

Iden Parish Council Year End Financial Report 2021 -2022

Bank balances as of 31st March 2022 £19,221.72 Parish Council Accounts (Treasurer - current and Business Instant Access - reserve) and Iden Pavilion Account £178.23

The council's main source of income remains the precept which is the parish council's share of council tax being £16,000 for the year. In addition, a small sum from the new burial ground, this year being £1,400. Iden Cricket Club also paid the annual playing field hire fee of £200. The previous year's payment also fell in this financial period. The Pavilion Association paid the nominal £15 annual lease fee and as usual we saw the funds for the pavilion building insurance from the Pavilion Association passing through the parish council accounts £1,505.40. Compensation, for erroneously cutting of the wildflower verges, from Highways contractor Countryman of £60 for Wilder Iden also passed through the account. The council received £10 refund for Appledore PC's share stationery. Another £10 from Pett was outstanding until recently. Matters have been complicated with the return of the pavilion building to the parish council. Whilst it was difficult to set up a separate bank account for pavilion funds, funds relating to the pavilion have gone into the parish council funds for the moment. £200 from the Cricket Club for the use of the pavilion and the funds from a NS&I account for the pavilion association of £727.14. A vat reclaim still has to be made but there is still time as there is a three-year period of grace.

The council's regular costs were as estimated, the grass cutting of the playing fields, play area, the new burial ground and closed church yard came to £4,100 net of vat (charges increasing next year), dog bin £130 net of vat, play area inspection £68.50 net of vat. IPC also pay for some additional urban verge grass cuts (up to four) costing £364 net. £40.80 for new bulbs and plants for the war memorial were refunded to Claire Carle who must be thanked for looking after the war memorial and its garden. As well as the usual £50 donation to the Poppy appeal IPC has been financially assisting Wilder Iden covering the cost of wildflowers and seed for various area around Iden £218.15 including the £60 from Countryman. The council's running costs including the clerk's salary and admin costs plus subscriptions, insurance, room hire, chairman's allowance etc remain constant but for small inflation at £8,423.72. Unfortunately, there was a late payment of £1,146.10 net for work agreed for the previous year being the ramp in the new burial ground and some of the cost for the new signs on the playing fields. During last summer, the benches on the playing fields and at the shop and new burial ground gates had a through refurbishment costing £775 and covered by the contingency fund. The website has now gone live and the hosting fee of £151.20 and domain name £28.78 came from the ring-fenced grant money for a new website. The accounts have become more complicated with the council taking on running the pavilion. While awaiting the pavilion funds transferred to the parish council, the pavilion bills – water, electricity, new locks for the exterior toilet block, safety inspection have been paid from council funds. These will be reimbursed later. There have been some considerable bills for water and electricity with meters not having been read. Cost to the end of the year is approximately £1,600.

Within the year end bank balance of £19,221. the council holds £8,000 as a general reserve and £661.36 ring fenced for the website and £246 garden society donation for natural enhancements around the village. I believe that all major bills for the year are paid.