



Birchington Parish Council
Finance Committee
Minutes of the meeting held on
13th January 2026 at 6.30pm
At the Parish Office, 2 Albion Road, CT7 9DN

Present:

Cllr Bob Prebble, Chairman of Finance
Cllr Colin Brown
Cllr Phil Fellows
Cllr Neville Hudson
Cllr John Tiley
Cllr Nick Blankley
Cllr Max Houghton

Jane Bevan – Parish Clerk

1 x member of the public

F/2025/25 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

F/2025/26 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hudson declared an interest in the item on Birchington Library.

F/2025/27 Minutes

The Minutes of the Finance meeting held on 2nd September 2025 were **agreed**.

F/2025/28 Chairman's Report and Public Participation

The Chairman said his report would be covered in the agenda items.

F/2025/29 Draft Budget 2026/2027

The Clerk presented the draft budget to members. It was **agreed** to recommended the budget to the Full Council.

F/2025/30 Community Asset Transfer

It was agreed to recoomend to Full Council that the Parish Council pursued the purchase of Rossetti Gardens should it become available.

F/2025/31 Birchington Library Building

It was **agreed** to recoomend to Full Council that the Parish Council gave notice to KCC in February 2026 to end its lease arrangement for the Burley Gallery. It also **agreed** to recommend that the Parish Council gave a grant of £2500 to the Birchington Heritage Trust.

F/2025/32 Albion Road Office

Following discussion it was **agreed** to recommend to Full Council that the Parish Office remained at 2 Albion Road. The budget for refurbishment of the office was also **agreed**.

Action

Clerk

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Cllr Tiley

F/2025/33 Pride in Place Impact Fund (PiPIF) Cllr Blankley provided details of the funds TDC had received from the Government for improvements in town and parish councils in Thanet. TDC had requested proposals/suggestions from councils. The projects had to be agreed and funded by March 2027. It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the Parish Council identified projects to enhance Birchington and submit them to TDC. F/2025/34 Grant Application The Clerk said she had received a grant application from the Manshed requesting a sum of £900 to enhance their facilities and assist in running costs. The Clerk said that the current years' budget for grants was almost exhausted. It was agreed to turn down the request as the application did not meet the criteria for grants. F/2025/35 Accounts to 30.11.2025 The Clerk presented the accounts to 30th November 2025. F/2025/36 Clerk's Correspondence None EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC The Committee is requested to pass a resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the remainder of the meeting pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. F/2025/37 Staffing Committee Cllr Hudson provided an update on the Local Council Consultancy (LCC) report on staffing including their recommendations on pensions, workloads and remuneration. The Clerk then provided details of the implications of the recommendations on the forthcoming budget. It was agreed to recommend the actions required to full Council. F/2025/38 Date and time of next meeting Tuesday, 7th April 2026 Signed by the Parish Clerk. Jane Bevan Date: 21st January 2026	Cllr Blankley Clerk Cllr Hudson
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