



Birchington Parish Council
Place and Environment Committee meeting Held on
Tuesday, 22nd June 2026 at 8.00pm
At the Parish Office 2 Albion Road, Birchington, CT7 9DN

Present: Cllr John Tiley - Chairman Cllr Phil Fellows Cllr Colin Brown Cllr Jim Moore Cllr Nick Blankley Cllr Max Houghton Jane Bevan – Parish Clerk	
PE/2026/01 Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllr Boneidol. PE/2026/02 Declarations of Interest None. PE/2026/03 Minutes The Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 20th April 2026 were presented for approval and Agreed PE/2026/04 Election of Vice-Chairman Two nominations were received: Cllr Phil Fellows and Cllr Colin Brown. A vote was taken and Cllr Phil Fellows was voted in as Vice-Chairman PE/2026/05 Chairman's Report and Public Participation The Chairman said his report would be covered under the agenda items. PE/2026/06 Allotments Cllr Moore provided an update. He said the new posts had been obtained and was awaiting the maintenance operative to install them. Cllr Moore queried the ownership of the track leading to the allotments. The Clerk said enquiries had been made at Land Registry and the Parish Office were reviewing some old Land Registry documents that been found. It was agreed for the Clerk to seek legal advice. PE/2026/07 Shelters The Chairman provided an update. He referred to annual maintenance and reported that shelter 3 had been completed and shelter 5 was underway and that shelter 6 would follow. The Chairman said shelter 7 had been identified to have a seat removed for wheelchair access. PE/2026/08 Dog Acre The Chairman reported that contractors had removed dead wood from the trees and the maintenance operative had repaired a vandalised bench. PE/2026/09 Birchington Memorial Recreation Ground (BMRG)	ACTION Clerk

The Chairman reported that contractors had undertaken works on dangerous trees. The annual inspection had been undertaken on the Playground. He said quotations had been received to clear the overgrown area of land behind the container. The Clerk said she had contacted TDC regarding the small corner of land that they owned near the playground and reported that it was overgrown and subjected to fly tipping. The Clerk referred to the 5 a side football pitch and said the goal areas were worn and a quotation had been received for £500 plus VAT to install sleeves so that the goalposts could be moved and rotated as the grass grew. It was agreed to accept the quotation. The Clerk said that she would be ordering bluebells and some daffodils for the BMRG. The Clerk said she had received a quotation for tree surgery to the dead trees.	Clerk
PE/2026/10 CCTV – Upgrade and Review The Chairman said there was an issue with the CCTV attached to the Seaview Hotel. To repair this would cost £1000 for a new recorder plus a sim card subscription. Quotations had been received for £1146 and £1250. It was agreed to accept the quotation of £1146 which was from the Parish Council's current CCTV provider.	Clerk
PE/2026/11 TDC Biodiversity Consultation Cllr Blankley provide an update on TDC's Biodiversity strategy which was currently out for consultation. He said he had circulated the strategy to members and also a draft response. He proposed that the Parish Council supported the strategy. Agreed.	Cllr Blankley
PE/2026/12 Assets of Community Value Cllr Moore said there were potential assets of community value with land owned by TDC which was rented by the sailing club and Birchington Bowls club. It was agreed to maintain a list of all assets in Birchington deemed of community value. The Clerk said she would invite all Parish Councillors to identify and submit their suggestions.	Clerk
PE/2026/13 Noticeboards Cllr Moore referred to the impending sale of St Thomas' Church and the future of the Parish Council noticeboard that was located on the ground there. Cllr Blankley suggested that alternative locations were considered. Agreed	Cllr Moore
PE/2026/14 Highways Reporting Log Cllr Moore said he had circulated the log to members. He referred to lighting on Coleman Stairs footbridge. He had been in contact with Network Rail Safety and had arranged to visit their safety centre at Margate Station and would raise the lighting issue. He said he would be writing to KCC regarding two large puddles in gulleys in Kent Gardens following the storms earlier in the year. The puddles were caused by cut grass being blown by contractors into the gulleys. He reported that repairs for Alpha Road car park had been put out to tender.	
PE/2026/15 Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) – Policy Cllr Moore proposed that everything on HIP was removed and to have a small annual budget allowance (e.g. £5,000 to £10,000) for schemes that were achievable which would then be placed on the HIP. Agreed	Cllr Moore
PE/2026/16 Station Approach – Footbridge Lighting Cllr Moore reported that KCC had identified a streetlight which was not on their inventory. They proposed to adopt it and change the lantern to improve lighting in that area.	
E/2026/17 Clerks Correspondence The Clerk reported an issue with a rough sleeper at Minnis Bay. Although Kent Police, the Community Warden and TDC agencies were involved, it was a long process which had still not been resolved. The Clerk requested that District Councillors used their influence to escalate the issue. Cllr Fellows said he would raise the issue with TDC officers.	Cllr Fellows

E/2026/18 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 24th August 2026 at 6.30pm in the Parish Council Office.

The meeting closed at 2150 hours

Signed by the Chairman of Place and Environment

John Tiley