



Agenda 5th December 2023, Iden Parish Council

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Parish council members are summoned to the Meeting to be held on
5th December 2023 at 7.30pm Iden Village Hall

Signed

Date 30th November 2023

Members of the Public and Press are welcome and encouraged to attend

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Disclosure of Interests

To receive any disclosure by Members of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the member regards the personal interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct. Members are reminded of the need to repeat their declaration immediately prior to the commencement of the item in question.

3. Minutes (available from <http://www.idenvillage.uk>)

To approve minutes of the parish council meeting held on 7th November 2023 (previously distributed) and to sign as a true record.

The meeting to adjourn for up to 25 minutes for

Report from the County Councillor and District Councillors

Public Question Time

This 10-minute period is available for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the following agenda. Because of time constraints, only one question will be permitted per member of the public. Please advise the clerk if you have any other questions at the end of the meeting.

The meeting to reconvene.

Members of the public are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting when they must remain silent.

4. Planning

(Information on applications is available from Rother District Council website)

4.1 Enforcements and Appeals

No further advice since the last meeting.

4.2 Planning Decisions by Rother District Council - None

4.3 Applications to be considered:

RR/2023/2464/P St Annes – Installation of a detached timber outbuilding.

5. Finances – Parish Council

5.1 Bank Balances

Bank Balances:

31 st October 2023	£31,210.46
Total Receipts	£ 11.41
Total Payments	<u>£ 3,102.62</u>
30 th November 2023	£ 28,119.25

(30th November statements -Treasurers Account £17,769.56 and Reserve Account £10,349.69)

Amounts due £37.20 making the running balance £28,156.45

5.2 Budget for 2024-2025

A second draft (circulated).

5.3 November Receipts

£11.41 November Bank Interest

5.4 November Additional Payments

£84.00 Rother Association of Local Councils annual subscription

5.5 Payments to authorise:

£525.20 Clerk's salary

£41.70 Clerk's room and car allowance

£4.20 Refund M Philo: Ream of thicker paper for ice survey

£32.89 Refund M Philo: Tomokep: replacement multipack ink cartridges (vat Charge card (8th December)

£20.57 Viking Office Uk Limited: A5 envelopes for - ICE Survey (vat £3.43)
(Nb. no RALC invoice received Gibbs for grass cutting)

5.6 Transfer of funds to the Pavilion Account

The final bill including the additional work to clear the front roof of moss and replace broken tiles and repair fascia boarding will leave the pavilion account with insufficient funds to cover the water and electricity bills going forward. To agree to transfer £1,516.90 to leave £1,000 in the account.

5.7 Online Banking

To agree to two councillors to sign up to online banking to allow for two councillors to authorise payments.

6. General Power of Competence (GPC)

The clerk has achieved the Certificate in Local Council Administration and two thirds of councillors have been elected which means Iden Parish Council fulfills the necessary criteria. GPC lasts until the annual meeting following council ordinary

elections when it must reconfirm that it complies with the criteria and continues to use the power. **To agree to assume the General Power of Competence.**

7. Grass cutting contract 2024-2025

To agree to contract one of the following:

Contractor - price per cut or spray

	Contractor A	B	C
Play area	58		64
Playing field	<u>128</u>		<u>60</u>
Sub total	186	475	124
New Burial		100	48
Closed Churchyard		<u>475</u>	<u>384</u>
Sub total	140	575	432
Hedge	200	200	256
Spray (average)	122	180	128

Total based on 15 cuts, 2 hedge cuts (2 sprays are only if needed)

TOTAL	5,290	16,150	8,852
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Contractor B and C will complete a cut every two weeks without variance and contractor A will start with a 3 weekly cut till the growing season when it will be every two weeks and will continue as long as it needs cutting.

8. Community Asset – The Bell Inn

Report for community group looking into the possible acquisition of the Bell Inn- The Bell Inn Working Party

9. Civility and Respect Pledge

Discussion.

10. Finances – Pavilion

10.1 Bank Balances

Bank Balances on 30th November 2023 £3,072.10

10.2 November Receipts

None

10.3 Additional November payments

£12.83 Castle water.

10.4 November Payments

£30.00 EDF monthly direct debit payment 15th of the month

£3,515 John Jackson: Guttering and roof works

11. Iden Playing Fields and Pavilion

11.1 Pavilion Working Party Report/ Update

11.2 Any other issues (but not for agreement)

12. Risk Assessment – Report on Parish Assets

13. Information for Councillors (for noting or inclusion on future agenda)

About 60 people attended the drop-in Session for outline plans for Conker's field development on Monday 13th November 4pm to 6pm Iden Village Hall.
Remembrance Sunday Service 12th November 10.50am at the War Memorial was well attended.

ESALC AGM & Conference 14th November at Uckfield Civic Centre – sent apologies.
Churchyard and new burial ground works is in underway but high winds call them away for tree clearing.

Clerk has completed the required redeclaration for auto-enrolment to The Pension Regulator.

Rother District Council Parish Meeting – 5th December 2pm to 4pm Brede Village Hall with Code of Conduct training before hand from 1pm.

Planning Development Management and Enforcement Seminar – 12th December online 5.30pm (1.5hrs).

Burial Ground Ashes area development is ongoing.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 2nd January 2024, 7.30pm Iden Village Hall.

14. Motion to exclude public and press from the meeting

Pursuant to section 1) 2 of the Public Bodies Admission to meetings) Act 1960 to agree that, because of the confidential nature of business transacted the Public and Press leave the meeting during the consideration of
Clerk's Appraisal

1972 LGA sch.12A, part 1, 5