



## Agenda 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Idea Parish Council

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Parish council members are summoned to the Meeting to be held on  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm Idea Village Hall

Signed

Date 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

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### 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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (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 appeals outstanding and no enforcements.

### 4.2 Planning Decisions by Rother District Council- None

### 4.3 Applications to be considered:

- i. RR/2024/201/P Tyson Marsh Farm: Removal of Condition 2 relating to agricultural occupancy on RR/76/0087
- ii. RR/2024/51/L Old Tudor, Readers Lane: Repairs to sunroof, replacement of rainwater goods and replacement of damaged fenestration, swapping windows and door positions.
- iii. RR/2024/172/P Moat Farm Oast: Proposed conversion of part of garage building including new dormer to create self-contained annex for family.
- iv. RR/2024/174/P and RR/2024/175/L Partridge, Main Street: New side extension, demolition of existing extension and internal works
- v. RR/2024/237/P Milestones, Playden Lane: Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden.

## 5. Finances – Parish Council

### 5.1 Bank Balances

Bank Balances:

31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	£20,022.77
Plus total Receipts	£ 1,396.62
Less total Payments	<u>£ 1,211.69</u>
29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	£20,207.70
Less charge card payment	<u>£ 63.60</u>
Running balance	£ 20,144.10

(29<sup>th</sup> February statements -Treasurers Account £9,824.06 and Reserve Account £10,383.64)

### 5.2 February Receipts

£11.45	Bank Interest
£1,385.17	HMRC vat reclaim for the year.

### 5.3 February additional Payments

None

### 5.4 Payments to Authorise

£551.20	Clerk's February salary.
£41.70	Clerk's salary allowances: Room £30 and car £11.70
£1,440.00	Nigel Gibbs & Son: Cemetery boundary tidy (vat £240)
Charge Card (11 March)	
£22.60	Laptop battery
£9.00	Timpson Key cut for Iden Pavilion Trust (vat £1.50)
£32.00	Lloyds annual charge card fee

### **5.5. Clerk's Salary hourly rate from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

The Clerk is paid for 8 hours a week. At the clerk's annual review, no decision was made for April 2024, to agree the hourly rate to £18 per hour, to bring the parish council in line with other councils. The council will also need, in the next couple of years, to commit to a pension scheme as the threshold of £833 a month is breached.

## **6. Pavilion - Finances**

### **6.1 Bank Balances**

Bank Balances on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Treasurers Account £694.93

### **6.2 January Receipts**

Nil

### **6.3 January Additional Payments**

Castle Water decided by estimated readings that the water usage for the moth would be a credit leaving the account in credit by £3.13.

EDF decided to comply with the 2 weeks' notice period before taking funds, so no debit was made in February.

### **6.4 Payments to note if Direct Debit is Known**

£51.76 EDF 18 January to 12 February – Direct debit 6<sup>th</sup> March

## **7. Iden Playing Fields and Pavilion**

- i. Sign Commemorating the Gifting of the fields by Mr Mason  
The sign has been removed as the post is rotten. Discussion.
- ii. **To agree to instruct Armadillo Safety Solutions to carry out a safety inspection.** Cost £350
- iii. Report by Iden Pavilion Group
- iv. **To Consider Passing on the Pavilion Account Funds to Iden Pavilion Trust once formed, so that all service accounts and pavilion management needs can be performed by the trust. It may be necessary to increase the funds by £1,000.** The parish council would have no further involvement except to confirm permission for any alterations. Note that the proposed lease does not require any Trust funds to be returned to the Parish Council should Iden Pavilion Trust fold. Once funds transferred the parish council would, in future, only invoice the cricket club for the cricket pitch hire.
- v. Any other issue

## **8. Risk Assessment – Report on Parish Assets**

Church Lane telegraph pole and cable.

## **9. Information for Councillors (for noting or inclusion on future agenda)**

A map of verge grass cuts was posted in the noticeboard.

The council's free photograph of His Royal Majesty will be passed on to the village hall.

Rother Voluntary Action request to attend a council meeting and to send out communications.

Paul Phillip has confirmed that he is able to complete the internal audit for the parish council.

The laurel hedge by the Bell Inn has been cut back.

The clerk is contacted by the High Weald Area of Natural Beauty with regard to management committee vacancies and to advertise the walking festival. During the week following the council meeting, a week-long Dark Skies events had been run.

The council had submitted a response to the Community Infrastructure Level (CIL) Survey suggesting that parishes that had not received any CIL payments may have infrastructure to maintain and might benefit from being able to make claims from the Strategic Fund.

The churchyard boundary tidy has been completed.

Clerk is working on Footpath 20.

Date for village assembly.

### **10. Date of Next Meeting**

Next ordinary meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024, 7.30pm Iden Village Hall.