

Parish Council Members are summoned the **Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council** to be held on **Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 7.30p.m.** in Brightling Village Hall

Signed by:



Parish Clerk & RFO

Date: 8th January 2026

AGENDA

For Information Only: Members of the Public and Press are welcome and encouraged to attend. There is no need to book to attend the meeting, everyone is welcome. There is a public forum at the beginning of the meeting where everyone has a chance to speak. Once the meeting has started, members of the public cannot speak, unless invited by the Chair.

If you have a question for Councillors, please contact the Clerk to submit the question. Only items on the agenda below will form the basis of discussion and advice. Anything received post the agenda being published will be included on the next agenda for discussion. To contact the Clerk about a question please email clerk@brightling-pc.gov.uk

1. Public Forum

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Disclosures of Interest

To receive any disclosure by Members of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Member regards the personal interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.

4. Additional Agenda Items

To consider such other items as the Chairman decides are urgent and due notice of which has been given to the Clerk by 12 Noon on the day preceding the meeting.

5. Adoption of Minutes

Councillors to receive and **RESOLVE** to adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th November 2025 as true and correct records.

6. Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr. Eleanor Kirby-Green (ESCC) and Cllr. John Barnes (RDC) to update the Council on items of change or importance.

7. Finance and Governance – RFO Update

7.1. Councillors to receive and **RESOLVE** to adopt the following documents:

7.1.1. **RESOLVE** to adopt the bank reconciliations to 31/12/2025

7.1.2. **RESOLVE** to adopt the schedule of receipts and payments for the months of November and December 2025.

7.1.3. **RESOLVE** to adopt the bank statements for November and December 2025.

7.2. Clerk to provide an update on income and expenditure against budget 2025/26. Councillors to **RESOLVE** to receive and adopt the I&E document as of 31/12/2025.

7.3. To **RESOLVE** to approve the following payments:

7.3.1. **2025-12-18** – Jon Avery – (RETROSPECTIVE) Churchyard Maintenance **£384.00**

7.4. Councillors to consider and **RESOLVE** S137 grant for Brightling Village Hall.

7.5. Councillors to consider the draft 2026/27 budget proposal and resultant precept and reserves implications.

7.6. Councillors to **RESOLVE** the 2026/27 precept requirement.

8. Planning and Enforcement Matters – *All decision notices and enforcement updates had previously been circulated to Councillors for information*

8.1. **Planning** – *none received.*

8.2. **Enforcements** – *none received.*

9. Local Government Reorganisation

9.1. Update on consultation.

10. Parish Assembly 2026

10.1. Councillors to consider options for guest speaker and other arrangements.

11. Village Waste Bin

11.1. Cllr Oxenford to provide update.

12. Dark Skies

12.1. Councillors to **RESOLVE** whether to be a named signatory to the 'Dark Skies Across East Sussex' motion to pursue ESCC endorsement for Dark Sky Community certification.

12.2. Councillors to **RESOLVE** to ratify a BPC lighting policy (proposed by Cllr Blench).

13. Community and Business Development**13.1.** Reports on the following areas by councillors:

- 13.1.1.** Broadband and Website (AW)
- 13.1.2.** RALC (CC)
- 13.1.3.** Crime, anti-social behaviour, police relationships (CC)
- 13.1.4.** Defibrillators, Refuse Collection and Utilities (CC)
- 13.1.5.** Environment Policy & Bio-Diversity (KB and AW)
- 13.1.6.** Deer Management (IL)
- 13.1.7.** Footpaths and Bridleways. (KB and JO)
- 13.1.8.** Highways, Hedges & Potholes (JP)
- 13.1.9.** Messenger magazine (AW)
- 13.1.10.** Phone Box (JP)
- 13.1.11.** Trees - Tree warden (PG)
- 13.1.12.** Village Hall (JO)
- 13.1.13.** Welcome Packs (KB)

14. Parish Councillors' Forum**15. Items for Noting or Including on the Future Agenda****16. Remaining Planned Meetings**

11th March, 13th May (AGM).