

Bethersden Parish Council

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I hereby give you notice that a Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11 March 2026 at 1900hrs in Bethersden Village Hall.

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below.

Dated this day 6th March 2026.

Paula Cowperthwaite

Parish Clerk

AGENDA

Receive reports from County and Borough Councillors. Public questions and comments on agenda and non-agenda items (this section will be limited to 15 minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Chairman).

22/2026. Apologies

To receive and approve apologies for absence.

23/2026. Declarations of Interest

A Councillor who declares a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to any item on the agenda should leave the meeting for the whole of the item (unless a dispensation is granted) and will not be able to participate in discussion or voting. A Councillor with an Other Significant Interest must declare their interest. They can participate in discussion but must not vote.

24/2026. Minutes of the Meeting of the 11th February 2026

To approve the minutes of the meeting of 11th February 2026 as an accurate record of the meeting.

25/2026. Chairman`s Report

To receive the Chairman's Report.

26/2026. Parish Clerk`s Report

To receive the Parish Clerk's Report

Planning Matters

To agree comments for:

27/2026. Planning Application [PA/2026/0157](#)

Harleydene, Ashford Road, Bethersden, TN26 3BD

Construction of Single storey rear extension, side extension and front porch and changes to fenestration

28/2026. Notice of Planning Appeal Outcome

PA/2025/1205

Little Etchden, Etchden Chase, Etchden Road, Bethersden, Kent TN26 3DS

Conversion of a garage to an independent residential dwelling with a garden area and parking

BPC: No Comment (not notified at application stage)

ABC: Refused

Inspectorate: Allowed

29/2026. Planning Decisions

To note the planning decision for:

PA/2025/2278

Princes Pond, 1 Bears Green, Bears Lane, Bethersden, Ashford, TN23 3US –
Conversion of loft space including installation of rooflights to front and rear
elevation, and construction of single storey rear extension

<https://ashfordboroughcouncil.my.site.com/pr/a0hTw000003yhV0IAI>

BPC: Representation comment made – no overriding concerns

ABC: Approve

Financial Matters

30/2026. Financial Transactions

To note or approve the financial transactions

Income		Amount £
None		0.00
Expenditure		
*Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	8.75
Paula Cowperthwaite	Salary & Expenses	930.41
Alastair Boyd	Expenses	10.00
Countrywide	March Maintenance	703.50
Chris Buckman	February Maintenance	120.00
Bethersden Village Hall	March Room Hire	31.00
D Wood Building Ltd	Pavilion Refurbishment	3,340.00
KALC	Chairmans Conference	84.00
SLCC	Internal Audit	66.00

*Payments already made

31/2026 Tennis Club

Discuss and agree a financial way forward

32/2026 CCTV repairs

Agree to pay for CCTV repairs

33/2026 Churchyard Maintenance funding

To discuss and agree funding for churchyard maintenance

34/2026 S106 Funding

To receive an update on current s106 funding progress

35/2026 Finance regs

To agree latest update to Financial Regulations

36/2026 Kent Pension Fund

To agree to be a Designated Body Employer

37/2026 Working From Home Allowance

To agree to pay a working from home allowance from 2026/2027

38/2026 European Art Work

To discuss and agree support of the proposed art project

39/2026 Local Government Reorganisation consultation

To note the consultation

40/2026 Parking around Bethersden Primary School

To discuss possible solutions to the parking situation

41/2026. Correspondence

To note any correspondence.

42/2026. Items for next meeting

To agree any items to be included on the next meeting agenda.

43/2026. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on THURSDAY 16th April 2026 in Bethersden Village Hall at 19:00hrs.

44/2026 Resolution to Exclude the Public and Press

To resolve that, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item(s) as they involve the likely disclosure of confidential information.

45/2026 Subject Access Request

To receive an update on the completed Request