Councillors (for noting or inclusion on future agenda)

The Clerk has written to the Environment Agency (E.A.) requesting the E.A. to install a waste bin that is collected regularly. The request has been acknowledged.

Refurbishment works to the bus shelter will start on the 6th April.

The Litter pick on the 16th March collected some 20 bin bags from along the road and in the layby next to New Bridge.

A water meter reading for the pavilion, for March, has been submitted to Castle Water.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 16th May 2023, 7.30pm Iden Village Hall.