



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 2 December 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): *ABalcombe* DATE: 25 November 2025

THE PRESS & PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

AGENDA

25/87. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

25/88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

25/89. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

To approve the minutes of 4 November 2025 as a correct record of events.

25/90. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

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

25/91. REPORTS.

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

25/92. 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.

25/93. PROGRESS CHECK.

A brief update on any actions from the last meeting.

25/94. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SCHOOL PLAY AREA.

To consider a request received from Birch Parents and Friends Association for a donation towards fencing around the play area, needed for safety reasons.

25/95. FINANCE.

Payments made / money received:

102008 £444.00 BAA Groundcare Ltd (Grass Cutting Churchyard)

102009 £141.00 VCS Websites (6 Months Web Hosting)

102010 £579.80 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses)

25/96. PLAY AREA REPAIRS.

A quote for the repairs needed has been received (attached).

25/97. PLANNING.

Application No: 252484. Proposed flat roof extension to replace existing conservatory.

Location: Curates Cottage, Hardys Green, Birch CO2 0NX.

25/98. CONSULTATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION.

Consultation closes 11 January 2026.

25/99. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

ECC – funding of £1,000.00 has been agreed towards the Memorial Cross renovation.

CCC Planning Policy – online events Thursday 4 December 1pm – 3pm and Tuesday 9 December 6pm – 8pm on Teams. To discuss the Local Plan/ask questions.

25/00. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

25/01. MEETING DATES 2026.

6 January, 3 February, 3 March, 7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July, 1 September, 6 October, 3 November, 1 December.

CLOSE OF MEETING