



Agenda 5th May 2026

Iden Parish Council - annual meeting

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**Parish council members are summoned to the meeting to be held on
5th May 2026 at 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall**

Date 28th April 2026

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

AGENDA

- 1. Election of Chair**
To elect a member of the council as chairman until the next annual meeting of the council.
Local Government Act 1972, 15(1) & (2)
Chairman to confirm acceptance of office and sign acceptance of office.
- 2. Election of vice Chair**
To elect a member of the council as vice chairman until the next annual meeting of the council.
Local Government Act 1972, 15(6)
Vice chairman to confirm acceptance of office.
- 3. Apologies**
- 4. 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.
 - a) Councillors to confirm that their Register of Interest is unchanged.
- 5. Minutes**
To approve minutes of the parish council meeting held on 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th & 16th April 2026 (previously distributed) and to sign as a true record.
- 6. The meeting to adjourn for up to 25 minutes**
 - a) Report from County and District Councillors
 - b) 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.

7. Councillor Appointments

To elect councillors to serve or represent the council on the following bodies:

- a) Iden Community Emergency Forum**
- b) Rother Association of Local Councils.** Currently Cllr Allard & Cllr Miller
- c) East Sussex Association of Local Councils**
- d) Any other appointments**

8. Meeting Schedule

To confirm that meetings will remain as the first Tuesday of the month, except for August when there will be no meeting, at 19:30.

2026

2nd June

7th July

1st September

6th October

3rd November

1st December

2027

5th January

2nd February

2nd March

6th April

11th May (election 6th May)

9. Review of Charges

a) Playing Field Hire and Pavilion hire for the Cricket Club

To confirm that the charges for Iden Cricket Club are £200 for the playing fields.

10. Confirmation of borrowing approval and direct debits

To confirm borrowing approval for a charge card for the clerk with a limit of £500 in any one month or agree to increase this level. To further agree the direct debits for: EDF and Castle Water with regard to Iden Pavilion; to Microsoft Office; and to the Information Commissioner's Office.

11. Policies ([POLICIES | iden](#))

To note that the council has a suite of policies in place, and allow the new clerk to review them all and bring any that need updating back to council before the August recess.

12. General Power of Competence

The council continues to hold the general power of competence. The new clerk has CiLCA (awarded November 2025) and that a quorate of councillors was elected.

13. Parish Council Finances

- a) To receive and note the financial report, as attached.
- b) To note agreement of the Annual Return (AGAR) will be at the June Meeting.

14. Council emails and domain name

It is now a legal requirement for a council to have a generic email address with either a .gov or .org.uk. To note that these are now being used by all councillors and that they may be made available to the public if they wish to contact their councillors. The website and clerk's email remain the same, as above.

- 15. Planning**
 - a) To receive and comment on any planning applications received.
 - b) To note any enforcements or appeals
RR/2025/1830/Householder planning – HEDGEROW. Erection of extension – REFUSED
 - c) to receive any planning decisions by Rother District Council
None
- 16. Update on Iden Pavilion and playing fields**
To receive an update from the Chairman.
- 17. Update on The Bell**
To receive an update from Cllr Cooper on progress with The Bell public house.
- 18. Update on Motorcross noise disturbance**
To consider a way forward for all parties.
- 19. Use of playing field for Rye Bay FC u16 & U12 teams**
To consider Icklesham Parish Council's request for help for these two teams to find a home ground from September 2026.
- 20. Any other matters to report, or information for councillors.**
- 21. Date of Next Meeting**
Tuesday 2nd June 2026, 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.