

IKEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Iken Residents,

Time waits for no one, and as summer heads towards the wonderful August bank holiday, your Parish Councillors thought it appropriate to bring you up to date with progress.

As I hope you recall, our primary work is based around your Parish Plan, a copy of which is available from the Iken PC website (www.ikenpc.org.uk), or you can ask Tiffany (email in footer).

Progress Report & What's Ahead

Iken's Identity, Community & Future Housing

Cllr Eliot Sayer is leading on housing matters, and in the last newsletter, we said he was working on formalising a presentation soon. We are delighted to advise that **Cllr David Bevan (Southwold) and Cabinet Member for Housing, Sharon Hindes Housing Enabling Officer East Suffolk Council and Sue Downs Rural and Community Housing Enabler Community Action Suffolk**, are coming to our next PC meeting.

If this matter is of interest to you or anyone you know, please do come to our next PC meeting, see below.

AONB, SSSI, Flooding & River Walls

Cllr Lucy Mann has been working diligently behind the scenes to raise our profile and ensure that Iken's residents are properly considered, as various agencies reform their plans and funds are allocated. A meeting is being arranged, hopefully in **October, with our MP, Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, Peter Roberts from the Water Management Alliance, and David Kemp from the Environment Agency**. We know that this matter is of concern to many, so we hope you will attend the meeting once a date is announced. We also extend our thanks to Norman Johnson for his continuing support and encouragement on this matter.

Community & Social Events

Lynette Morton (Netty) has arranged our first summer afternoon tea for many years. It is being held at Hardy's Barn, 3.30 – 5.30 Saturday 23rd August. Please confirm your attendance and numbers to Netty by text – 07984 533408. We are all looking forward to this special occasion.

Village Hall Refurbishment

We need support and funds to bring the refurbishment plan to life. Unfortunately, our application to the Sizewell Community Fund was rejected as Iken sits (just) outside the catchment area! However, we continue to investigate other opportunities for funding. Any volunteers who'd like to help build an action plan would be most welcome!! No direct experience necessary – just 'Team Work'!! If we want to save the village hall, then we need help.

Highways, Footpaths & Traffic

Cllr Lottie Fairs is leading on this, and **Quiet Lane signage** for Sandy Lane is under discussion with Highways.

Energy Coast Infrastructure Projects

These developments **affect us all**. Your Parish Council will **keep you informed**, but we also encourage **everyone** to come to meetings and share their views. We'll update you on the latest news at the next meeting.

Staying Connected & Getting Involved

♦ **Interested in helping out?** We still have a **vacancy** on the Parish Council—if you're interested, we'd love to hear from you! If you'd like to help out with any of our village projects, please let us know.

Warmest wishes,

Alan

Alan Hutson

Chair, Iken Parish Council

✦ **P.S. Let's stay connected!** Want to receive email updates? Just **opt in** by emailing Tiffany at the address below!

2025 Parish Council Meeting held at Hardy's Barn

~~Wednesday 11th June @ 6pm~~

Wednesday 20th August @ 6pm

Wednesday 1st October @ 6pm

Wednesday 3rd December @ 6pm