

Birling Parish Council

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

Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 8pm

At All Saints Church, Birling

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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 September 2025**
(Attachment 1)
- 4. Monthly Reports - County, Borough and Police Reports**
 - (a) County Councillor Dodger Sian
 - (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. **Horse Rider Safety**
To note update from Cllr Sian – awaiting engineer update.

(b) Matters for Information circulated to councillors

05/09 TMBC peer challenge
05/09 Presentation from KALC AGM on Local Government Reorganisation
05/09 21 day consultation TMBC planning
05/09 News highlights TMBC
05/09 Chief executive bulletin
05/09 E Watch 2318
05/09 Tonbridge Counselling Service
05/09 Fault reporting tool – potholes
05/09 E Watch 2320
26/09 Highways and transport seminar
26/09 KCC budget consultation
26/09 Chief executive bulletin
26/09 KALC fortnightly bulletin
26/09 E Watch 2322

26/09 TMBC public space protection order
 26/09 Events newsletter
 26/09 KALC community awards
 26/09 Notice of KALC AGM 9/10
 26/09 E watch 2323
 26/09 Stakeholder update
 26/09 E watch 2324
 26/09 Events newsletter
 26/09 KALC T&M minutes 17/07
 26/09 Promotion of webinar
 26/09 Chief executive bulletin
 26/09 E watch 2325
 26/09 Annual canvass
 26/09 Protecting commons, greens and open spaces
 30/09 E watch 2326
 30/09 Gatwick in touch
 30/09 T&M KALC AGM agenda
 06/10 In person parish seminar
 06/10 KALC T&M AGM
 06/10

7. Meetings

(a) Meetings attended on behalf of the parish council

- i. KALC T&M AGM 09/10/2025

(b) Future meetings

- i. Kent County Council in person parish seminar 22/10/2025
- ii. KALC AGM 22/11/2025
- iii. Parish Partnership Panel – 20/11/2025
- iv. Snodland Asphalt Meeting – 26/11/2025

8. Parish Business for Decisions

(a) Oast Park Golf Course

- i. To receive any updates
- ii. To note no response from TMBC regarding TPO application, chase up emails have been sent.

(b) Highways Improvement Plan

- i. To receive update from Cllr Hirst on request for annual review.
- ii. To note lining of Bull Road referred to Cllr Sian.

(c) Local Plan

- i. To receive any updates.
- ii. To note meeting being organised with Snodland Town Council to discuss development at Paddlesworth.

(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) Remembrance 2025

- i. To note road closure organised and volunteer marshals being sought.

- (g) Village Maintenance, Waste and Litter**
 - i. To receive any updates.
 - ii. To note further quotes being obtained for noticeboard.
 - iii. To note bank works job raised on KCC portal.
- (h) Focus Session on Long Term Vision**
 - i. To review session on future Long Term Vision.

9. Parish Business for Noting

(a) Website/social media update

- i. To note the following added to the website:-
 - Road Closures
 - KCC budget consultation

(b) Parochial Church Council

- i. To receive regular update.

(c) Resident Matters

- i. To note any recent local issues raised.

10. Correspondence

- (a)** Emails from anonymous resident group from Leybourne/West Malling about Gypsy Traveller application on Birling Road.

11. Finance & Accounts

(b) To approve Bank Reconciliation September 2025

Net Bank Balances as at 01/10/2025 £19,195.85

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

(d) To approve PAYE record Oct 2025

(e) BACS to be approved and signed:

Supplier	Budget	Gross	Detail
Various	Staff Costs	£ 817.62	Oct staff costs
Hugo Fox	IT Costs	£ 11.99	Monthly website costs
Laser	Streetlighting	£ 37.56	Streetlight energy
Waveney IT	IT Costs	£ 63.65	Monthly mailbox costs
JA Miller	Poppy Wreath	£ 22.24	RBL reimbursement

(f) To approve donation to Air Ambulance charity

(g) To consider requesting KCC member grant fund support for noticeboard replacement

12. Roads

(a) To report any road issues

(b) Road Closures

- i. To note temporary road closures affecting Birling.

13. Planning

(a) Applications to be considered

- i. **25/01297/PA 6 Clacketts Farm**, Ryarsh Road, Birling. Trim beech hedge on front boundary. Trees situated on land adjacent to parking area

consist of 1 x conifer reduce height by 25%(1-1.25m) 1 x cherry and 1 x malus and 1 x silver birch reduce height by 25% (1-1.25m)

ii. **25/01586/PA Land east of Legge Lane and opposite Langold House**, Snodland Road, Birling. Details of planning condition 7 (timber cladding to caravan) and 8 (disposal of dog waste) pursuant to TN/25/01042 Section 73 application to vary condition 5 (number of dogs) of planning permission TM/16/00003/FL from 5 including owners dogs to 10 including owners dogs.

iii. **25/01608/PA Weirside Cottage Snodland Road** Birling ME19 5JF First floor front and rear extensions

(b) Decisions by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council

There are none.

14. Matters for future meetings – budget and precept 26/27

15. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th November 2025 followed by Tuesday 2nd December 2025; Tuesday 6th January 2026; Tuesday 17th March 2026; Tuesday 26th May 2026.

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8th October 2025