

Birling Parish Council

**All members of Birling Parish Council are summonsed to attend the
BIRLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING to be held on**

Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 8pm

At All Saints Church, Birling

www.birlingparishcouncil.gov.uk

Public and Press are welcome to attend

Public Participation – Item 5 only

1. Apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest

3. Approval and signing of minutes of meeting of 2nd December and 17th December 2025

(Attachment 1 & 2)

4. Monthly Reports - County, Borough and Police Reports

(a) County Councillor Dodger Sian

(b) Borough Councillors Paul Boxall and Bill Banks

(c) Kent Police – to receive update on PCSO meeting 15/12/2025 10am Church

5. Open Forum – Public Participation Session

The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) shall not exceed ten minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting. Subject to standing order 3(f), a member of the public shall not speak for more than three minutes. In accordance with standing order 3(e), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.

6. (a) Matters arising and last month's circulation

i. **Ryarsh School**

To receive any update.

ii. **Village Hall**

To receive any updates on availability of hall.

iii. **Horse Rider Safety**

To note update from Cllr Sian – awaiting engineer update.

(b) Matters for Information circulated to councillors

09/12 Local Government Reorganisation

09/12 E watch 2344

09/12 KALC news

09/12 KALC T&M minutes

09/12 E Watch 2345

09/12 E Watch 2346

15/12 E Watch 2347

15/12 Christmas message from TMBC Mayor

15/12 KCC Budget consultation 2026-27

7. Meetings

- (a) **Meetings attended on behalf of the parish council**
 - i. Local Plan Meeting (TMBC) 08/12/2025 7.15pm Church
- (b) **Future meetings**
 - i. KALC T&M Committee - 15/01/2026
 - ii. John May Charity 29/01/2026 3.30pm

8. Parish Business for Decisions

- (a) **Oast Park Golf Course**
 - i. To receive any updates
 - ii. To note update on response from TMBC regarding TPO application, chase up emails have been sent.
- (b) **Highways Improvement Plan**
 - i. To note update on annual review.
 - ii. To note lining of Bull Road referred to Cllr Sian.
- (c) **Local Plan**
 - i. To receive any updates.
 - ii. To note consultation response sent on 2nd January 2026
- (d) **Community Transport Grant / Bus Services**
 - i. To receive update on KALC T&M parish council initiatives.
- (e) **Jubilee and Coronation**
 - i. To receive update.
- (f) **John May Charity**
 - i. To receive update.
- (g) **Village Maintenance, Waste and Litter**
 - i. To receive any updates.
 - ii. To note update on new noticeboard.
- (h) **Focus Session on Long Term Vision**
 - i. To review ideas circulated since the last meeting.
- (i) **Casual vacancy**
 - i. To receive update on vacancy

9. Parish Business for Noting

- (a) **Website/social media update**
 - i. To note the following added to the website:-
 - KCC budget consultation
 - Local Plan consultation
- (b) **Parochial Church Council**
 - i. To receive regular update.
- (c) **Resident Matters**
 - i. To note any recent local issues raised.

10. Correspondence

- (a) Thank you letter from Ryarsh School pupils

11. Finance & Accounts

(b) To approve Bank Reconciliation December 2025

Net Bank Balances as at 31/12/2025 £16,116.79

(c) To note budget position year to date December 2025.

(d) To approve PAYE record January 2026

(e) BACS to be approved and signed:

Payee	Budget	Gross	Net	VAT	Detail
Various	Staff Costs	£ 1159.03			Jan Salary PAYE for Dec and Jan
Hugo Fox	IT Costs	£ 11.99	£ 9.99	2.00	Monthly website costs
Laser	Streetlighting	£ 24.21	£ 23.00	1.21	Streetlight energy
Waveney IT	IT Costs	£ 63.65	£ 53.04	10.61	Monthly mailbox costs

(f) To finalise Budget and Precept forecasts for 2026/27

To approve an annual budget for 2026/27 at £16,880 and a precept of £16,570.

12. Roads

(a) To report any road issues

(b) Road Closures

- i. To note temporary road closures affecting Birling.
Birling Road, Leybourne.

13. Planning

(a) Applications to be considered

There are none.

(b) Decisions by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council

There are none.

14. Matters for future meetings

15. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17th March 2026; Tuesday 26th May 2026.

Julie Miller

Julie Miller, Parish Clerk clerk@birlingparishcouncil.gov.uk

31st December 2025