



Iden Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on
5th April 2022 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.**

Present

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

Apologies

District Councillors Hacking and Osborne and Parish Councillors Say and Wood.

Disclosure of Interests

Councillors Griffin and Miller held a prejudicial interest in the Hickstead Planning application.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 1st of March 2022 as a true record.

The meeting adjourned at 7.38pm for Public Session

County Councillor Report

The councillor had passed on information that highways may allow a temporary speed indication device in certain situations. Match funding could also be sought towards the cost. Information was requested regarding which device might be acceptable to highways. At the last cabinet meeting the council considered a request for 20 mph in villages. There is no easy solution as enforcement is needed to maintain any speed limit. Similarly, fixed signs are quickly ignored.

The county successfully bid for funding for 'Bus Back Better' and will receive £41 million over the next three years. They will be looking at what can be provided to improve services. County officers are working out how to deliver central government's scheme to provide homes for Ukrainian refugees. The National Scheme provides an allowance for the host and county council whilst the Family & Friends Scheme does not. The county is responsible for checking that properties are suitable and safe as well as checking that hosts and

refugees are both decent and honest for both schemes. Appropriate groups, e.g. East Sussex Fire & Rescue, are leading the checks.

Public Question

A member of the public reported the curb stones, on the fingerpost triangle near Iden Stores, had come loose.

The meeting reconvened at 7.45pm

Planning

4.1 Enforcements and Appeals

ENF/248/21/IDE Maltings Wood Yard, Malthouse Lane: Residential use of woodyard- Contra Notice has been served.

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

None.

4.3 Applications considered:

RR/2022/380/P Hickstead, Main Street: Rear Flat roof extension to replace conservatory, changes to main roof and new windows. **The council is unable to comment as too many councillors hold prejudicial interest.**

Finances

5.1 Bank Balance

Bank Balance of 31st March 2022 £19,221.72 plus £178.23 in the pavilion account.

5.2 March Receipts

£0.08 March Bank Interest

5.3 The following payments were authorised

£488.55 Clerk's April salary

£53.36 Clerk's April Salary Allowances: Room £30 and car £11.70 plus 66p stamp,

£11.00 WordPress website redirection fee

£130.00 Rother District Council: Annual dog bin empty charge (vat £26.00)

£445.20 East Sussex County Council: Additional urban verge cuts (vat £74.20)

Charge Card (payment 6th April):

£26.91 Rumwood Nursery: beech hedging for the war memorial (vat £ 2.99)

5.4 Internal Audit

It was resolved to instruct Mr P. Philips to conduct an appropriate internal audit.

6 Grove Lane Bus Shelter

As the bus shelter will reach its 70th anniversary in June 2023, **it was resolved to request Grade II listed building status for the bus shelter.**

7 Rother Association of Local Councils Subscription

It was resolved to agree an increase in annual subscription from £30 to £40 for 2022-2023 year.

8 Platinum Jubilee

It was resolved to give permission for a Platinum Jubilee event to be held on Iden Playing Fields on Sunday 5th June subject to provision of a full risk assessment.

Clerk to contact the council insurance about public liability insurance, once information on the dog show is ascertained.

9 Iden Pavilion Association

Following a meeting with a technician from South East Water, the meter has been replaced and is level with the ground. The transfer of the electricity account has been completed but the calculation of the final bill is being questioned. Once complete the bank account can be closed and the cricket club refunded.

It was resolved to get a locksmith to unlock and fix the exterior door to the exterior toilet block.

10. Iden Playing Fields

I) It was resolved to agree the planting of an oak tree in memory of Jean Cloute. Location to be selected by the parish council. The tree's maintenance will not be the responsible of the parish council. The PC will also advise Iden Cricket Club in writing that it will not accept any future donations from any or its members past and present by way of trees or benches for the playing field and other areas that are Council owned

Any requests from others wishing to give trees and benches will normally be refused but other ways the public may wish to donate will be considered without obligation.

II) Consideration of the proposed management plan for Iden Playing Fields and All Saints Churchyard was deferred so that a representative of Wilder Iden can attend.

11. Litter pick

It was resolved to insure the litter pick on the 12th April 2022. Clerk will attend and will write the risk assessment.

12. Risk Assessment – Report on Parish Assets

The Clerk had investigated the suggestions to obtain letters and numbers for the replacement finger to no avail. The clerk had written to Homewood School and awaits a response.

The Clerk asked for the use of a brown bin to tidy up the weeding that had been left there. New whips for the memorial had been dropped off with a resident for planting at the war memorial.

13. Information for Councillors

Council Representative is sought for the Policing and Safety Issue Community Focus Group 23 May 10.30am – 12 noon Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rye. It was noted that previous attendance had brought no benefit to the village.

The clerk reminded councillors that as the next is the annual meeting on the council, the chairperson will be elected. Councillors should consider standing.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd May 2022, 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall. Date of the annual village assembly/parish will be Tuesday 31st May 2022 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 8.20pm.