



# Iden Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall

## Village Notices

Paula Riley had resigned from the council. The parish council had the option to co-opt another person or wait till the elections in May. The Chair welcomed any offers to join the current council. Mrs Riley was thanked for her time and effort as councillor.

Audrey Cuming had passed away just before Christmas, condolences were expressed for her husband Fred Cuming and her family.

The Christmas Carol Service had raised £500 for the food bank in Rye.

**Present: Cllrs R. Griffin (Chairman), M. Miller, G. Say and J. Wood**

**In attendance: County Cllr K. Glazier, Clerk M. Philo and 4 members of the public**

Item No.		
1	<b>Apologies</b>	District Cllrs S-A Hart and P Osborne. LGA 1972 sch.12, 12
2	<b>Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items</b>	None Iden PC Code of Conduct
3	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>It was resolved to agree the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 as a true record.</b> LGA 1972 sch.12, 19.1
		<b>The meeting was adjourned at 7.32pm</b>
	<b>County and District Councillors' Reports</b>	
	<b>County Council Tax</b>	The Council would be considering a 2.99% increase as well as making some cuts in order to balance the budget. The conclusion of the fairer funding review and the details of the Care Act were expected by September.
	<b>Roads</b>	Highways had been dealing with fallen trees and completing the ditch clearing program. The ditch material is left alongside the ditch because it is very costly to remove it to suitable disposal sites with the required disposal certificates. A Cllr queried whether there were enough grips along recently cleared ditches on Cold Harbour Lane.
	<b>Public Questions</b>	
	<b>Cllr Riley</b>	The public expressed their thanks to Paula Riley for her time as councillor.
	<b>Conker's- Proposed Site for Development</b>	Since the consultation had closed, nothing further had been heard.
		<b>The meeting was reconvened at 7.34</b>

4	<b>Planning</b>	Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1 and 2010
4.1	<b>Enforcements</b>	None.
4.2	<b>R.D.C Planning Decisions</b>	None.
4.3	<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>RR/2018/3073/P – 8 Elmsmead: Erection of conservatory to side. It was resolved to support this application.</b>
		<b>RR/2018/2930/P – Francisca, Grove Lane: Widening and re-cladding of rear extension with steps on either side to garden area. New vehicle access. Erection of a new outbuilding. Associated refurbishment and repair of dwelling. It was resolved to support this application.</b>
5	<b>Finances</b>	I.P.C. Financial Regulations
5.1	<b>Financial Report</b>	As at the 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2018 the reserve account stood at £9,756.41 (having deposited the £1,900 donation from the 2018 Fete Committee) and the current account stood at £20,046.15. If you remove the outstanding 3 months council running cost and outstanding payments for the fingerpost and grass cutting the council would hold approx. £25,500 at the end of the year. Of that ring fenced there was around £16,500 leaving about £8,000 (£2,000 for Transparency Fund still to be deducted). An updated budget proposal was provided to include the additional running costs of the laptop (office and security programs) and website (hosting fees though almost a year's worth had been granted from the Transparency Fund). The proposed total expenditure would be £16,680 however the £1,000 contingency fund may not be spent. There are enough funds to keep the precept at £14,000. <b>It was resolved to set the precept for 2019 – 2020 financial year at £14,000 per annum. Band D charge £57.95 (tax base 241.6)</b>
5.3	<b>Receipts for Previous Month</b>	£ 0.33 December Bank Interest £ 1,900.00 Donation from the Fete Committee towards play equipment
5.4	<b>Payments</b>	£ 444.25 Clerk's Salary – 8 hours a week £ 43.04 Clerk's Admin costs: room £30, car £11.70, stamps £1.34 <b>Charge card</b> £ 40.00 Information Commissioner Office: data handler registration
6	<b>Grass Cutting Contract</b>	<b>It was resolved to contract Gibbs and Sons to cut the grass at Iden Playing Fields, the New Burial Ground and All Saints closed church yard (Fees were remaining the same) and to request them to cut the war memorial hedge as appropriate.</b>
7	<b>Iden Playing fields and Pavilion</b>	
	<b>Disabled Toilet</b>	The clerk was reminded to contact the pavilion association regarding a padlock to be put on the outside disabled toilet to be used during the off season (winter).
	<b>Metal Entrance Gate</b>	The metal gate to the additional parking area on the playing fields was now very difficult to lock as the gates seemed to no longer line up sufficiently for the over latch to fit and the padlock be fitted. The clerk to seek advice and quotes.

	<b>Ditch along Parking Area</b>	At a recent event at the church, a driver had got his car stuck in the shallower section of the ditch along the additional parking area. As the ditch was full of leaves it had been difficult to see the ditch. The clerk to investigate the cost of clearing the ditch and using the spoil to create a bank to assist drivers to see the ditch.
	<b>Play Area</b>	The deadline for Rother Community Funding was approaching, Cllr Miller to try to get an application in.
	<b>New Burial Ground – Interment of Ashes</b>	As the current space allotted for interment of ashes would shortly be full, members agreed with the idea to use the space at the start of East row 2 for future ashes.
	<b>Tree to Replace Elm Lost Near Play Area</b>	Cllr Miller would select a tree to be added to the order of copper beech hedging held at Hope Nurseries.
8	<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The Clerk had temporarily fixed the broken step to the Garden of Contemplation and suggested that the steps would benefit from being re-laid. The clerk to obtain quotes.
9	<b>Information for Cllrs</b>	
	<b>Highways Urban Verge Cutting</b>	For the next financial year, Rother District Council would pay the additional highways charge to ensure that the urban verge will be cut six times.
10	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm at Iden Village Hall
11	<b>War Memorial</b>	<b>Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it was resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business transacted the public and press leave the meeting during the consideration of the War Memorial</b> 1972 Act, sch. 12 A part 1, 5 <b>A response to solicitors was resolved upon.</b>
		The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.