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 3 November 2026 at Birch Memorial Hall, Birch Street at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the attached agenda.

SIGNED (CLERK): A Balcombe **DATE:** *27 October 2026*

THE PRESS & PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

AGENDA

26/27. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

26/28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
To receive and accept apologies for absence.

26/29. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.
To approve the minutes of 6 October 2026 as a correct record of events.

26/30. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.
To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests on any matters covered by this agenda.

26/31. REPORTS.
- **Essex County Council.**
- **Colchester City Council.**

26/32. 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.

26/33. PROGRESS CHECK.
A brief update on any actions from the last meeting.

26/34. PLANNING.
Application No: 261090. Single storey rear extension and conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation.
Location: 46 Birch Street, Birch CO2 0ND. **Approved with conditions.**

26/35. FINANCE.
Payments made / money received:
102052 £598.30 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses/Poppy Wreath)
102053 £84.60 Clacton Business Services (Payroll)
102054 £360.00 Diverse Landscapes & Forestry (Tree Work)

102055 £84.00 Orton & Wenlock (Faulty Light Switch - Village Hall)

26/36. BUDGET & PRECEPT 2027/28.

To agree the budget and set the precept for 2027/28. To consider including the following in the budget:

- A family combined facility was suggested such as outdoor table tennis, Pétanque or Boules.
- Speed Indicator Devices.
- Village Gateways.

26/37. MEETING WITH CHELMSFORD DIOCESE.

To receive a report of the meeting held on 19 October.

26/38. BIRCH INSPIRE - REQUEST FOR A DONATION.

A request for the Parish Council to pledge an amount to their £14,000 matched funding pot. The pledge would be conditional on Birch InSpire receiving a successful outcome to their NLHF first bid for reports and feasibility studies.

26/39. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

CCC Planning Services – new scheme of delegation (circulated).

26/40. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

26/41. MEETING DATES 2026.

1 December.

Meeting Dates 2027.

5 January, 2 February, 2 March, 6 April, 4 May (Annual Meetings), 1 June, 6 July, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November (Budget Meeting), 7 December.

CLOSE OF MEETING