



# *Iden Parish Council*

**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.**

## **Present**

Councillors R Griffin (Chairman), M. Miller, Greg Say and Jim Wood.  
In attendance: County Councillor Keith Glazier (up to item 4 as evening road closures would prevent travelling to Hastings).  
Members of the Public: 7.

## **1. Apologies**

District Councillors Hacking and Osborne and Councillor Allard. The Parish Clerk was absent with COVID and Councillor Miller took the minutes in her absence. The Chairman and all present wished Mary a speedy recovery.

## **2. Disclosure of Interests**

None.

## **3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 as a true record.**

## **The meeting adjourned at 7.34pm for Public Session**

### County Councillor Glazier Report

The County Councillor reminded the meeting to ensure that as many potholes are reported before the bad weather sets in. Highways have signed a new 7-year deal with contractors but for the time being no details can be revealed as there has to be a legal pause. The budget for 2023/4 is beginning to look very tight with a £17m deficit envisaged- he expressed his exasperation that the Government only announce settlements at the end of each calendar year which does not give much time for planning and budgeting. It is likely that the settlements for Local Government will again be under considerable pressure.

A question was raised about the grass cutting along Wittersham Road from the hairdressers down to Readers Lane. This has not been done and concerns were again

raised about the problem with the drains when filled with grass cuttings. The Chairman advised that the Council will contact Highways to ascertain the latest situation

Public Question

None

The meeting reconvened at 7.38pm

#### **4. Planning**

##### 4.1 Enforcements and Appeals

2800 RR/2021/1925/P May House Wittersham Road: Adapt and extend existing two storey dwelling with construction of a new detached double garage, etc – Appeal allowed.

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

RR/2022/1884/P Grove Farmhouse, Grove Lane: Demolition of existing 3 bay garage block and replacement with 4 bay oak framed garage with additional games room and storage space. – Approved.

##### 4.3 Applications considered:

None

#### **5. Finances – Parish Council**

##### 5.1 Bank Balance

Bank Balances on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 £25,972.67: Council Treasurers Account £15,705.45 and Reserve Account £10,267.22.

##### 5.2 September Receipts

£200.00	Cemetery memorial
£0.44	September bank interest
£1,589.27	HMRC Vat reclaim for the previous financial year

##### 5.3 Additional September Payments

£439.50 Jubilee Group via Glenn Wassall – Note this is in respect of the Diamond Jubilee gifts for the children.

##### 5.4 Payments Authorised

£488.55	Clerk's October salary
£41.70	Clerk's October Salary Allowances: Room £30 and car £11.70
	Charge Card (10 <sup>th</sup> October)
£99.95	HP Ink UK Limited: Set of cartridges to be shared with Appledore and Pett PCs

Councillors were reminded that they should start to consider the budget for 2023/4 (the Clerk has subsequently sent out financial information)

#### **6. Rural Rother Trust**

**It was resolved to donate the same amount as last year to Rural Rother Trust.** Amount to be confirmed at the next meeting.

## **7. Finances – Pavilion**

### 7.1 Bank Balances

Bank Balances on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Treasurers Account £5,712.11

### 7.2 September Receipts

Nil

### 7.3 September Payments

23.00 EDF monthly direct debit payment.

£45.00 Quantec Limited: Wasp control at pavilion

#### Note

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

## **8. Iden Playing Fields and Pavilion**

Nothing to report, except a request from the Footpath Team to use the old Electricity poles left in the woods when the Pavilion's supply was placed underground many years ago. Councillors expressed their agreement in principle and this will be ratified at next month's meeting.

## **9. Risk Assessment – Report on Parish Assets**

The Chairman reported that the Coronation Bus Shelter has now had its overgrowing foliage removed as agreed.

## **10. Information for Councillors**

Councillors reminded again about the 2023/4 budget.

## **11. Date of Next meeting**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022, 7.30pm Iden Village Hall. Meeting closed to the public at 7.50pm

## **12. 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**

As the Parish Clerk was absent because of illness, the Committee resolved that it would invite to attend a meeting at a mutually convenient date and time in the future so that a full discussion could be held with her, recognising her comments.