



Agenda 6 January 2026

Iden Parish Council Meeting

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**Parish council members are summoned to the Meeting to be held on
6th January 2026 at 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall**

Signed

Date 30th December 2025

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 2nd December 2025 (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 new**
- III. **Planning Decisions by Rother District Council None**
- IV. **Applications to be Consider**
RR/2025/2050/HOU The Granary Wittersham Road: replacement windows.
- V. **Notifications Only – None**
- VI. **New Local Plan and Proposed Site Allocations**
Update on forthcoming consultation and way forward.

8. Meeting with Rother Voluntary Action

Update and review.

9. Finances – Parish Council

I. December Bank Balances Sign Off and Agreement

30th November 2025 £ 21,476.19

Plus total Receipts 5.04

Less total Payments £ 914.84

31st December 2025 £ 20,566.39

(31st December 2025 statements TBA -Treasurers Account £9,998.21 and Reserve Account £10,568.18)

December Receipts

£5.04 Bank Interest

December Payments

£752.81 Salaries for November

£41.70 M Philo: Room £30, car £11.70

£70.32 JS Fire Protection: Pavilion fire extinguishers annual inspection (vat £11.72

£30.72 EDF: Pavilion electricity

£15.04 Castle water: Pavilion Water

£4.25 Bank Monthly account charge

Charge card - Nil

II. Payments to Authorise

£678.18 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)

III. 3rd Quarter Financial Report

See the end of the agenda

IV. Precept for 2026-2027

To agree to set the Precept for 2026-2027 at the February 2026 meeting.

10. Iden Pavilion and Playing Fields

I. Play Area Gate Repair

Update

II. Playing Field

Update on the maintenance work needed.

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 February 2026, 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.

Iden Parish Council Third Quarter Financial Report 2025-2026

On 22nd December 2025 the running balance stood at £20,566.39.

Total receipts were larger than usual, at £7,116.40, as the Iden Fayre fundraising came in at £6,100. There was also £1,000 due to a resident's burial. Bank interest £16.40.

Total net of vat payment came to £12,696.94 (gross £13,429.89). The grass cutting came in at £3,360. Donations were made to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £50 and to Iden Pavilion Trust £6,100. Running cost included the new .gov.uk email at the reduced first year price of £160; renewal of the original domain name for two year at £69.55 (reducing the funds held for the website grant); a thank you gift for the internal auditor £36.28; data handler annual fee £47 and £70.83 for the annual Microsoft subscription fee and salaries £2,282.43. Pavilion electric and water supplies cost £128.09, a single cesspit empty £150 and fire extinguishers check £58.60

Within the funds held in the bank are earmarked reserves total £8,559.45 (reserve of £8,000 and three other ring-fenced sums (website £160.45; Garden Society donation £246 and £153 Nature Recovery). Anticipated expenditure for the last quarter comes to £4,750.71 but there are burial fees of £1,200 and a vat reclaim of £943.85 to come in. At the end of year, being 31st March 2026 the council might have in the bank £9,400 unallocated.

Estimated expenditure for the current year is £22,200 whilst actual spending for the year will be closer to £20,000 unless any unplanned/emergency expenditure is required before then. The current budget includes £2,000 for tree work particularly for fallen trees in the Playing Fields and £1,000 contingency. Neither of these looks like they will be exhausted.

Additionally, the new burial ground has seen a few more burials than usual and so there is an additional receipt of £3,700 than estimated.

Councillors should note that the new financial regulations require all unused budget sums to return to the pot for consideration as part of budgeting and precepting for the next year, unless the council decides to earmark as restricted funds for a purpose that perhaps has not been completed or will be shortly.

Councillors should now consider how best to use the unallocated/unrestricted funds at the end of year. The options are to earmark some for a project that you are saving towards; to increase the general reserve to reflect inflationary pressure; to use some towards the predicted budget and thus remain closer to the current precept level or a mixture of the prior three options.