RUCKINGE PARISH COUNCIL

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF RUCKINGE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors are hereby summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held at Bromley Green Hall on Thursday 11th September 2025 commencing at 7.30pm

Members of the public are entitled to address the council at item 4 on the agenda

AGENDA

1. Chairmans opening remarks, apologises, and approval of absences.

2. Declarations of Interest:
Members of the Council should declare any interests which fall under the following categories:

a) Disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI)
b) Other significant interest (OSI)
c) Voluntary announcement of other interests.

3. Minutes of previous meeting: To approve Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting held on 12th June 2025.

4. Public Forum: The Chairman will invite any members of the public who wish to ask questions or make a statement to speak. The public (defined as anyone who is not a Ruckinge Parish Councillor) must not take part at any other time unless permitted (by the Chairman) to do so.

5. Reports from the Kent County Councillor, the Ashford Borough Councillor, and Neighbourhood watch: To receive and note any reports.

6. Playpark: To discuss

7. Trees at Playpark: To discuss – one quote for works

8. Finance: Bank Balance as of: 1st July £20264.13 - 1st Aug £19045.70 - 1st Sept £18928.15
a) The Clerk would like to set up a Unity Instance access account which pays some interest.
b) Council Phone change to a contract phone
c) Ruckinge Village Hall – Internet (Vodafone) - £27.55 (July) £27.55 (Aug) £27.55 (Sept)
Cleaning - £64.00 (June)
Well Polished - £19.80 (June)
EDF Energy - £27.06 (VAT £1.29) (June) £56.61(VAT£2.70) (July)
Defib - £124.78 (VAT £20.80) £425.82 (VAT £70.97)

Bromley Green – Carters Field Grass cutting - £165.00 (VAT £27.50)
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Staff costs - Clerk (handover) - £942.74(June) £727.05(July) £753.76(Aug)
Staff Expenses - Mileage - £84.00 £43.20

Phone £20 Padlock £15.99 Postbox and clock £119.03

Bank charges - Monthly standing Charge - £6 (June) £6 (July) £6 (Aug)

Receipts: Village Hall £300

9. Planning: New applications:
NOT/2025/1558 - Barn 2 at, Golden Wood Farm, Brisley Lane, Ruckinge – Prior notification for the change of use from agricultural building to one Dwelling house.

Decided applications:
NOT/2025/0930 – Redundant Agricultural Buildings at Brisley Lodge, Brisley Lane – Prior Approval Refused

Planning Appeal:
PA/2024/1908 - Land between Hillside and Carter House south of, Hamstreet Road, Ruckinge - Outline application for the construction of up to 140 new homes, formation of new accesses from Hamstreet Road, green infrastructure including landscape planting, habitat creation and open space, drainage infrastructure including a new pumping station, pedestrian and cycle routes, and associated works and infrastructure with all matters reserved save for access (excluding internal circulation)
PA/2025/0880 - Woodfield Farm, Bromley Green Road, Ruckinge, Ashford, TN26 2EQ - Residential development of 2 detached self-build 2 storey dwelling, together with all necessary infrastructure

10. Miscellaneous Parish matters:
To discuss making Ruckinge Village Hall a charity

11. Ongoing Action Plan and matters for future discussion:

12. Date of next meeting: 16th October 2025 at 7.30 in Ruckinge Village Hall

Future meeting dates

13/11/2025, 11/12/2025, 12/02/2026, 12/03/2026 and
09/04/2026 at 7.30pm in Ruckinge Village Hall