

# **BARNT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Summons and Notice of Meeting**

Members are summoned to the **Ordinary Parish Council** meeting to be held on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.00pm at 80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green, B45 8NF**

The meeting is open to the press and members of the public who are welcome to attend all or part of the meeting but may only speak during the allocated time as listed under agenda item 26/549 a) below. The public may ask questions or raise concerns regarding matters on this agenda or for future consideration. There is no expectation on the council to respond to any comments made at this time.

## **Meeting Agenda**

### **26/546 Apologies**

- 26/547** Declarations of Interest: Councillors are reminded that to ensure transparency and retain public confidence in the council's decisions they are required to -
- Keep their Register of Interests form up to date.
  - Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and any Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) in agenda items and the nature of those interests.

Cllr Hotham cannot comment on any planning applications due to his role as D Cllr at BDC and the possibility that he could be on the Planning Committee.

### **26/548 To consider any dispensations**

Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation to a councillor (as per Localism Act 2011, s33) must be with the Executive Officer before the meeting starts.

### **26/549 Open Session – Participation to hear from:**

- Members of the public.
- Supporting organisations, e.g. Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT), Footpath Warden.
- Worcestershire County Councillor – Alan Bailes (Alvechurch division)
- Bromsgrove District Councillor - Charles Hotham (Barnt Green & Hopwood).

### **26/550 To adopt previous minutes**

To approve adoption of the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026, previously circulated but also attached.

### **26/551 Meetings / Training Attended**

**26/552 Annual Business – None.**

**26/553 Consultations – None.**

**26/554 Chairman’s Report – A verbal report may be given during this agenda item.**

**26/555 Executive Officer’s Report**

To be advised of any decisions taken under delegated powers, receive updates to ongoing matters and list any relevant office communications since the last council meeting.

a) Station Lift Update from Network Rail	An update has been requested.
b) West Mercia Police Crime Statistics	An update has been requested.
c) Office laptop	Awaiting purchase.
d) Grant Application	Greenbank maintenance in the unowned ‘coppice’ area was carried out Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April.
e) Millennium Park water tap	The OPC has repaired the leaking joint. Severn Trent are to switch the water back on.
f) Parish Council Tree Survey	To be carried out on the 20 <sup>th</sup> April.
g) Total Football Signage	Total Football requested signage on the Bittell Rd playing fields gate. Awaiting a response from BCC.
h) Complaint re speeding	A resident has complained about constant speeding and quad bikes on Kendal End Road/Bittell Road/Fiery Hill Road towards bridge.
i) Parish council office	The fluorescent tubes in the office lights are obsolete. Quotes for replacement lighting are attached.
j) Parish council office door lock	The lock has been replaced due to the key snapping off inside the lock.
k) Barnt Green Annual Parish Meeting.	To be held on Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at Barnt Green Baptist Church. Reports from local representatives will be presented.

**26/556 Finance**

- (i) To note the current financial position, income and bills for payment. See page 4 of the agenda.
- (ii) To be advised of any expenditure decisions taken by the Executive Officer. See page 6.
- (iii) The two councillors that authorise the online monthly payments are to be named in the minutes.
- (iv) The Finance Committee met on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026. The quarterly financial checks to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 were carried out by Cllr Perry. The budget to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025/26 (attached) was inspected. Due to corporate card and Financial Regulations restrictions the purchase of a new laptop has been impossible. The Finance Committee recommends that the corporate card expenditure limit is increased to

£1,000 and the Financial Regulations amended to allow the EO to spend £1,000 in a single transaction. To be agreed.

**26/557 Environment & Community Wellbeing**

- a) The replaced streetlamp columns will be painted when the weather is warmer.
- b) Lack of departure screens and PA on Platform 1 at Barnt Green train station.
- c) Pollinator Site update. The first tidy and strim took place and the area looks positive with plants coming through. The posts are to be painted and then it will just be maintenance.
- d) Hanging baskets, planters and tiered planters.
- e) Biodiversity.
- f) Rospa Play Safety Inspection Reports. Attached.
- g) England Flags and Union Jacks in Barnt Green.
- h) Barnt Green flag flying in Millennium Park update.
- i) Community Energy Initiatives. Agreement to generating local interest and undertaking a feasibility study.
- j) Barnt Green community events:
  - i) Fun Run.
  - ii) Christmas Lights Switch on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2026.

**26/558 Planning**

BDC ref	Site Address	Proposal
<b>26/00312/FUL</b>	37 Blackwell Road, Barnt Green, Worcestershire, B45 8BT	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling
BGPC Recommendation: TBC		
<b>26/00201/FUL</b>	20A Fiery Hill Road, Barnt Green, Worcestershire, B45 8LG	Proposed two storey front extension, single storey rear extension, ridge height increase with new pitched roof to main house and the garage with dormers to facilitate first and second floor extensions, with associated render/cladding and photovoltaic panels,
BGPC Recommendation: TBC		

**26/559 Date and Venue of Next Meetings**

Barnt Green Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026 7pm at Barnt Green Baptist Church.

**26/560** Next Parish Council Meeting, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 7pm at 80 Hewell Road.

**26/561 Closed session – Private and Confidential – EO Job Evaluation**

Council Members: R Cholmondeley (Chairman), C Hotham (Vice-Chairman), P Perry, S Whitehand, M Roberts, L Williams, S Tucker, O Pardo-Roques.

*E Choudry*  
Eleanor Choudry  
Executive Officer  
14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Agenda Item 26/556 (i) To approve the current financial position and bills paid.

March Payments Report

232	31.03.2026	£7.00	£0.00	£7.00	31.03.2026	Bank Service Charge	Unity Bank
231	31.03.2026	£132.54	£6.63	£139.17	31.03.2026	Street Light Energy	SSE
230	31.03.2026	£184.20	£0.00	£184.20	31.03.2026	Transfer to card to enable laptop purchase	Lloyds Corporate Card
229	31.03.2026	£23.30	£1.17	£24.47	31.03.2026	Office Energy	Positive Energy
228	31.03.2026	£35.22	£1.76	£36.98	31.03.2026	Office Energy	Positive Energy

March Income Report

34	31.03.2026	£460.80	£0.00	£460.80	31.03.2026	Lengthsman refund	Worcestershire County Council
33	31.03.2026	£128.00	£0.00	£128.00	31.03.2026	Hire of Bittell Road playing fields	Total Football
32	31.03.2026	£34.52	£0.00	£34.52	31.03.2026	Credit interest	Unity Bank
31	31.03.2026	£350.00	£0.00	£350.00	31.03.2026	WDC Cllr Fund towards Xmas Lights switch on event	Bromsgrove District Council

April Payments Report

16	30.04.2026	£75.00	£0.00	£75.00		Reimbursement to Branded for U for defibrillator electricity costs	Branded-4U
15	30.04.2026					Salaries	Salaries
14	30.04.2026					PAYE	HMRC
13	30.04.2026					Employers NI	HMRC
12	30.04.2026					Pension contributions	Pension contributions
11	30.04.2026	£105.00	£0.00	£105.00		Grounds maintenance at Millennium Park	John S Bishop
10	30.04.2026	£148.95	£29.79	£178.74		Dog bags	JRB Enterprise Ltd
9	30.04.2026	£192.00	£0.00	£192.00		Lengthsman Work	Bromsgrove District Council
8	30.04.2026	£1,272.00	£254.40	£1,526.40		Street Lamp Repair	First Choice Electrical Solutions Ltd
7	30.04.2026	£39.95	£7.99	£47.94		Office landline, broadband & calls	BT
6	30.04.2026	£295.08	£59.02	£354.10		Grounds maintenance at playing field	Hosking Ground Maintenance
5	30.04.2026	£612.00	£0.00	£612.00		Outdoor Parish Caretaker	Andlin Cleaning
4	30.04.2026	£202.00	£40.40	£242.40		Annual playground inspection - Playing Field	ROSPA
3	30.04.2026	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00		Hire of meeting room for Annual Assembly	Barnt Green Baptist Church
2	30.04.2026	£278.40	£0.00	£278.40		Lengthsman Work	Bromsgrove District Council
1	30.04.2026	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00		Online subscription Parish Online	GeoXphere - Parish Online

April Income Report

1	30.04.2026	£42,000.00	£0.00	£42,000.00		Precept first instalment Bromsgrove District Council	Unity Bank Deposit Account
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**Barnt Green Parish Council**

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

<b>A</b>	<b>Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2026</b>		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		102,274.94
	<b>ADD</b> Receipts 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026		92,941.81
	<b>SUBTRACT</b> Payments 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026		195,216.75 106,812.28
	Cash in Hand 31/03/2026 (per Cash Book)		<b>88,404.47</b>
<b>B</b>	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/03/2026	0.00	
	Unity Bank Current Account 31/03/2026	4,371.79	
	Unity Bank Deposit Account 31/03/2026	2,576.85	
	Cambridge Building Society 31/03/2026	81,455.83	
			<b>88,404.47</b>
Less unrepresented payments			
		88,404.47	
Plus unrepresented receipts			
<b>Adjusted Bank Balance</b>		<b>88,404.47</b>	
<b>A = B Checks out OK</b>			

Agenda Item 26/556 (ii) To be advised of any expenditure decisions taken by Executive Officer

March 2026 Lloyds Corporate Card Payments

Lloyds Corporate Card Reconciliation up to 16th April 2026					
		Balance b/f		4.70	
<b>1</b>	05.03.26	Toilet rolls / cleaner	Tesco	5.35	
<b>2</b>	08.03.26	Adobe subscription	Adobe	178.85	
<b>3</b>	10.03.26	Payment attempt to allow laptop purchase			184.20
<b>4</b>	16.03.26	Microsoft subscription	Microsoft	104.99	
<b>5</b>	02.04.26	Monthly Fee	Lloyds Unity Bank	3.00	
		<b>Balance to be paid by D/D 16/4/26</b>			<b>112.69</b>