Brightling Parish council

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Members of the Parish Council you are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of Brightling Parish Council to be held on **Wednesday 11th November 2026** at 7.30p.m. in Brightling Village Hall.

Signed by: **Lauren Dobson, Parish Clerk & RFO** Date: **05/11/2026**

For Information Only: Members of the Public and Press are welcome and encouraged to attend. The open public forum at the beginning of the meeting is an opportunity to address the Council or ask questions about items on the agenda. Once the meeting has started, members of the public cannot speak, unless invited by the Chair.

If you have a question or item for inclusion on a future agenda, please email the Clerk at clerk@brightling-pc.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations from Members of personal or 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. Members can also make declarations at any time during the meeting.

3. Public Forum

An opportunity for members of the public to comment or ask questions to the Council on any item on this agenda.

4. Councillor Vacancy

To consider applications for co-option to the casual vacancy resulting from the resignation of Mr P Garbutt.

5. Adoption of Minutes

Members to resolve to adopt the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 9th September 2026.

6. Reports from District and County Councillors

7. Finance and Governance

7a Councillors to receive and resolve to approve the following documents:

i) Bank reconciliations to 31/10/2026

ii) Schedule of receipts and payments for the months of September and October 2026 and Q2 review of actual spend against budget.

iii) Unity Trust bank statements for September and October 2026.

7b Council to resolve to approve payment of the following invoices:

i) **2026-10-02** – BVH Inv.26050 July PC meeting ***£20.80*** (RETROSPECTIVE)

ii) **2026-10-05** – Satswana Ltd. Renewal of DPO service to 4/10/27 Inv. M3952 ***£180.00*** (RETROSPECTIVE)

iii) **2026-10-16** – RALC Membership subscription 2026/27 ***£26.00***

7c Budget 2027/28

i) Councillors to **consider the draft 2027/28 budget proposal** and resultant precept and reserves implications.

ii) Councillors to resolve the 2026/27 precept requirement.

7d Equality Policy

To review and resolve any changes to the Council's existing equality policy.

8. Local Government Reorganisation

Land at Park View – update on current position with regards potential transfer of land at Park View to the PC from RDC.

9. Planning and Enforcement Matters

All applications, decision notices and enforcement updates had previously been circulated to Councillors for information or comment.

9a Planning Applications (not yet decided)

i) RR/2026/1069/FULL
Proposal: *Replacement of an existing office building with a new office building.*
Location: Column Wood, Willards Hill, Robertsbridge, East Sussex, TN32 5ET

On 29/09/26 the Council submitted the following comment via the RDC planning portal:
Brightling Parish Council does not support this application. The proposed building is significantly larger than the existing building (an increased volume of 260%) and the need for an additional office is considered unwarranted. The administration required for the limited agricultural / forestry activity on site could be completed offsite or in

the proposed caravan, recently granted a certificate of lawfulness for the purposes of tool storage, welfare and health and safety (RR/2026/0649/LDP). If planning officers are minded to approve this application, such approval should include strict conditions to prevent future development for domestic use.

ii) RR/2026/1185/RVC
Proposal: Variation of conditions 2, 9, and 11 imposed on RR/2018/480/P (Proposed replacement of redundant farm buildings with B1/B8 units) to increase roof height of the office building, removal of the mezzanine & fenestration changes to Block A. Re-positioning of Block B, and site layout changes with the addition of two loading bays and cycle storage and reduction in parking spaces from 49 to 46.
Location: Coldharbour Farm Battle Road, Brightling, TN21

iii) RR/2026/1263/HOU
Proposal: Retrospective planning application for the retention of the existing detached garage associated with Perrymans Barn.
Location: Perrymans Barn, Perrymans Lane, Burwash TN19 7DW

NB: *This application falls under Burwash PC but is on the border. For information only unless Council is minded to consider and comment.*

9b Planning applications (decided)

i) Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed siting of a caravan incidental to the use of the land for forestry and agriculture, Column Wood, Willards Hill, Robertsbridge, East Sussex, TN32 5ET

9c Enforcements

Latest position on enforcement notices relating to Telegraph Point, Coldharbour Farm.

9d Management of planning applications between meetings

Councillors to consider the handling of planning applications received between meetings and resolve what, if anything, to submit to RDC if no substantive comments.

9e Rother District Council Local Plan

Councillors to consider the proposed submission version of the Rother Local Plan 2025-2042 and resolve what, if any, comments or representations it would like to submit during this final consultation period.

10. Speed limit change procedure in East Sussex

ESCC Cllr Ashdown has asked the Council to consider his proposal for a motion titled “Procedural obstacle removal: the procedure for changing a speed limit" and resolve whether to approve, disapprove, or abstain from giving a view.

11. Annual Village Assembly 2027

Council to consider and resolve whether to prepare an annual report / invite for delivery to residents ahead of the annual village assembly.

12. Community and Business Development

12a Reports on the following areas by councillors:

i) Broadband and Website (AW)

ii) RALC (CC / JP) – Update from the RALC AGM

iii) Crime, anti-social behaviour, police relationships (CC)

iv) Defibrillators, Refuse Collection and Utilities (CC)

v) Environment Policy & Bio-Diversity (KB and AW)

vi) Deer Management (IL)

vii) Dark skies (KB and IL)

viii) Footpaths and Bridleways. (KB and JO) -

ix) Highways, Hedges & Potholes (JP)

x) Messenger magazine (AW)

xi) Phone Box (JP) – request from Brightling Trust

xii) Trees

xiii) Village Hall (JO)

xiv) Welcome Packs (KB)

12b Christmas lights

12c Emergency and Resilience Plan

To review and agree any updates to the existing BPC Emergency and Resilience plan.

13. Clerk Correspondence

14. Parish Councillors' Forum and discussion of Items for Noting or Including on a future Agenda

15. Remaining Planned Meetings

13th January 2027, 10th March, 12th May (AGM)