

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 20th July 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 26/596 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

26/593 Apologies

- 26/594 Declarations of Interest:** Councillors are reminded that to ensure transparency and retain public confidence in the council's decisions they are required to -
- a) Keep their Register of Interests form up to date;
 - b) 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.

26/595 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.

26/596 Open Session – Participation to hear from:

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

26/597 To adopt previous minutes

To approve adoption of the minutes of the Ordinary parish council meeting held on 15th June 2026, previously circulated but also attached.

26/598 Meetings / Training Attended

26/599 Annual Business –

- i. **Agree representation arrangements:**

a) St Andrews C of E First School

For 2025/26 BGPC representative was Cllr O Pardo Roques.

a) Review of council policy:

The following policies has been circulated prior to the meeting for review:

- a) Health and Safety
- b) Freedom of Information
- c) Home Working Policy

26/600 Consultations-

Birmingham Moor Street to Bordesley rail network enhancements Consultation
The Midlands Rail Hub Alliance is seeking views on their early proposals to enhance the rail network from Birmingham Moor Street station to Bordesley in central Birmingham. These proposals form part of the Midlands Rail Hub programme. The plans include building two new sections of railway track at Bordesley alongside capacity improvements at Birmingham Moor Street station and widening of sections of the existing Bordesley viaduct. Together, these upgrades would link the Camp Hill route with the Chiltern Main Line into Birmingham, enabling more trains to use Moor Street station thereby helping reduce the current congestion seen at Birmingham New Street.
The consultation will run from Monday 6 July until Friday 28 August 2026. Information on the early proposals, in-person and online consultation events, and how to have your say can be found on the website: www.mrhalliance.co.uk .
BTO Birds in Greenspaces is a new citizen science project aiming to find out the importance of public-access greenspaces for UK bird populations.
By understanding which and how many birds use and rely on these spaces and habitat within them, we can inform future management that will benefit both the birds and people that use urban greenspaces. Your responses will help us to steer the project outputs, so we can provide evidence about birds and their habitats that will help those that manage greenspaces.
Questionnaire email and link circulated to Cllrs.
Help shape how your community is represented in the future
BDC are asking for your views on local governance. Local government is expected to change, tell BDC what matters to you.
Complete the survey online www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/local-features by 9th August 2026.

26/601 Chairman's Report – A verbal report may be given during this agenda item.

26/602 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) West Mercia Police Crime Statistics	Awaiting update.
b) Parish Council Tree Survey	Tree survey of both Bittell Rd playing fields and Millennium Park have been completed. Awaiting quotes for recommended works.
c) Total Football Signage	Total Football are to source the banner.
d) Parish council office lighting	The new office lights will be installed on Saturday 18 th July 2026.

e) WhatsApp groups for Cllrs / residents	Cllrs Pardo-Roques to confirm if an unused phone is available and a SIM card will then be purchased.
f) Maintenance repairs	The OPC has repaired the posts that block a gap at the entrance gates in Bittell Rd playing fields. The grounds maintenance contractor has replaced the height barrier lock. The slabs from under the tiered planter have been placed in front of the shed in Millennium Park.
g) Bromsgrove Parish and Community Play Audit & Investment Strategy	Cllr Cholmondeley and the EO to meet Adrian Spray, Greenspace and Heritage Consultant onsite to carry out an assessment of the facilities and future plans.
h) Rats in Millennium Park	The grounds maintenance contractor spotted a rat in Millennium Park. Pest Express are to attend.
i) St Andrews Church Grant Application	£500 request for towards the church roof repairs.

26/603 Finance

- (i) To note the current financial position, income and bills for payment. See page 5 of the agenda.
- (ii) To be advised of any expenditure decisions taken by Executive Officer. See page 7 of the agenda.
- (iii) The two councillors that authorise the online monthly payments are to be named in the minutes.

26/604 Environment & Community Wellbeing

- a) Departure screens and PA on Platform 1 at Barnt Green train station.
- b) Station car parking encroachment across Barnt Green.
- c) The replaced streetlamp columns will be painted when the weather is warmer.
- d) Pollinator Site update.
- e) Hanging baskets and planters.
- f) Biodiversity.
- g) England Flags and Union Jacks in Barnt Green.
- h) Barnt Green flag flying in Millennium Park update.
- i) Community Energy Initiatives Update.
- j) Barnt Green Community Events.
 - i) Fun Run.
 - ii) Christmas Lights switch On Saturday 29th November 2026.

26/605 Planning

- a) Responses to consultations.

BDC ref	Site Address	Proposal
26/00626/FUL	8 Cherry Hill Avenue, Barnt Green, Worcestershire, B45 8LA,	Two storey extension and addition of second floor
BGPC Recommendation: No comment submitted.		

BDC ref	Site Address	Proposal
26/00684/FUL	103 Hewell Road, Barnt Green, Worcestershire, B45 8NW	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2No. semi-detached dwellings
BGPC Recommendation: TBC.		
BDC ref	Site Address	Proposal
26/00783/FUL	4 Bittell Lane, Barnt Green, Worcestershire, B45 8NS	Proposed larger front porch, proposed two storey side extension and internal alterations.
BGPC Recommendation: TBC.		

26/606 Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Next Parish Council Meeting, Monday 15th September 2026 7pm at 80 Hewell Road.

E Choudry

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

Eleanor Choudry
Executive Officer
14th July 2026

Agenda Item 26/603 (i) To approve the current financial position and bills paid.

June Income Report

7	30.06.2026	£177.56	£0.00	£177.56	Credit interest	Unity Bank
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June Payments Report

62	30.06.2026	£152.24	£7.61	£159.85	Street Light Energy	SSE
61	30.06.2026	£47.56	£2.38	£49.94	Office Energy	Pozitive Energy
60	30.06.2026	£39.59	£1.97	£41.56	Office Energy	Pozitive Energy

July Income Report

7	30.06.2026	£177.56	£0.00	£177.56	30.06.2026	Credit interest	Unity Bank
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July Payments Report

79	31.07.2026	£82.63	£0.00	£82.63	Lloyds Corp Card Charge	Unity Bank
78	31.07.2026	£7.00	£0.00	£7.00	Bank Service Charge	Unity Bank
77	31.07.2026	£10.49	£0.52	£11.01	Office Energy	Pozitive Energy
76	31.07.2026	£195.00	£0.00	£195.00	Grounds maintenance at Millennium Park	John S Bishop
75	31.07.2026	£1,175.00	£235.00	£1,410.00	Survey of trees in Millennium Park and Bittel	Eden Aboriculture Ltd
74	31.07.2026	£36.70	£1.83	£38.53	Office Energy	Pozitive Energy
73	31.07.2026	£134.54	£6.73	£141.27	Street Light Energy	SSE
72	31.07.2026	£424.00	£84.80	£508.80	Street Lamp Repair	First Choice Electrical Solutions Ltd
71	31.07.2026	£290.00	£58.00	£348.00	Lengthsman Work	Bromsgrove District Council
70	31.07.2026	£180.00	£36.00	£216.00	Annual Website Hosting	BWP Creative - Parish Council Websites
69	28.06.2026	£295.08	£59.02	£354.10	Grounds maintenance at playing field	Hosking Ground Maintenance
68	31.07.2026	£748.00	£0.00	£748.00	Outdoor Parish Caretaker	Andlin Cleaning
67	31.07.2026	£16.00	£3.20	£19.20	Training - Clerk	Worcs Calc
66	31.07.2026				Pension contributions	Pension contributions
65	31.07.2026				Employers NI	HMRC
64	31.07.2026				PAYE	HMRC
63	31.07.2026				Salaries	Salaries

Agenda Item 26/603 (i) To approve the June Bank Reconciliation 2026

8 July 2026 (2026-2027)

Barnt Green Parish Council

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

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

A	Bank Reconciliation at 30/06/2026		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026		88,404.47
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2026 - 30/06/2026		42,542.58
			130,947.05
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2026 - 30/06/2026		24,860.62
	Cash in Hand 30/06/2026 (per Cash Book)		106,086.43
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 30/06/2026	0.00	
	Unity Bank Current Account 30/06/2026	29.86	
	Unity Bank Deposit Account 30/06/2026	24,600.74	
	Cambridge Building Society 30/06/2026	81,455.83	
			106,086.43
	Less unrepresented payments		
			106,086.43
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
	Adjusted Bank Balance		106,086.43
	A = B Checks out OK		

Agenda Item 26/603 (ii) To be advised of any expenditure decisions taken by Executive Officer

Lloyds Corporate Card Reconciliation up to 14th July 2026					
9	04.06.26	Stationery, toiletries, laptop stand	Amazon	41.63	
10	16.06.26	Bedding plants	Tesco	12.00	
11	16.06.26	Bedding plants	Barnclose Nurseries	26.00	
12	02.07.26	Monthly Fee	Lloyds Unity Bank	3.00	
		Balance to be paid by D/D 16/7/26			82.63