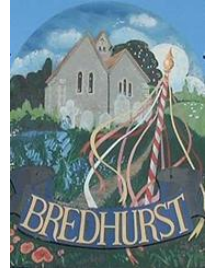


BREDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

**Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
AT BLACKSMITHS BARN
On Thursday 17th July 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

265. Apologies for Absence

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

266. Declarations of Interest

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

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

268. Minutes of 11th June 2025 Parish Council Meeting and Closed Session.

Cllrs to consider and approve.

269. Matters Arising (for information only)

To receive an update on action points from previous meeting.

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270. Police

To receive the monthly crime report.

271. Community Playing Field

- a. To receive weekly and quarterly safety reports for play areas.
- b. To decide on re-positioning of picnic bench within the fenced play area.

272. Blacksmith Barn

- a. Request from the Valuation Office for rent, lease and ownership details of Blacksmith Barn (see separate enclosure).
- b. To ratify the Clerk's decision re installation of salt bin at £218.00 at Blacksmith Barn.
- c. Blacksmith Barn Hirers update.

273. Village Maintenance

To ratify the Clerk's decision re additional cost for oiling bench and new noticeboard at £75.00.

274. School Parking Issues

Update on meeting held on 3rd July 2025.

275. Planning

- a. Lidsing Garden Development / Strategic Site SPD Stakeholders Steering Group update.
- b. [25/502166/FULL](#) - Creation of 15MW Solar Farm (including cable route from site to point of connection) comprising 2.6m high solar panels, 6no. inverter stations, 3no. storage containers (spares, comms and welfare), 1no. transformer, substation, private switchgear, DNO switchgear, 2.2m high fencing, 40no. 4.5m high CCTV poles, access tracks, lighting, and temporary construction compound. Harp Farm Harp Farm Road Boxley Kent ME14 3ED.
Deadline 18th July 2025.

- c. [25/502661/FULL](#) - Demolition of existing conservatory and rear extension. Erection of a single storey full length rear extension, extending the pitched roof over onto the extension to create a loft conversion with gable dormer to front and gable dormer to back with a Juliet balcony and hipped gables to the side including insertion of 10 roof lights. The Lodge Forge Lane Bredhurst Kent ME7 3JW. **Deadline 30th July 2025.**
- d. Future of the (formerly known) Kings Ferry Park and Ride site.
- e. Medway Local Plan – [Reg 19 Consultation](#). **Deadline 11th August 2025.**
- f. Other planning matters.

276. Finance

- a. To receive and accept financial statements and bank reconciliations for June 2025.
- b. To authorise payments made out of and at meeting.
- c. Lloyds Corporate Multipay Card – Expenditure for May and June 25.
- d. To receive receipts and payments for the period (01/06/25 – 30/06/25).
- e. To receive and approve Q1 budget.
- f. To agree Clerk's membership to SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) at £190.00 per year.
- g. Other financial matters.

277. Policies and Procedures for Review

- a. Blacksmith Barn Health & Safety Policies and Procedures.
- b. Allotment Allocation Procedure and Tenancy Agreement.

278. Highways & Byways

- a. Highways Improvement Plan.
- b. Traffic Survey – Bredhurst and Boxley – 1st – 8th July.

279. Consultations/Surveys

- a. Local Government Reorganisation Survey – Deadline 21st July 2025
- b. National Highways/Transport Survey for 2025-26 - <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/nht-2025-26>

280. Councillor/Clerk Training

Cllrs/Clerk to provide any reports on training.

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

282. Correspondence

To receive any correspondence or related matters.

- a. Complaints to the Parish Council re parking issues.
- b. Request for PC Minutes from 2016-2022 re fencing at the Community Playing Field.

283. Closed Session

- a. Personnel matters.
- b. Future Management of Bredhurst Village Hall – Update from Solicitors.

284. Close of Meeting

285. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 10th September 2025

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