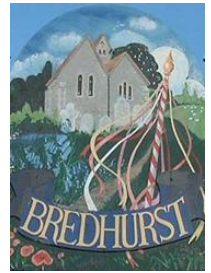


BREDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

**Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
AT BLACKSMITHS BARN
On Wednesday 11th June 2025 at 7.00pm**



Members of the public and press are invited to attend. Attendees may be filmed, recorded, or otherwise reported by anyone present. Unless advised otherwise, the council accepts no responsibility for data recorded in this way or its distribution. At the discretion of the Chair the meeting may be closed and then opened to the public for questions. Any items for further discussion will be placed on next month's agenda.

AGENDA

246. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs to receive apologies and, if reasons provided, consider approval.

247. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in matters to be considered on this agenda.

248. Motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting for all items in the Closed Session.

249. Minutes of 14th May 2025 Annual Parish Council Meeting and Closed Session.

Cllrs to consider and approve.

250. Matters Arising (for information only)

To receive an update on action points from previous meeting.

ADJOURNMENT FOR A SHORT PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

251. Police

To receive the monthly crime report.

252. Community Playing Field

- a. To receive weekly and quarterly safety reports for play areas.
- b. To ratify the re-signing of the Village Playing Field lease.
- c. To consider quotations for moving the picnic bench and reinstating the concrete base inside the fenced play area.
- d. Community Playing Field matters.

253. Blacksmiths Barn

- a. To ratify, the clerk's decision, made out of meeting after consulting with Cllrs for Lucanus Services to carry out resurfacing requirements to store the salt bin at Blacksmith Barn at a cost of £182.00.
- b. Blacksmith Barn matters.

254. Village Maintenance

- a. Parish Caretaker – To consider utilising a Parish Caretaker on an ad hoc basis to cover monthly playground inspections, Blacksmith Barn weekly inspections and other miscellaneous jobs.
- b. To consider the purchase of a portable pressure washer, water container and extendable brush for cleaning playground equipment, street furniture, external areas at Blacksmith Barn and around the village.
- c. To ratify the clerk's decision after consulting with Cllrs out of meeting to approve the increased cost for sanding and oiling the Bench outside Green Court and the Allotment Noticeboard of £315.56.
- d. Village maintenance matters.

255. Planning

- a. Lidsing Garden Development / Strategic Site SPD Stakeholders Steering Group update.

- b. [25/501814/TPOA](#) – TPO Application for the removal on one tree (species unknown). At St Peters Church, Hurstwood Road, Bredhurst ME7 3LA. Deadline for comments 18 June 2025.
- c. [25/502160/LBC](#) – Listed Building Consent for external alterations including external signage at The Bell, The Street, Bredhurst ME7 3JY. Deadline for comments 19 June 2025.
- d. Other planning matters.

256. Finance

- a. To receive and accept financial statements and bank reconciliations for May 2025.
- b. To authorise payments made out of and at meeting.
- c. To receive receipts and payments for the period (01/05/25 – 31/05/25).
- d. To receive the report from the Internal Auditor.
- e. To approve the signing of the Annual Governance and Accountability Statement (AGAR).
- f. To consider and agree the accounting statement figures including the statement of variance.
- g. To note the dates of the Exercise of Public Rights.
- h. To receive the 2025-26 Asset list including revised insurance values.
- i. To ratify the Insurance renewal policy from Zurich.
- j. To consider Scribe as a financial system for the Parish Council's accounting procedures.
- k. Other financial matters.

257. Policies and Procedures

- a. To receive a yearly schedule for reviewing policies
- b. To adopt a 'No Mow May' Policy

258. Highways & Byways

- a. Highways Improvement Plan
- b. Traffic Survey – Bredhurst and Boxley –12th -18th June. To ratify the Clerk's decision after consulting with Cllrs out of meeting to commission a traffic survey for Bredhurst at a cost £190.00.
- c. Speed Watch Volunteer Group – To agree lead Cllr, Terms of Reference for the group and poster.

259. Councillor Training

Cllrs to provide any reports on training.

260. Reports from Parish, Borough and County Councillors (if present).

261. Correspondence

To receive any correspondence or related matters.

262. Closed Session

Personnel matters.

Future Management of Bredhurst Village Hall

263. Close of Meeting

264. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 9th July 2025

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