



Agenda 3 February 2026

Iden Parish Council Meeting

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**Parish council members are summoned to the Meeting to be held on
3rd February 2026 at 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall**

Signed

Date 29th January 2026

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 <https://www.idenvillage.uk>)

To approve minutes of the parish council meeting held on 6th January 2026 (previously distributed) and to sign as a true record.

4. The meeting to adjourn for up to 25 minutes

Report from County 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.

5. The meeting to reconvene.

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

6. Update on the Purchase of the Bell

7. Planning

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

I. The Bell Inn change of use application (RR/2025/1411/P)

II. Enforcements and Appeals - Nothing further

III. Planning Decisions by Rother District Council

RR/2025/1560/O Ground Floor at The Granary Oxenbridge Farm, Wittersham Road: Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of the ground-floor of the building as a single dwelling house and associated access. Lawful certificate.

IV. Applications to be Consider

- a) RR/2025/2050/HOU The Granary Wittersham Road: replacement windows.
- b) RR/2025/2008/LBC The Elms Grove Lane: Proposed internal alterations and extension to the Main Dwelling; Proposed external and internal alterations to the Outbuilding and proposed replacement of adjacent Greenhouse. Proposed site wide hard and soft landscaping including alterations to access driveway, installation of PV panels and reinstatement of existing Tennis Court.
- c) RR/2025/1978/HOU The Elms Grove Lane: Proposed internal alterations and extension to the Main Dwelling; Proposed external and internal alterations to the Outbuilding and proposed replacement of adjacent Greenhouse. Proposed site wide hard and soft landscaping including alterations to access driveway, installation of PV panels and reinstatement of existing Tennis Court.

V. Notifications Only – None

VI. New Local Plan and Proposed Site Allocations

The public consultation is now open until 5pm and the 23 March 2026

8. Finances – Parish Council

I. January Bank Balances Sign Off and Agreement

31st December 2025 £ 20,566.39

Plus total Receipts 1,205.39

Less total Payments £ 890.77

31st January 2026 £ 20,881.01

(31st January 2026 statements tbc -Treasurers Account £10,307.44 and Reserve Account £10,573.57)

December Receipts

£5.39 Bank Interest

£1,200 Burial fees.

December Payments

£675.78 Salaries for December

£41.70 M Philo: Room £30, car £11.70

£54.87 Refund M Philo: Share of Clerk's Society membership.

£35.75 Refund M Philo: Grave marker (vat £5.96)

£31.17 EDF: Pavilion electricity

£15.25 Castle water: Pavilion Water

£4.25 Bank Monthly account charge

£32.00 RALC Annual subscription

Charge card - Nil

II. Payments to Authorise

Invoices received since the publication of the agenda will be tabled at the meeting to ensure prompt payment.

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£41.70 M Philo: Room £30, car £11.70

III. Payroll Provider

To agree to contract Maiden Accountancy for pay roll services as of 1st April 2026. Cost £10 a month plus VAT.

IV. Precept for 2026-2027

a) Budget 2026-2027

To agree the budget for 2026-2027 as being £25,121.00

b) Precept for 2026-2027

Having considered general reserve, restricted earmarked funds and other funds available to agree to set the Precept for 2026-2027 at £18,000 per annum, being for the average household (Band D) £74.20 noting that £5,360 will be coming from funds in addition to the general reserve and restricted earmarked funds.

9. Policies to be agreed

a) **To agree the Draft Publication Scheme**

b) **To agree the Draft Data Protection Policy**

10. Iden Pavilion and Playing Fields

I. Water leak

Update

II. Any other issues

11. Risk Assessment – Report on Parish Assets

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

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd March 2026, 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.