



Agenda 2 December 2025

Iden Parish Council Meeting

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**Parish council members are summoned to the Meeting to be held on
2 December 2025 at 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall**

Signed

Date 27th November 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 4th November 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. 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/2025/1830/HOU Hedgerow, Grove Lane: Erection of Oak framed extension
- V. **Notifications Only – None**
- VI. **New Local Plan**
Reference to planning proposals regarding Iden in the latest iteration of the Local Plan
- VII. **Housing Development Event 28th November**
Feedback

7. Finances – Parish Council

I. November Bank Balances Sign Off and Agreement

30th October 2025 £ 23,068.39

Plus total Receipts 5.55

Less total Payments £ 1,597.75

30th November 2025 £ 21,476.19

(30th November 2025 statements TBC-Treasurers Account £10,913.05 and Reserve Account £10,563.14)

November Receipts

£5.55 Bank Interest

November Payments

£851.26 Salaries for October including back dating govt agreed hourly rate.

£41.70 M Philo: Room £30, car £11.70

£192.00 Parish online: .gov email service annual fee (vat £32.00)

£4.25 Lloyds Bank: Account maintenance monthly fee

£50.00 RBL Poppy Appeal Donation (LGA 1972 s.137)

£69.55 Refund M Philo: GoDaddy: iden.uk domain 2 year renewal

£37.50 Pett PC: April to September share of mobile phone for clerk

£150.00 RSR Drains: Pav Cesspit empty 01.11.2025

£9.47 Castle Water: Pavilion

£14.75 EDF : Pavilion Electricity

£47.00 ICO : data handler renewal

Charge Card (17 November)

£7.97 Iden Stores: Stationery

£1.70 Iden Stores: Stamp

£36.28 Iden Stores : gift to internal auditor (chairs allowance)

£84.99 Microsoft: Annual subscription (vat £14.16)

cash back 0.67p

II. Payments to Authorise

£673.23 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)

III. Urban Verge Cuts

East Sussex County Council (ESCC) is continuing to offer the same options as last year. To consider and agree one of the following options.

Options

Option 1 - Standard: Two cuts over the course of a year to be carried out by ESCC at no cost to the Parish Council. Urban grass will be managed for safety purposes only.

Option 2 – Extra cuts: Town/Parish Councils may fund an additional four cuts to be carried out by ESCC, totalling six cuts (two standard and four extra) over the course of the year. This would cost the Parish Council a total of £1,169.82 for the year.

Option 3 – Self delivery: Town/Parish Councils take on responsibility to deliver all urban grass cutting in their area. This must include a minimum of two cuts over the course of the year. ESCC will not carry out any urban grass cutting within the Town/Parish's urban area. ESCC would pay the Parish Council the sum of £584.91 to cover the 2 cuts they would have been providing in other options.

(It should be noted that any contractor employed must be suitably competent, qualified, and insured to work safely on the highway, evidence of which must be supplied to ESCC. We also request an agreement to be signed between ESCC and the Town Council if you opt to self-deliver. Further details are available in the attached document.

IV. Playing Fields Hire 2026

To agree to hold the cricket field hire 2026 season fee hire at £200.

V. Burial Ground Charges

To agree to hold the burial ground charges as per 2025.

VI. Second Draft Budget for 2026-2027

A draft budget has been circulated to councillors.

8. Iden Pavilion and Playing Fields

I. Play Area Gates

The following quotes have been obtained. They are on different basis in an effort to be able to complete the repair at a suitable cost. **To agree to select at least one to complete a repair:**

Sovereign Play	£3,753
(Gate and fence panel swap £4,208.75)	
Tate and Tonbridge Fencing – two entrances to play area	£2,750
Bob the Handyman – repair of gate and manhole	£300
R & E Engineering tba.	

II. Playing Field

Clerk to report on the maintenance work needed.

9. Policies

To agree the draft IT Policy

10. Risk Assessment – Report on Parish Assets

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

The budget and the precept will be agreed at the January meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th January 2026, 7.30pm, Iden Village Hall.