

Minutes of Iken Parish Council Meeting
Held on 18th April 2024 ~ 6.00pm
Hardys Barn, Iken

Members

Cllr. Alan Hutson (Chairman)	Cllr. Ray Herring	Cllr. Lucy Mann (Vice Chair)
Cllr. Lynette Morton	Cllr. Eliot Sayer	(2 x Vacancies)

Present

Cllr. Alan Hutson	Cllr. Lynette Morton	Cllr. Eliot Sayer
Cllr. Lucy Mann	Cllr. Ray Herring	

Attendees

Tiffany Pollock (Clerk)
15 members of the public

1. To receive Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest and any Applications for Dispensation on Agenda Items (either pecuniary or non-pecuniary):

Cllr. Mann declared an interest in item 6. a.) ii. DC/24/0931/FUL, as this planning application has been made by a relative.

3. Public Participation (15 minutes Maximum) – To receive:

a) Reports or comment from any member of the public

Cllr. Hutson welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

A member of the public stated that they acknowledge and understand that farming is valuable to the community and that there can be a need to diversify but this application has been made in the wrong location.

From visiting other dog walking sites they are noisy, result in additional traffic, are used by reactive dogs and are located further away from housing.

Another member of the public stated that a similar application has been made for a dog walking site near housing in Rendlesham and that the housing mentioned near the proposed site in Iken are not always occupied. In their opinion additional traffic would not be an issue as tractors and HGV's regularly use the roads in Iken.

A member of the public questioned who would be managing the facility, this could not be confirmed but Councillors advised that the applicant had been invited to the meeting but was unable to attend due to work commitments.

Chair's initials:

b) Reports from County and District Councillors

None.

4. Planning

a) To discuss and agree response to the following Applications received:

- i. DC/24/0999/VOC Proposal: Variation of Condition No 2 of DC/22/4540/FUL – Extension to dwelling. 3 bay cart lodge with studio over – Raising of roof height to create a 1st floor connection between existing house and main extension plus installation of new staircase within newly created link. Site address: The Anchor, Iken Cliff, Iken, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 2EN.

Comments:

Cllr. Morton stated that changes had been made previously which had been agreed, this new change was not part of the previous planning application. The Alde and Ore Community Partnership will not support this application.

Four Councillors in favour, one Councillor objected.

Conclusion: **No Objection**, proposed by Cllr. Hutson, seconded by Cllr. Mann.

Cllr. Mann left the meeting.

- ii. DC/24/0931/FUL Proposal: Change of Use From Agricultural Land to Dog Walking and Exercising Facility. Site address: Land South Of, Sandy Lane, Iken, Suffolk, IP12 2HE.

Comments:

Cllr. Morton acknowledged that farming within the community is valuable and that it is understood that there can be a need to diversify, however, Cllr. Morton felt that this location would be unsuitable for a dog walking and exercise facility. After visiting other dog walking sites Cllr. Morton noted that they are noisy, can often be used for reactive dogs and result in additional traffic. Dog walking facilities are better suited to urban areas.

There are already issues with Sandy Lane, the road is not in a good condition and the curb is breaking down, any further traffic impacting upon Sandy Lane would worsen the conditions.

Cllr. Sayer is happy to support the application but does not dismiss the concerns raised by members of the public and felt that it would be positive to see others visiting Iken.

Cllr. Herring is happy to support the application, the facility would require payment, management and would likely see low usage.

Cllr. Hutson agreed with the concerns which had been raised, the plans do not clearly show the management of the facility or how many users would be allowed at any one time. The location is within the AONB and would be accessed via a restricted Lane (Sandy Lane). Cllr. Hutson objects to this planning application.

Chair's initials:

Two Councillors are in favour and two Councillors objected to this application, Cllr. Hutson, (as Chairman) had the casting vote and concluded that there should be an objection to this application.

Conclusion: **Objection.**

Cllr. Mann returned to the meeting.

b) Any other applications forthcoming or planning matters:

There were none.

5. Finance Matters:

a) To receive Accounts to 31st January 2024

The Clerk distributed the accounts to all Councillors prior to the meeting, these were accepted by all Councillors and signed by Cllr. Hutson.

b) To declare Parish Council exempt from Limited Assurance Review by PKF Littlejohn LLP and completion of Certificate of Exemption

Due to the Council's income and expenditure both being under £25,000 the Parish Council are entitled to declare themselves exempt from a Limited Assurance Review by PKF Littlejohn LLP. Cllr. Morton proposed that this be formally declared, and the Exemption Certificate signed. This was seconded by Cllr. Mann and all Councillors were in agreement.

c) To authorise the following Invoices for Payment:

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| i. SALC Subscription | £87.37 |
| ii. Any other invoice presenting. | |
| Iken Barns (Room hire) | £25.00 |

d) To note Payments made since last meeting:

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| i. T Pollock (Clerks salary February – March) | £340.51 |
| i. T Pollock (Clerks expenses) | £78.00 |
| ii. HMRC | £170.20 |
| iii. SALC (payroll service) | £27.00 |
| iv. Birketts LLP | £1800.00 |
| v. Iken Bay Lettings | £25.00 |

e) To note Payments received since last meeting:

None

f) To note Bank Balances as at 31st January 2024:

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| i. Barclays Bank (Current Account) | £1,747.41 |
| ii. Monmouthshire | £7,763.88 |
| iii. Barclays (Monmouthshire Transfers Only) | £0 |

All listed payments were accepted by all, proposed by Cllr. Morton, seconded by Cllr. Mann.

The meeting closed at 6.25pm.

Chair's initials:

Signed:

Cllr. Alan Hutson, Chair

Date:

Tiffany Pollock
Clerk to Iken Parish Council

Chair's initials: