

Minutes of Iken Parish Council Meeting
Held on 20th November 2024 ~ 6pm
Hardys Barn, Iken

Members

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

Present

Cllr. Alan Hutson	Cllr. Eliot Sayer
Cllr. Lucy Mann	Cllr. Lottie Fairs

Attendees

Tiffany Pollock (Clerk)

5 x Members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Herring, these were accepted by all Councillors, apologies had also been received from Cllr. Reid (County Councillor).

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

Cllr. Mann and Cllr. Fairs declared an interest in item 6 i. planning consultation appeal notice AP/24/0065/REFUSE, planning application reference DC/24/0931/FUL due to the application being made by a family member.

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

a) Reports or comment from any member of the public

A member of the public urged Councillors to oppose the dog walking facility on the same bases which had been expressed in a previous meeting.

b) Reports from County and District Councillors

A report had been received from Cllr. Tim Wilson prior to the meeting and circulated to all Councillors. The report has been uploaded to the Iken website.

4. Co-option of a Councillor and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

There were no candidates for co-option.

5. To agree minutes of meetings dated 24th October 2024

Cllr. Mann proposed the minutes to be adopted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Fairs and all Councillors were in agreement.

Chair's initials:

6. Planning:

- a. **To discuss and agree response to the following Applications received:**
- b. **Any other applications forthcoming or planning matters:**
 - **To discuss planning consultation appeal notice: AP/24/0065/REFUSE Site at: Land South of, Sandy Lane, Iken, Suffolk, IP12 2HE Planning application reference: DC/24/0931/FUL**

Councillors had no further comments for this appeal notice and noted the continued concerns raised by residents.

7. Iken Village Hall:

- a. **To receive update of Iken Village Hall and agree next steps**

After a brief discussion Councillors agreed to seek quotes to obtain planning and specification documents for the village hall.

Cllr. Mann confirmed that discussions with the Sizewell C grants team have been positive.

Cllr. Sayer is mindful of the amount of funding applied for from the Sizewell C fund due to Iken not being a direct neighbouring village.

Cllr. Hutson confirmed that an appeal has been raised with East Suffolk Council disputing rates payable for the village hall.

8. To receive an update for the Alde and Ore Estuary Community Partnership

No further update, minutes from the previous meeting can be found on the Iken website.

9. Matters brought to a Councillor's attention since the last meeting

A message had been received from a resident with regards to fireworks and a request to raise awareness of the impact of these. Councillors suggested that the Iken Hoo Whatsapp group would be a suitable way of notifying residents of any upcoming fireworks.

10. Highways: to receive an update for all highways matters

Notification with regards to congestion at the Snape junction/crossroads, Councillors requested that they continue to be notified of further update

11. To discuss possible training for Councillors

Councillors agreed to review training opportunities as and when they become available via SALC.

12. Finance Matters:

- a. To receive Accounts to 31st October 2024

The Clerk distributed the accounts to all Councillors prior to the meeting, these were accepted by all, proposed by Cllr. Hutson, seconded by Cllr. Sayer.

- b. To discuss draft budget for 2025/26

This was deferred to the next meeting

Chair's initials:

c. To discuss and agree precept request

This was deferred to the next meeting

d. To authorise the following Invoices for Payment:

None

Any other invoice presenting

e. To note Payments made since last meeting:

i. T Pollock (Clerks salary)	£404.51
ii. Iken Bay Lettings	£50.00
iii. SALC (payroll)	£27.00

f. To note Payments received since last meeting:

i. None

g. To note Bank Balances as at 31st October 2024:

i. Barclays Bank (Current Account)	£2,228.94
ii. Monmouthshire	£7,950.73
iii. Barclays (Monmouthshire Transfers Only)	£0

All listed payments were accepted by all, proposed by Cllr. Hutson, seconded by Cllr. Sayer.

13. To receive agenda items for next meeting and agree date of Next Meetings

Items to add to the next agenda:

- Items carried forward from this meeting.
- Support for Farmers

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th January at 6pm in Hardys Barn.

The meeting closed at 6.38pm.

Signed:
Cllr. Lucy Mann, Vice-Chair

Date:

Tiffany Pollock
Clerk to Iken Parish Council

Chair's initials: