



BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL


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Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Birch Parish Council which will be held on Tuesday 1 July 2025 at Birch Memorial Hall, Birch Street at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the attached agenda.

SIGNED (CLERK):  DATE: 24 June 2025

THE PRESS & PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

AGENDA

25/36. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

25/37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

25/38. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

To approve the minutes of 3 June 2025 as a correct record of events.

25/39. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests on any matters covered by this agenda.

25/40. REPORTS.

- Essex County Council (ECC).
- Colchester City Council (CCC).

25/41. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

The public may ask questions relating to the work and services of the Council. Questions cannot always be answered at the meeting but will be dealt with appropriately. If any question is to be discussed by Councillors it will be added to the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

25/42. PROGRESS CHECK.

A brief update on any actions from the last meeting.

25/43. REPAIR OF THE MEMORIAL CROSS.

A quotation has been received for the work, funding has been requested from our County and District Councillors Locality Budget.

25/44. FINANCE.

Payments made / money received:

101986 £1,372.27 Playquip Leisure (Play Area Repairs)

101987 £524.16 A Balcombe (Salary/Expenses)

25/45. PLAY AREA.

The Trustees of the Enover Community Trust (ECT) are visiting the play area on 8 July, meeting at the play Area at 10.30 with coffee afterwards at the Hare and Hounds. They have also invited Councillors to the Annual Public Meeting on the same day at 3pm at Kingsland Community Centre in Lexden.

25/46. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

Birch Solar Farm - request for information on how the community benefits money has been spent.

RCCE - AGM 9 July, 6.30pm at Rivenhall Oaks Golf Centre.

ECC - Salt Bag Partnership - closing date 21 July 2025.

Bishop of Barking - the Bishop is unable to attend our meeting as she is on annual leave.

Nathan Whitehead - reply re the request for a copy of the latest Structural Report on Birch Church - 'I will consider the request and come back to you, hopefully in enough time, though I am rather swamped at present'.

25/47. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

25/48. MEETING DATES 2025.

2 September, 7 October, 4 November (Budget Meeting), 2 December.

CLOSE OF MEETING