

I hereby give you notice that a Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 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, 9th October 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).

161/2026. Apologies

To receive and approve apologies for absence.

162/2026. Co-option for Casual Vacancy

To note the casual vacancy for Bethersden Parish Council, to consider applications from candidates for co-option, and if appropriate to resolve to co-opt one candidate.

163/2026. Declarations of Interest

Disclosable Pecuniary (Leave room, abstain from voting)

Other Significant Interest (Declare interest, remain but not vote)

164/2026. Minutes of the Meeting of the 9th September 2026

To approve the minutes of the meeting of 9th September 2026 as an accurate record of the meeting.

165/2026. Chairman's Report

To receive the Chairman's Report.

166/2026. Parish Clerk's Report

To receive the Parish Clerk's Report

Planning Matters

To agree comments for:

167/2026. Planning Application [PA/2026/1489](#)

Elizabeth House, The Street, Bethersden, TN26 3AE

Listed Building Consent for the cleaning and specialist inspection of accessible exposed beams, and refurbishment and installation of external lighting.

168/2026. Planning Application [PA/2026/1568](#)

2 Bailey Field, Ashford Road, Bethersden, TN26 3AS

Proposed vehicular crossing and associated hardstanding

169/2026. Planning Application [PA/2026/1727](#)

4 St Margarets Place, Bethersden, Ashford, TN26 3EB

Single-storey outbuilding (Partially retrospective)

171/2026. Planning Decisions

To note the planning decision for:

NOT/2026/1476 Tyde Brook Farm, Wissenden Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3EN - https://ashfordboroughcouncil.my.site.com/pr/a0hTw000005793hIAA PC: No comments made, prior notification application ABC: Withdrawn
NOT/2026/1477 Tyde Brook Farm, Wissenden Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3EN - https://ashfordboroughcouncil.my.site.com/pr/a0hTw000005795JIAQ PC: No comments made, prior notification application ABC: Withdrawn
PA/2025/2265 Vitters Oak Barn, Old Surrenden Manor Road, Bethersden, TN26 3DW – Change of use of agricultural building and land within its curtilage to a custom build dwellinghouse, side patio canopy extension, changes to fenestration and the erection of a detached ca https://ashfordboroughcouncil.my.site.com/pr/a0hTw000003yJndIAE PC: Object ABC: Approve
PA/2026/1059 Bethersden Cricket Club, Ashford Road, Bethersden, Ashford, TN26 3BQ - https://ashfordboroughcouncil.my.site.com/pr/a0hTw000004rjCnIAI PC: Support ABC: Approve
PA/2026/1502 2 Bailey Field, Ashford Road, Bethersden, TN26 3AS - https://ashfordboroughcouncil.my.site.com/pr/a0hTw0000058YknIAE PC: Support ABC: Approve

Financial Matters

172/2026. Financial Transactions

To note or approve the financial transactions for September 2026

INCOME – to note

Date	Source of payment	Description	Amount (£)
04/09/2026	Clare And The Fox	Sculpture project donation	378.00
21/09/2026	Peter Adams Trust	Grant payment for noticeboard	1,165.00
30/09/2026	Ashford Borough Council	Precept 2 nd half payment	39,500.00
09/09/2026	Lloyds Bank	Interest on Savings Account	9.68

EXPENDITURE

Payments to note

Date	Payee	Description	VAT (£)	Total payment (£)
11/09/2026	Giff Gaff	Mobile phone SIM	1.00	6.00
11/09/2026	Amazon	Wood Protection Oil	5.43	32.57
15/09/2026	Smartest Energy	Electricity	2.45	51.73
21/09/2026	Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	0.00	4.67

Payments for approval

No.	Payee	Description	VAT (£)	Total payment (£)
1	P Cowperthwaite	Salary & Expenses, September	0.00	421.17
2	C Buckman	Hours Worked Inv 45	0.00	148.50
3	Xeinadin	Payroll March & September	23.30	139.80
4	Bethersden Village Hall	September Room Hire	0.00	31.00
5	Countrywide	Grounds Maintenance INV 713302, 714355	123.11	738.67
6	Cllr Boyd	Expenses	3.83	33.60
7	Trevor Laws	George Field Gate Post Repair	0.00	393.00
8	Gallagher Insurance	Annual Insurance Renewal	0.00	2350.14
9	Cleverly & Spencer	War Memorial Repairs	39.00	234.00
10	LGPS	Staff Pension (staff and council cont. backpay)		3768.27

173/2026 Pay Increase

To approve the NJC Pay Scale Increase for 2026/27, backdated to 1st April 2026

174/2026 Bank Reconciliation Q2

To note the bank reconciliation for all accounts as at 30th September 2026

175/2026 Budget for 2027/2028

To discuss ideas and information for the 2027/2028 financial year

176/2026 Completed AGAR for 2025/2026

To note the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2025/2026

177/2026 Sculpture Trail

To receive an update on progress and agree next steps

178/2026 Resilience Plan

To receive an update on progress made

179/2026 Mill Road 30mph scheme

To note the deposit documents for formal consultation

180/2026 Changes to bank accounts

To agree to open new bank accounts for different reserves

181/2026. Correspondence

To note any correspondence received

182/2026. Items for next meeting

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

183/2026. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 11th, 2026, in Bethersden Village Hall at 19:00hrs.