

Birling Parish Council

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

Tuesday 11th March 2025 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 11th February 2025** *(Appendix A)*
- 4. Monthly Reports - County, Borough and Police Reports**
 - (a) County Councillor Sarah Hohler**
 - (b) Borough Councillors Paul Boxall and Bill Banks**
 - (c) Kent Police**
- 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. Communal Lighting in Birling park**

To receive any update.
 - iv. Horse Rider Safety**

To receive any update.

(b) Matters for Information circulated to councillors

 - 25/02 Parish Council Support Scheme
 - 25/02 Events Newsletter
 - 25/02 Forestry Commission invasive Spruce Bark Beetle awareness.
 - 25/02 KALC Weekly Bulletin
 - 25/02 Chief Executive bulletin
 - 25/02 E Watch 2263
 - 25/02 Anti-social behaviour team
 - 25/02 E Watch 2264
 - 25/02 Local government reorganisation and devolution support from KALC
 - 03/03 E Watch 2260
 - 03/03 KALC weekly bulletin
 - 03/03 KALC Weekly training bulletin
 - 03/03 Chief Executives bulletin
 - 03/03 Kent Minerals and Waste Plan 2024-39

03/03 Making Space for Nature newsletter
03/03 Local Nature Recovery Strategy consultation
03/03 E Watch 2661
03/03 Great British Spring Clean Pledge
03/03 CPRE Heathrow expansion
03/03 E Watch 2262
03/03 Parkinson Partnership
03/03 Weekly Bulletin
03/03 Land Availability Call for Sites
03/03 Chief Executive bulletin
03/03 Minutes from Parish Partnership Panel
03/03 E Watch 2265

7. Meetings

- (a) Meetings attended on behalf of the parish council**
There were none.
- (b) Future meetings**
KALC T&M Area Meeting 10/04/2025

8. Parish Business for Decisions

- (a) Oast Park Golf Course Development**
i. To receive any updates.
ii. To review tree survey carried out by councillors.
- (b) Highways Improvement Plan**
i. To receive update on Highways Improvement Plan.
- (c) Local Plan**
i. To receive any updates
ii. To review the Land Availability Assessment Call for Sites.
- (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 on stone.
- (f) Village Maintenance, Waste and Litter**
i. To receive any updates.
ii. To note equipment requested from TMBC for Spring Clean on 23rd March 2025.
- (g) Risk Assessment**
i. To conduct annual review of risk assessment.
- (h) To agree meeting date to focus a session on Vision**
- (i) To receive any update on Devolution concerning Borough Councils**

9. Parish Business for Noting

- (a) Website/social media update**
i. To note the following added to the website:-
 - Road Closures

(b) Parochial Church Council

- i. To receive regular update.

(c) Resident Matters

- i. To note any recent local issues raised.

10. Correspondence – there is none.

11. Finance & Accounts

(a) To approve Bank Reconciliation February 2025

Net Bank Balances as at 28/02/2025 £16,924.37

To note budget position year to date February 2025 – noted.

(b) To approve PAYE record March 2025.

(c) BACS to be approved and signed

| Various | Staff Costs | £ | 747.92 | | | Staff Costs |
|------------|----------------|---|--------|---------|---------|--------------------------|
| LASER | Streetlighting | £ | 28.29 | £ 26.95 | £ 1.34 | Streetlight energy costs |
| Waveney IT | IT Costs | £ | 63.65 | £ 53.04 | £ 10.61 | Monthly Mailbox Costs |
| Waveney IT | IT Costs | £ | 30.00 | £ 25.00 | £ 5.00 | Password resets |
| HugoFox | IT Costs | £ | 11.99 | £ 9.99 | £ 2.00 | Monthly website costs |

13. Roads

(a) To report any road issues

(b) Road Closures

- i. To note temporary road closures affecting Birling:
Birling Road.

14. Planning

(a) Applications to be considered

- i. 25/00196/PA Whipsiderry 31 Ryarsh Road, Birling ME19 5JR
T1 Cedar tree, section dismantle the tree to ground level. The tree is lifting the driveway and also there are roots impeding the drain. T2 Holm oak to the front of the property. Reduce the canopy by 1 meter radial spread from 3.5 meters north east south and west to 2.5 meters and the height from 14 meters to 12 meters to contain the roots that are beginning to lift the driveway.
H3 row of Leylandii Cypress trees on the rear left hand boundary line. Reduce the trees by approximately 50% of the current height from 6 meters to 3 meters. Roots are causing damage to the house. T4 mature Thuja in the rear garden. Reduce from 15 meters to 10 meters in height to allow more light to pass in to the garden. T5 Elder in the rear garden fell to ground level tree is a poor specimen and is impeding the adjacent Hollies growth. T6 Leylandii Cypress hedge on the rear boundary line re reduce the hedge to the previously established cut levels 4 meters from ground level. T7 mature Eucalyptus in the rear garden fell to ground level the tree has 30% canopy decline and decay at the base.
- ii. 25/00235/PA Whipsiderry 31 Ryarsh Road, Birling ME19 5JR
Change old white windows to new anthracite grey windows and new matching front door with full height side panels, remove old (bubbled

and cracked rendering) to expose original brickwork around the ground floor (to window cill or window top - dependant on brick condition) level and re-render above, painting in a white based colour, decrease the depth (height) of the front dining room window to allow for 900 mm kitchen unit height internally.

(b) Decisions by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council

There are none.

15. Matters for future meetings

16. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th April 2025

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5th March 2025