RUCKINGE PARISH COUNCIL

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF RUCKINGE PARISH COUNCIL
In accordance with Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillors are hereby summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of Ruckinge Parish Council to be held at Ruckinge Village Hall, Hamstreet Road, Ruckinge on 9th April 2026 commencing at the end of the Annual Parish Meeting

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

AGENDA

1. **Chairman's Opening Remarks, Apologies for Absence and Approval of Reasons for Absence.**

2. **Declarations of Interest:**
Members of the Council should declare any interests which fall under the following categories:
   a. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)
   b. Other Significant Interests (OSI)
   c. Other Interests

3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th March 2026 and authorise the Chairman to sign them.

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. **Planning: To consider any planning applications received and to note any planning decisions:**
   a. Planning applications for consideration:

PA/2026/0581 - The Rowans, Marsh Road, Ruckinge, TN26 2PU - Roof extension and two storey front extension with solar panels and associated fenestration including Juliet balcony to the rear and rear log store, following demolition of rear conservatory

PA/2026/0394 - Anglesden, Ruckinge Road, Hamstreet, Ashford, TN26 2NW - Two dormers to front elevation. Single-storey rear extension and part conversion of existing integral garage following demolition of existing conservatory.

NOT/2026/0615 - Fruit Tree Meadow, Capel Road, Ruckinge, Ashford, TN26 2EJ - Prior notification for agricultural use, including:
1 x Shed for storage = L 3.05m x W 2.45m x H 2m
3 x Polytunnels = L 10m x W 5m x H 2.6m
1 x Barn = L 23m x W 20m x H 5m
1 x 15000 litre Septic Tank (underground)
Installation of electric supply c/o UK Power Networks

NOT/2026/0530 - Canal Farm, Hamstreet Road, Ruckinge, TN26 2NT - Prior approval for the change of use of part of an agricultural building to a flexible commercial use falling within Class B8 (storage or distribution)

b) **Planning decisions and applications for noting:**

PA/2026/0208 - Oakdene, Bromley Green Road, Ruckinge, TN26 2EG - Proposed single storey rear extension – **Under Consultation**

PA/2026/0064 - Mulberry House, Brisley Lane, Ruckinge, TN25 7JD - Proposed detached triple garage with loft room - **Withdrawn**

PA/2026/0050 - Wey Street Farm, Wey Street, Ruckinge, Ashford, TN26 2QQ - Listed Building Consent for internal alterations including the replacement of concrete floors with breathable limecrete, refurbishment of bathroom including replacement of broken drainage and new gullies. Replacement of some joists and floorboards, installation of replacement oak partition, removal of prefabricated fireplace and installation of woodstove. Installation of biomass heating. Replacement of 21st century softwood partition with oakwood. External works including the installation of extraction vent and 'vortex' and rolltop chimney pots - **Under Consultation**

PA/2026/0022 - Fairfield, Bromley Green Road, Ruckinge, TN26 2EG - Proposed two storey and single storey front extension, garage conversion and new 2 bay detached garage - **Under Consultation**

PA/2026/0241 - Littlehaven, Bromley Green Road, Ruckinge, TN26 2EQ - Single storey side extension and dormer extension with associated landscaping. New Boundary wall to front of curtilage – **Under Consultation**

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

7. **Chairman's Report:** To receive and note the Chairman's report.
No decisions may be taken under this item.

8. **Finance: a) To receive the schedule of payments and ratify payments made in February.**

Bank Balance as of 31st March 2026 £19079.10

Payments received in March

09/03/2026	Uk Power Network	£150
19/03/2026	Hall Hire	£25
23/03/2026	1st Ruckinge and Hamstreet	£90

Payments made in March

05/03/2026	T Nembang	Cleaner (01/03)	BACS	£64.00
09/03/2026	Staff costs	Salary	BACS	£590.80
11/03/2026	Vodafone	Broadband	DD	£27.55
17/03/2026	EDF	Electricity	DD	£31.44
09/03/2026	Staff costs	Salary	BACS	£590.80
17/03/2026	EDF	Electricity	DD	£31.44
26/03/2026	Everflow	Water	DD	£24.58
31/03/2026	Unity Trust	Bank Charge	DD	£6.00

b) Payments to be made in April

Parish Council Websites	Domain Renewal	£36
KALC	Membership	£450.36

d) Clerks' expenses: Mileage £35.10 Phone £17 Total £52.10

e) To appoint an internal auditor to undertake the internal audit for the financial year 2025/26: Diane Mummery has been contacted and is able to complete our internal audit within the time frame and within budget.

9. **Bromley Green:** Car park and Carters Field: To receive an update and consider any actions required.

10. **Ruckinge Village Hall:** Planning Application and nursery update

11. **Correspondence:** To receive and note correspondence.
    Any matters requiring a decision will be placed on a future agenda.

12. **Resolution:** To pass a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for this item, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

13. **Contractual Terms:** To consider and determine the Council's rental terms for the proposed use of the Village Hall by a Childcare provider and to progression of a formal agreement.

14. **Staffing Matters:** To consider the Council's duties regarding workplace pension provision for the clerk, including the Clerk's right to opt in, and to determine any necessary actions.

15. **Date of next meeting:** Annual Parish Council Meeting 28th May 2026 at 7.30 in Ruckinge Village Hall

Future meeting dates

18th June, 9th July, 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, 10th December at Ruckinge Village Hall at 7.30pm