



Agenda 3rd September 2024, Iden Parish Council

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Parish council members are summoned to the Meeting to be held on
3rd September 2024 at 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall

Signed

Date 28th August 2024

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 July 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 to advise.

b. Planning Comments Submitted under Delegated Authority to the Clerk RR/2024/819/P

Park Oast, Wittersham Road: Proposed two storey side extension and proposed double garage. Support - Whilst the Parish Council understands there is a need to restore this grade II building, which it supports, the council understands that subsequent to this application being posted, the Conservation Officer has visited the site and expressed concerns which may result in redrafted plans. As such the council support is on the basis of the present plans acknowledging they may be changed and if so the Parish Council will be consulted.

c. Planning Decisions by Rother District Council

- i. RR2024/867/L Bosney Farmhouse, Grove Lane: To insert an oak post under a broken oak beam spanning the large lounge. Granted.
- ii. RR/2024/2024/921/P 2 Gardiners Hill, Wittersham Road: Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Extension of loft conversion with installation of roof light Proposed erection of a home office. Approved conditionally.
- iii. RR/2024/819/P Park Oast, Wittersham Road: Proposed two storey side extension and proposed double garage. Application was withdrawn by the applicant.

d. RR/2023/2153/P Conkers, Main Street – update

e. Applications to be considered - None

f. For Notification Only

7. The Dissolution of Iden Fete and its Committee

Advice from Councillor Miller.

Discussion about what is to be done with the container on the playing field now that the Fete Committee has been disbanded and on Parish Council property.

8. Council Handyman

Mr Barret has been assisting the council with small repair jobs around the parish on council property. Whilst the council has been covering his costs, Mr Barret has been volunteering his labour. To agree to offer Mr Barret the position of council handy man with an honorarium of £100 a year.

9. Local Nature Recovery

The nature recovery group (Wilder Iden) is seeking a new head, in the meantime the funds are being transferred to the parish council towards nature recovery projects in the parish.

Rother District Council has been unable to provide any paperwork regarding the finalisation of a tree protection order for a holly tree at the village hall. **To agree to plant the native Holly tree, acquired in case a replacement was needed, in the All Saints Churchyard.**

10. Finances – Parish Council

a. First Quarter Financial Report

b. Completion of External Audit

PKF Littlejohn certificated it had found no issues for concern and that the council complies with accounting regulations.

c. July Bank Balances

30th June 2024 £ 19,938.81

Plus total Receipts £ 316.05

Less total Payments £ 4,375.98

31st July 2024 £ 15,878.88

(31st July 2024 statements -Treasurers Account £5,439.28 and Reserve Account £10,439.60)

d. July Receipts

£10.77 Bank Interest

£200.00 Burial Ground

£105.28 Recharge to Beckley and Pett PCs

e. July Payments

£159.34 Charge card – Parish Assembly, Inks, Fire blanket,stationary.

£629.20 Salaries

£43.00 Office costs

f. August Bank Balances

31st July 2024 £ 15,878.88

Plus total Receipts £ 1,410.33

Less total Payments £ 5,532.73

31st August 2024 £11,756.48

(31st August 2024 statements -Treasurers Account £1,306.55 and Reserve Account £10,449.93)

g. August Receipts

£10.33 Bank Interest

£1,400 Burial Ground

£105.28 Recharge

h. August Payments

£4,554.00 Pride Building: creation of ashes area (vat £759)

£629.20 Salaries

£41.70 Office costs

£228.29 Refund A Bauling - village Picnic (vat £11.49)

£56.92 Refund C Gilbert - cemeteries fencing materials and new post for Mason sign (£9.49)

Charge card

£17.99 Halfords - Emergency triangles for ICE (vat £3)

£4.75 Tesco – Ream of papers (vat £79p)

Cash back credit 12p

i. **Payments to Authorise**

£629.20 Clerk's August salary.

£41.70 M Philo: Room £30, car £11.70

£252.00 PKF Littlejohn – External audit (vat £42) Pett Parish Council: Share of Mobile for Clerk

£93.60 Playsafety Limited: Play equipment annual safety inspection

Charge Card (4 July) – Nil

(£500 transfer to pavilion account is outstanding)

11. Report from the Save The Bell Inn

12. Pavilion - Finances

a. **July Bank Balances**

Bank Balances on 31st July 2024 Treasurers Account £ 391.33

b. **July Receipts - None**

c. **July Payments**

£115.00 B Burdet Repair of garage door

£18.04 EDF monthly direct debit

Castle water were supplied with a reading that has put the account in credit £32.03 in spite of little water usage and standing charges

d. **August Bank Balance**

Bank Balances on 28th August 2024 Treasurers Account £ 322.61

e. **August Receipts - None**

f. **August Payments**

£68.72 EDF monthly direct debit

Castle water were supplied with a reading that has put the account in credit £32.03 in July Estimated water usage of £11.02 leaving the account in credit of £21.01.

13. Iden Playing Fields and Pavilion

a. **Iden Pavilion Working Party Report**

The Pavilion Trust Representatives to give a report on recent developments, progress towards becoming a CIO and what their proposals are with regard the future of The Pavilion.

b. **Following the recent successful hire to the Oliver Curd Trust, and the use, by the Village for Picnic in the Park, the Iden Pavilion working group have drafted charges and conditions required for future customers and wish the council to consider and approve or amend.**

c. **Any other issues to report.**

14. Risk Assessment – Report on Parish Assets

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

16. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd September 2024, 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.

Iden Parish Council First Quarter Financial Report 2024-2025

Council balance on 30th June 2024 - £19,931.81.

Earmarked reserves total £8,907.36 (reserve of £8,000 and two other ring-fenced sums (Website £661.36 and garden society donation £246).

The cost (approx. £2800) of the ashes area creation is an outstanding payment from last year and is also held within the balance above.

A £500 transfer to the Pavilion Account is also held in the account. There will be no further income till September when the final precept payment is received.

Receipts First Quarter £8,733.73

The first half of the precept £8,000 along with £500 from the burial ground, £200 for the season hire of the playing fields by Iden Cricket Club and bank interest of £33.73.

Payments First Quarter net of vat £6,498.39

Expenditure in this period is taken up by the payment of annual fee for services. The additional grass cuts for urban verges only was £595 and £149.50 for emptying the dog waste bin on the playing fields plus subscription to the advisory and training services of East Sussex Association of Local Councils (ESALC) and therein the National Association of Local Councils £ 145.55. Training costs of £383 have exceeded the anticipated budget as it has covered some of the cost to the clerk for the CiLCA qualification.

The council's unallocated fund of £1,000 has already been used for the year to cover the cost of the removal of the small cherry tree in the churchyard brought down by a storm. The remaining £200 has used up the general spending budget for the churchyard and cemetery.

Donations of £1,850 has far exceeded the £100 budget allocation with the £1,650 donation to Save the Bell Inn towards the valuation cost of the Bell Inn. As the budget is very tight this and any overspends will be coming from the council reserves.

Council running costs for the quarter were £2,694.89 (including the ESALC subscription and training) are on track at 25% of its budget share.

At this stage it is difficult to predict how the year will affect the council's spending.