

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting Thursday 18th August 2016 at 6pm

Venue : Iken Village Hall

1. **Present**-Loulou Cooke (LC) -Vice Chairman, Hugh Waterer (HW), John Hailes(JH), Richard Mann(RM), Norman Johnson (NJ) and Mel Waterer (Clerk) apologies from Alistair Winter (AW) and Colin Chamberlain(CC).

6 members of the public attended

2. Philip Rowson, the Planning Development Manager from the SCDC addressed the council regarding planning applications, how they work, responses and the scheme of delegation. He went through retrospective planning applications, material and non material planning considerations with a hand out sheet with key points. After questions from the council, it was clear the response required from the SCDC was either 'object' or 'support'. The council could add comments, material or otherwise. Asked if the current method of response by Iken PC was acceptable he agreed it was. If necessary a councillor could write separately as a member of the public with their own personal comments if they felt the need to do so. L.C opened questions to the floor which were answered by Philip Rowson who, after being thanked by (LC), departed at 6.45pm

3. First Public Forum

4. Minutes to be signed - discussion as to whether the minutes could be changed before a meeting after the draft copy had gone out was addressed, RM said that the councillors were there to determine whether they were accurate and this should be done at the meeting and members of the public should not see the draft minutes until they have been signed. NJ suggested the meetings were taped and offered to do so, giving examples of how businesses address minute taking. The revised minutes were signed by LC proposed by RM and seconded by NJ. The council discussed how a letter was needed as a reminder of the code of conduct sections 1, 2.2 and 2.3, to be sent to CC, and written by LC.

5. Declaration of Interests - LC, RM and JH declared their interests in the river wall

Matters Arising

6. Standing Orders were discussed and agreed that they were subject to approval by the SCDC. NJ suggested we send them to be approved and LC agreed so the clerk was to send the final draft received before the meeting from CC.

7. Crossroads - Slow had been painted on the road, and a vote of thanks was given to Dominic Kilburn who has been strimming the crossroads. It was discussed that there should be a halt sign.

8. Village Hall - asbestos survey revealed that they were happy with the hall but we need to sign a survey register once a year after each section had been inspected. NJ was also going to get a price for demolition. There was some outstanding paperwork regarding the land registry and legal position of the hall which were to be found and an estimated site value with or without housing was provided by a local agent. It was agreed that further decisions on the village hall required full village consultation as the land was an asset and it was important for the future of the village even if the funds raised went towards the river wall. It was decided due to the lack of time it was to be

discussed at the next meeting. HW was given a vote of thanks for cutting the grass and RM thanked NJ for all his work on the village hall.

9. Verge Cutting - JH spoke to the person concerned with the cutting of verges as his machinery was being damaged due to the lack of roadside maintenance. As it was the responsibility of the land owner, LC agreed to contact them to ask if they could deal with the trees causing concern. RM suggested we write to the highways and it was agreed JH was to do so.
10. Glamping - LC asked Alan Hutson (AH) to explain the tents in Iken as it had been brought to the council's attention by concerned parishioners. AH explained his daughter Grace's intention was to run the three tents for the summer months in their extended garden area, it had proved popular and they had sought advice from the council before doing so.. LC thanked AH for coming in to explain.
11. LC wanted to know if the PC could pay for the mowing of the church grounds as they had done previously. RM proposed that the PC supported the mowing, NJ seconded the motion.
12. HW asked to be excused at 7.55pm
13. River Wall - RM outlined that we are numbered three in order of fixing costs and it would appear that the shortfall of £2.4million would have to be raised. RM was currently stock piling clay but again it would cost to put it into the appropriate places.
14. AONB - the council would consider projects for the future.
15. **Recent Planning Applications** - Snape Maltings River Wall was supported and the councillors that had not had time to look at Fazeboons were to get back to the clerk.

16. Second Public Forum

AH asked about the Tipper's R Us trucks driving at speed through Iken and RM suggested that he ring with the registration number of the truck in question should the need arise as he had found them to be polite and had fixed damage caused to a gate post.

Eliot Sayer wanted to raise the legitimate line of questioning that was relevant to planning and hoped that responses in the future would be addressed appropriately as he felt it had not been done in a proper manner at the last meeting. The applicant of the planning in question had offered to come in and explain their intentions and he felt they should have been treated with more respect.

17. Any Other Business

18. The clerk handed in her resignation and RM thanked her for what she had done.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm