



Iden Parish Council Vacancy

We are looking for someone to replace Philip Allard, following his retirement. No by-election has been requested, so the vacancy will be filled by a co-option.¹

If you would like to put your name forward as an Iden Parish Councillor, please contact either the parish clerk, Rebekah Gilbert, on clerk@iden-pc.gov.uk for details or the Chairman, Michael Miller on 01797 280304

Iden Parish council meets on the first Tuesday of each month (except August) at 19:30 in the village hall. There may be other ad hoc meetings throughout the year that you will also have to attend.

Parish councillors represent the village on issues such as roads, planning, village assets, the cricket pavilion, finances, and much more.

In order to stand for council you must:

- be at least 18 years old, and
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights.
- You must also meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards.
 - You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
 - Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish area.
 - You have lived in the parish area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

There are some disqualifications. Information on both qualifications and disqualifications are available from the Electoral Commission website under Guidance for Candidates at Parish Council Elections in England.

Closing date for applications: Monday 24th August 2026.

Candidate selection: Wednesday 9th September, 6pm @ the Old Hall. This will be an extraordinary parish council meeting and open to the public.

¹ In accordance with Rule 5(4) of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 2006, if the vacancy is not filled by election, it shall be filled by the Parish Council as soon as practicable.