



## 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 September 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: 26 August 2025

THE PRESS & PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

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## AGENDA

**Birch Pit, Maldon Road** – Ben Ayres (Land & Minerals Resources Manager) and Alex Hemming (Landscape Manager) from Heidelberg Materials UK will be attending to explain plans for Birch Quarry and the proposals for the area allocated for mineral extraction in the current Minerals Local Plan.

### **25/49. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.**

### **25/50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

### **25/51. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

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

### **25/52. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

### **25/53. REPORTS.**

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

### **25/54. 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.

### **25/55. PROGRESS CHECK.**

A brief update on any actions from the last meeting.

### **25/56. PLANNING.**

**Application 251688.** Proposed detached garage.

**Location:** Dunnet, Fountain Lane, Birch CO3 0SR.

**Application No: 251689.** Demolition of front and rear single storey extensions and garage and proposed single storey front, side and rear extensions.

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**25/57. FINANCE.**

Payments made / money received:

101991 £126.00 Hare & Hounds (Play Area Funding Refreshments)

101992 £79.20 Clacton Business Services (Payroll)

101993 £621.80 A Balcombe (Salary/Expenses – Ink/Stationery)

101994 £444.00 BAA Groundcare Ltd (Churchyard Grass Cutting)

101995 £440.00 The Turf Guy (Grass Cutting)

101996 £513.20 A Balcombe (Salary/Expenses)

**25/58. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.**

**Essex Highways** – temporary road closure of Birch Park to commence on 1 September 20:00 – 06:00 for 9 nights for carriageway patching and signing.

**CALC** – Minutes June 2025 and Agenda 4 September 2025.

**Chelmsford Diocese** – the Trustees have granted Birch Inspire an additional six months to provide a fully costed Business Plan. This will need to be the final extension given the problems that the derelict building continues to cause. If the conditions of this extension aren't met and a fully costed, viable and robust business plan isn't delivered within this six-month timeline, the trustees will move to progress the memorial garden project without further negotiation.

**Essex Highways** - A Better Connected Essex - Public consultation on Essex transport strategy. The consultation runs until 24 September 2025. To view the strategy and give your feedback please

visit <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/essex-highways/better-connected-essex/>

**25/59. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

**25/60. MEETING DATES 2025.**

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

**CLOSE OF MEETING**