

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

To all Members of Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council

You are summoned to attend a meeting of

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

to be held in the **BEXHILL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB, EVERSLEY ROAD,**

BEXHILL-ON-SEA

on **Wednesday 24th September 2025** at **6:30pm**

when it is proposed to transact the following business:

Joey Daeva

Proper Officer

18th September 2025

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

Please note that the proceedings of this meeting may be recorded in line with regulations set out in the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014. Members of the public addressing the council but not wishing to be recorded should put this request to the town clerk at the earliest opportunity.

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE DURING THE MEETING AS THIS INTERFERES WITH THE RADIO MICROPHONES USED IN RECORDING THE MEETING.

AGENDA

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the following meetings of the Full Council:

a) Wednesday 30th July 2025.

(Appendix A)

b) Wednesday 20th August 2025.

(Appendix B)

6. MAYOR'S OFFICE

a) To receive update on the work of the Town Mayor.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

External Councillors may report for three minutes. Written reports must be received three days before the meeting.

a) To receive reports from Division County Councillors.

- b) To receive reports from Ward District Councillors.
- c) To receive ward reports from Town Councillors.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

- a) To note staff have finished submitting expressions of interest and will submit business plans pending a meeting with Rother District Council to finalise details of submission.
- b) To consider potential transfer of car parks from Rother District Council – Approval for officer investigation.

10. ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL LIAISON

- a) To note leader's meeting held on 19th September postponed.
- b) To approve draft lease on Pebsham Recreation Ground. *(Appendix C)*
- c) To note answers to questions from draft Devonshire Square Public Conveniences Lease yet to be received.
- d) To consider taking on Town Centre Planters from Rother District Council.

11. EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

- a) RALC – Cllr Huseyin and Cllr Jacklin.
- b) Citizen's Advice – Cllr Byrne.
- c) Bexhill Air Cadet Squadron – Mayor/ Deputy Mayor.
- d) Bexhill Maritime – Cllr Timpe.
- e) Little Gate Farm – Cllr Winter.
- f) Neighbourhood Board – Cllr Wilson.
- g) Combe Valley CIC – Cllr Jacklin.
- h) Chamber of Commerce Centenary Fund Assessment Panel – Cllr Wilson.
- i) Bathing Water Community Group – Cllr Byrne, Cllr Drayson, Cllr Jacklin, Cllr Plim.
- j) To note Cllr Wilson has been invited to join Bexhill Rail Action Group in a mayoral capacity.
- k) To note Cllr Plim has been invited to attend a Bexhill Councillors and Business Crime meeting on 15th October 2025.

12. PROCESS FOR SELECTING THE CHAIR, WITH A DEADLINE SET AHEAD OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

- a) To note this project will begin when workload allows.

13. CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVES

- a) To note this project will begin when workload allows.

14. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Cllr Jacklin.

What, if anything, can the Council do to support the business that are being moved out of the Colonnades.

- b) Cllr Lee

To put a motion forward s for the acquisition of rubber kerb ramps for wheelchair access and a scarifier for the town rangers.

- c) Cllr Jacklin

That the Council asks the Chief Inspector of Hastings and Rother Division of Sussex Police to confirm that Councillors are not subject to increased risk of prosecution under the CPS Public Interest test which applies to police investigations and that the Clerk seek further clarification on this from NALC if required.

- d) Cllr El.

I would like to propose the investigation of a caged or uncaged outdoor multi-functional sports court (basketball, football, paddle, tennis, pickleball, hockey etc) in Pebsham (we could put the second half of the playpark land that we have acquired to good use) or elsewhere in Bexhill.

- e) Cllr El.

With numerous new builds in the Pebsham vicinity and the growing population I would like to put forward a motion to locate a suitable area for a recreational site in Pebsham (or close) similar to little common, sidley and the polegrove that would benefit the youth in the area and would facilitate a location for new or existing sports teams such as football, cricket, rugby and many others.

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- a) There are none.

16. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) To receive answers to questions raised at the last meeting.

Cllr Crotty asked why Cllr Wilson has accepted apologies for absence from other councillors, but not his own apologies.	As this matter related to the decision taken by Cllr Wilson in his role as a councillor at the time, the question was noted as one for Cllr Wilson to address directly, rather than for the Clerk to answer.
Cllr Winter asked why apologies for absence were not accepted at this meeting.	The matter of voting on apologies for absence is a procedural point for the Chair to manage during the meeting. The question has been noted but it is not for the Clerk to answer.
Cllr Plim asked if the town council was any nearer to knowing which services would be devolved to the town council.	All updates on devolution and local government reorganisation are reported to Council as they are received. At present, no further information has been provided regarding which services may be devolved to the Town Council. The Council will continue to provide updates as soon as more detail becomes available.

- b) To receive questions from councillors and any future agenda items.
Questions shall be recorded in the minutes and responded to at the next meeting.
- c) To consider any new risks to be added to the risk register.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 29TH OCTOBER 2025

All motions for the next meeting of full council on 29th October 2025 must be received by 20th October 2025.

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, the public and the press will not be permitted to attend during the following items:

18. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON LEGAL CLAIM

19. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

- a) To receive staffing update from the Finance and Audit Committee.

20. PREMISES OPTIONS

- a) To consider negotiating with Rother District Council for the town council to occupy the villas as an office space.