

Iken Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at
5.30pm on Friday 23RD August 2019 at Iken Village Hall

PRESENT

Councillors Sir Thomas Hughes-Hallet (Chairman), Neville Howe (Vice Chair) Loulou Cooke, Norman Johnson, Katherine Kilburn and Colin Chamberlain (RFO). Clerk Lorraine Lloyd and 9 Iken residents.

APOLOGIES

Gill Cadzow

COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All have an interest in the river walls.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

1. Whats Ap. The Chairman informed the meeting that we had misled the village and that Data Protection is relevant because all phone numbers will be publically available. It was thought that this problem could be solved and the Chairman said he would deal with the matter.

FINANCE

Approval of the AGAR statement was sought by the RFO.

Items for discussion

1. Planning Applications.
The clerk had attended a planning forum at Melton and gave an overview of the event. The process by which Iken Parish Council deal with planning applications had been questioned and there had been no objection raised by ESCC. It was agreed that it would be at the discretion of the chair of council to call meetings if deemed necessary, otherwise we would carry on as we are.
2. Sizewell C.
A paper had been circulated. Cllr Johnson gave an overview. There was a discussion about various aspects of the paper. One of the worries was sub stations. As a council we recommend rail rather than road and call for a roundabout outside Snape Church. It was thought that the two infrastructures (Sizewell C and Friston sub station) should get together rather than act individually.
3. Village Hall.
There had been no further progress. A 2003 survey had been resurrected and this could be recirculated to get an idea of residents feelings about the village hall now.

4. Telephone Box.

BT had been informed that the telephone box needs to be kept and maintained for emergency use until Broadband was available in Iken. The clerk to contact BT to get it cleared and cleaned. It was considered that poor use is entirely because it not maintained.

Items for information only (unless discussion specifically requested)

To note position on:

River Defences

The plan was to put the business case in by 29th July. It was not known if it has been submitted to date. Karen Thomas has now moved on to another job. Giles Blomfield is responsible for keeping us up to date. It was reported to be going slow.

Insurance for residents is difficult to change. Nobody want to take on properties in the flood plan. A government deal with insurers for properties in flood areas was discussed.

Broadband

Loulou Cooke explained that they have been holding back on papers to have an aerial put on top on the church. This would only help one or two properties. If BT could just say when Boardband might be available it would help. There was a discussion of those who had got Broadband. Cables and poles had been laid but nothing connected. Jonathan Rutherford explained that he had contacted BT to ask when it would be forthcoming. He said he will let us know if he hears back. Norman Johnson said he would pass on the details of BT Complaints Officer so IPC could contact them also.

Iken Cliff picnic site

The clerk had contacted East Suffolk Planning Department who had phoned her to explain the situation – that being that it was undertaken as permitted maintenance and therefore not subject to planning approval. Ray Herring had emailed Tom Hughes Hallett to say he would look into it. Tom would contact Ray again. A discussion followed.

Village party

Planned for 5.30 on Sunday. About 40 known people coming.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 15th November 2019 at Snape Village Hall

FINISH TIME 6.35.