

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF IKEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Friday 19th November 2021 commencing at 5.30pm at Hardy's Barn

1. Present

Cllrs Jeremy Hinves, Alan Hutson, Toby Mann, Robert Gillespie, Ray Herring, Annabel Chamberlain.
Clerk Lorraine Lloyd. Five members of the public

2. Apologies and approval of absence

There were none.

3. Declaration of Interests

None relevant to subjects on the agenda

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th August 2021

Agreed as a true record and duly signed as such

5. Public forum

5.1 There was a discussion about the picnic site. East Suffolk Council had commissioned the building of picnic tables but sadly these had been stolen soon after they were built. The area had also been subject of late night revelry – cars racing around and churning up the grounds, broken bottles and other unpleasant debris laying around etc. Mike Russell Hills had photographed the incidents and the clerk had shared this information with the police and East Suffolk Council. It was asked what people thought of picnic tables on the site.

5.2 It was pointed out that the Iken Parish Council website could not be located easily by search engines. This would be investigated.

6 Matters arising from the Minutes

6.1 Village Hall

Cllr Gillespie reported that an options study was a work in progress. There were financial consequences and most local village halls generate an income some way or another, plus or minus £5000 a year and some over £40,000 a year. The notion that we do nothing with it is probably wrong. A variety of activities had been looked at. Rendlesham turned over £100,000, Blaxhall, Friston and Sudbourne plus or minus £5000, actually doing more than Cllr Gillespie could have guessed. Ones with playing fields do better than ones without. Butley was relatively successful. It was generally thought that a village hall at Iken could be made to pay. Running costs need to be looked at. Consideration needs to be given to noise and traffic. If we did build or refurb it would have an impact on near neighbours. Cllr Herring spoke of village halls and grant monies spent. People have driven the projects. Iken was always going to be at the lower end. There are no community facilities at all. Cllr Gillespie had started a conversation with a local activity that might consider hiring the village hall on a regular basis. He explained that there needs to be a degree of certainty. A more detailed asbestos report is required therefore the clerk would pursue the enabling grant to cover the cost of this. There is a lot to think of.

6.2 Emergency Plan

Cllr Hudson reported that the draft plan had been sent to Keith Fawkner-Simpson and he was happy with it. Volunteers would be required for tractor driving and road clearance water pumps as well as a couple of wardens. Keith had suggested he would like to come to the next meeting to help get things going. Request for volunteers to contact us to be made via the website and email.

6.3 River defences

Cllr Chamberlain had attended a meeting and drafted a letter re no movement on the clay deliveries. She explained that the Trust currently hold all the money and if it is not used they may have to return it. Progression had been stalled because of the investigation. She spoke about the consequences of nothing happening. Cllr Herring was very concerned about the whole thing. Even on the legal routes everybody was being blocked by the Environment Agency's stance. Most people want to be involved in the procedures. Cllr Herring thought there was a real issue with Environment Agency. It was asked if a judicial review was considered and this was discussed.

6.4 Highways

A new pothole had appeared which Cllr Chamberlain had reported.

6.5 Public toilet on Iken cliff

It was not thought that a public toilet was required on Iken Cliff

6.6 Precept for 2022/23

A summary of expected expenditure and income had been prepared by the clerk and, based on this, it was agreed the precept be raised to £2500.

7 Finance

Receipts and Payments 31 July 2021 - 31st October 2021

Expenditure

Date	Cheque No	To Whom Paid	Particulars	Current a/c
20.9.21	DD	ICO	Data Protection Fee	35.00
19.8.21	100377	Iken Bay Lettings	Hall Hire	10.00
19.10.21	100378	HMRC	PAYE	81.40
20.10.21	online	Lorraine Lloyd	Clerks Pay July-Sept	325.76
20.10.21	online	Suffolk Cloud	Website Fee	225.00
		Total Expenditure		677.16

Bank Reconciliation

31.3.21	Balance brought forward	2967.43	
30.9.21	Less Expenditure	677.16	
31.3.21	Balance at Bank	2290.27	(reconciled)

Payments required for approval

30.12.21	Clerks Pay - Oct, Nov, Dec	325.76
30.09.21	PAYE	81.40
19.11.21	Iken Bay Lettings	10
19.11.21	Clerks expenses Jan-Oct 2021	93.91

Outgoings to consider for 2022/23 in planning precept requirement

May	SALC	Membership	70.00
May	CAS	Insurance	260.00
Year	Iken Bay	Hall Hire	40.00
May		Internal Audit	107.00
		Defibrillator parts	50.00
Year		Clerks Salary (as current)	1303.00
Year		PAYE	325.00
Year		Website fees	115.00
Year	ICO	Data Protection	35.00
Year		Clerks expenses	100.00

8 Planning

8.1 Sizewell C. Sizewell paperwork to go up on website.

8.2 DC/21/4869/VOC Variation of Condition Nos. 2 and 3 of C/12/0123 - Use of existing boat shed for canoe hire business, The River House Iken Cliff Iken Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 2EN

Mitigation changes had been made. The Chairman asked the views of each councillor, Cllr Hudson had objected previously and still held this view; Cllr Mann had previously objected but was now in favour of the revised application; Cllr Gillespie thought that this application went beyond the confines of the parish council; Cllr Chamberlain gave her views in support. The clerk to submit the response from Iken Parish Council to ESC as four in support; one objection and one abstention.

9 Items for next meeting

1. Village hall
2. Emergency Plan
3. River Defences
4. News from the village

With no further business to attend to the meeting finished at 7pm

Date of the next meeting – Friday 11th February

Agreed a true record as amended and duly signed by the chairman at the meeting on 11th February 2022.