



Iden Parish Council

Minutes of Virtual Meeting held on 2nd February 2021 7.30pm

Present

Councillors G. Say (Chairman), P. Allard, M. Miller and J Wood
In attendance: County Councillor K. Glazier, Clerk M. Philo
Members of the Public: 1

1. Apologies

Councillor Griffin had sent his apologies. He is experiencing connection problems. District Councillor Osborne had sent his apologies as he was attending Peasmarsh Parish Council meeting.

2. Disclosure of Interests

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 5th January 2021 as a true record.

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

County Councillor Report

At the County Council Cabinet on 9th February, the council will vote on the proposal for a 1.99% increase and with a further 1.5% increase ring fenced for Adult Social Care. This represents a further £1 a week on the Average Band D Council Tax. The county council will maintain services to support residents during pandemic and only previously allocated savings/cuts of £10 million would be made.

The Clinical Commissioning Group for East Sussex continues to increase the vaccination roll out. A Rye surgery is offering vaccinations at the weekend with another surgery to come online the week after the meeting. Etchingam hub is working well.

Residents were asked to continue reporting potholes. The weather is wearing off the Stewards road markings so residents may have to report the pothole again.

Public Questions

A councillor informed the council that the dial-a-ride had ferried 200 people to Etchingam for their vaccination.

The Meeting Reconvened at 7.42pm

4. Planning

4.1 Enforcements

None.

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

None.

4.3 Applications considered by the parish council

a) **RR/2020/2222/P and 2223/L Park Farm, Wittersham Road: Proposed conversion of first floor and part ground floor of outbuilding to a residential annexe ancillary to the main building. It was resolved to support with the following comment In principle the parish council would support but as there is a degree of ambiguity in the purpose, we would require further information before giving any view on this application, particularly bearing in mind the property's listed status and historical significance- we would not wish this to create any precedent outside of the development area.**

b) **RR/2020/2221/P Park Farm, Wittersham Road: Proposed erection of 2 bay garage, proposed erection of greenhouse. It was resolved to support.**

c) **RR/2020/2219/P and 2220/L Park Farm, Wittersham Road: Proposed reduction of utility room and insertion of double doors in kitchen. Internal alterations to ground floor utility and kitchen area and layout of first floor master's bedroom and ensuite. It was resolved to support.**

d) **RR/2020/2459/P May House, Wittersham Road: Adapt and extend existing two storey dwelling with construction of new single storey annex and pool house. It was resolved to support.**

5. Finances

5.1 Bank Balances

Bank Balance as of 31st January 2021 £21,756.49

5.2 January Receipts

£0.09 January Bank Interest

5.3 It was resolved to draw the following:

£473.55 Clerk's January Salary

£41.70 Clerk's January Salary Allowances: Room £30 and car £11.70

£3.33 Pett PC Share of mobile phone for clerk.

£577.20 T and J Fencing: Pond fencing on playing fields (£96.20 vat)

£240.00 PKF Littlejohn: Annual External Audit (£40.00 vat)

Charge Card:

£99.98 Findmysupplies: full set of ink cartridges (cost to be shared with Appledore and Pett PCs) (vat £16.66)

5.4 Signs for Playing Field

It was resolved to agree to the costs for the three signs Play Area £ 69.20, Parking Area £ 97.80 and Entrance Sign £ 98.90 plus VAT. Councillors selected a style for the entrance sign and suggested alterations to the other signs. Amendments to be made and the final version to be proof-read.

6. Iden Playing Fields and Pavilion

Closed Sports Pavilion

Councillor Say had checked on the Pavilion and all was well.

Trees on the playing field

The trees had survived the recent bad weather unaffected.

Steps to the Garden of Contemplation

The Clerk was awaiting a quote for repairing and extending the steps.

7. Information for Councillors

Ted Catt – Book of Iden

The book is available for Iden Stores. Profits will go to the Natural History Group and Rye Harbour.

Old Hall TV Appearance

The Hall and Bruce Luckhurst had featured on Channel Four's Restoration Programme. The filming of the restoration of a George IV piano, which had been played by Queen Victoria and Mendelson, had taken place at the Old Hall over 4 months.

Len Bentley

Len had recently passed away. He had been a resident of Randolphs Lane and an active member of the village hall whilst being a policeman by profession.

Swift Boxes

Andrew Franklin of Forge Cottage has offered to install swift boxes on the Old Hall and any other suitable place. Councillor Miller will put him in contact with 'Wilder Iden'

ESALC

Councillor Allard is considering becoming a director of the body and is making enquiries into the body.

8. Date of Next Meeting - Virtual

Tuesday 2nd March 2021, 7.30pm.