



# Agenda 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

## Iden Parish Council

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Parish council members are summoned to the Meeting to be held on  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall

Signed

Date 26<sup>th</sup> September 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 <https://www.idenvillage.uk>)**

To approve minutes of the parish council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 (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. Planning**

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

- a. **Enforcements and Appeals - None**
- b. **Planning Decisions by Rother District Council - None**
- c. **Applications to be considered**

RR/2024/1582/L Lambs Orchard, Playden Lane: External works to a grade 2 listed building to include the replacement of defective slate roof in matching natural slate; repointing of chimney, installation of one downpipe on the front elevation (retrospective).

RR/2024/1599/P Tyson Marsh Farm, Wittersham Road: Removal of the agricultural occupancy (AOC) (Condition 2) imposed on RR/76/0087

- d. **Notifications Only - None**
- e. **Response to survey on planning enforcement**
- f. **Conkers Application Update (RR/2023/2153/P)**

**7. Ashes Area**

There have been a few teething problems and the clerk requests definite direction to be agreed.

**To agree the policy – information document**, for enquiries, regarding the ashes area (already circulated).

For the last burial the requirement included the use of a funeral director to assist the bereaved from the start to the memorial stone. However, the Burwash directors advised that they like others were not prepared to assist with the memorial stones due to bad experiences.

**To confirm that the memorial stones will be 600mm by 400mm landscape noting that the plot marker stones are slightly smaller. To further confirm that these place markers are not available for use as carved memorial stones.**

**To agree that there will be no reservation of ashes plots.**

It has become apparent that the memorial stone placement can come very quickly after the interment so the various fees may not be levied over years but rather months or all at once. Also, the ability to further inter ashes in the same plot is problematic due the increased size of caskets.

**To agree that there will only be one interment per plot but up to two caskets or ashes for two can be interred at the same time.**

**To agree the following charges for the ashes plots only**

1) Exclusive Right of Burial (for 75 years) £500 per plot.  
 This means that only the named can be buried there.  
 This includes the applicant being shown the burial ground and a gentle discussion of the options and supplying the paperwork and phone calls. Often two trips to the site.  
 Provision and posting of Certificate of Exclusive right. The inclusion of the acquisition in the burial records. Checking the size of the casket(s).

2) Interment Fee £200  
 This includes corresponding with the funeral directors, invoicing, obtaining completed forms and certificates of cremation. Checking the area is neat and tidy ready for the burial. Updating the burial records and grave maps. Advising directors of location. Opening the gates and closing after the burial. Checking the size of the casket(s).

3) Permission to place a memorial stone £200  
 This includes dealing with the stone mason, providing them with the forms and invoicing them. Reviewing the wording and approving. If the design or stone is unusual this will have to come to the parish council meeting. Advising where the grave is. Open the gate for mason. Attending the laying to ensure the return and safe storage of the marker stone. Closing the gate. Updating the burial records regarding the memorial stone details.

## 8. Finances – Parish Council

### a. Budgeting for 2025-2026

The clerk requests councillors to consider if there are any projects they wish to be considered for funding in the next financial year. The precept will have to increase for the coming year as emergency reserves will have been reached.

### b. September Bank Balances

31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024	£ 19,756.48
Plus total Receipts	£ 161.77
Less total Payments	<u>£ 1,077.70</u>
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	£ 18,840.55

(30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 statements tbc -Treasurers Account £8,381.85 and Reserve Account £10,458.70)

### c. September Receipts

£8.77	Bank Interest
£153.00	Wilder Iden funds - earmarked

### d. September Payments

£19.20	Charge card – Post Office – footpath mailing less 10p cash back
£629.20	Salaries
£41.70	Office costs
£42.00	Geosphere Limited: Parish online Mapping Service (vat £7.00)
£252.00	PKF Littlejohn LLP: external Audit (vat £42)
£93.60	Playsafety Limited: Play area safety inspection

### e. Payments to Authorise

£629.20	Clerk's August salary.
£41.70	M Philo: Room £30, car £11.70
Charge Card (18 October)	
£59.99	Microsoft office annual subscription
(£500 transfer to pavilion account is outstanding)	

**9. Report from the Save The Bell Inn**

**10. Pavilion - Finances**

**a. September Bank Balance**

Bank Balances on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 tbc Treasurers Account £ 255.56 (31<sup>st</sup> August £322.61)

**b. September Receipts**

£120.00 Bodium cricket club for 2 matches

**c. September Payments**

£37.05 EDF monthly direct debit

Castle water - estimated water usage of £11.02 leaving the account in credit of £9.99

£150.00 RSR Waste Management – Pavilion cesspit empty

**d. Payments to Authorise**

£150.00 RSR Waste Management – Pavilion cesspit bung fitted

**11. Iden Pavilion and Playing Fields**

a. Iden Pavilion Working Party Update Report

b. Fire extinguisher check 9<sup>th</sup> October

c. Any other issues to report.

**12. Risk Assessment – Report on Parish Assets**

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

Footpath 20 paperwork has now been validated.

Grove Lane Bus Shelter is underway but there is still some work to complete.

The clerk will deal with the Grove Lane triangle shortly.

SLR meeting.

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.