

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 30th September 2026 at 6:00pm**

when it is proposed to transact the following business:



Adam Chugg

Town Clerk

24th September 2026

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

In accordance with standing order 3(f) this session shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chair of the meeting. Subject to standing order 3(g), a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. In accordance with standing order 3(h), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given. A person shall raise his hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort). The chair of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking. A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct his comments to the chair of the meeting. Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the chair of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.

2. UPDATE FROM HOMES ENGLAND – LAND AT NORTHEYE

a) To receive an update on the proposed development.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

5. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. MINUTES

- a) To approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday the 29th July 2026.
(Appendix A)
- b) To approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting on Wednesday the 26th August 2026.

(Appendix B)

7. MAYORS OFFICE

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

8. TO NOTE CONCLUSION OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE AGAR 2025-2026

- a) To note there were no issues or matters of concern raised.

(Appendix C)

9. 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.

10. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM BEXHILL HERITAGE AND BEXHILL OLD TOWN PRESERVATION SOCIETY

- a) Cllrs are asked to consider:
 - I. Endorse and support the 'commemorative plaques' scheme
 - II. Agree to be one of the four premisses featuring in the '**shops and premises**' pilot project.
 - III. Join Bexhill Heritage and Bexhill Old Town Preservation Society in sponsoring the scheme. To note a grant application is being submitted asking the Town Council to contribute up to £3,000 to fund the plaques.

(Appendix D)

11. PROPOSAL FOR SCULPTURE ON GLYNE GAP ROUNDABOUT

- a) To receive the report on the Glyne Gap Roundabout Project and note the progress of the work undertaken.

(Appendix E)

- b) Cllr Thomas

Preamble – The project to install a Serpollet car on Glyne Gap Roundabout has been in existence for several years with little progress during that time but with mounting cost. I have spoken with many Residents and found none who support the project, but many who oppose the scheme, one suggesting that Bexhill Town Council may be blamed if there is an increase in the number of accidents at this location.

Therefore, Bexhill Town Council has 3 options

1 Continue on our present course.

2 Abandon the project, writing off all the time and money expended.

3 Choose a more suitable site.

The motions are as follows:

- I. To abandon the Glyne Gap Roundabout scheme to place a Serpollet car at this location.
- II. Amenities Committee be asked to investigate the possibility of an alternative site for the Serpollet car.

12. TO REVIEW GRANTS AND DONATIONS POLICY

- a) To consider approving updated Grants and Donations Policy.

(Appendix F)

13. TO CONSIDER APPOINTING FOURTH MEMBER OF THE HUMAN-RESOURCES SUB COMMITTEE

- a) Please note that there are currently 3 members. A meeting of a Council Sub-Committee must have a minimum quorum of 3. So, this can risk meetings of the Sub-Committee not proceeding due to not being quorate – this has happened on 2 occasions since May.

14. TOWN CLERK UPDATE

- a) To receive Town Clerk report.

(Appendix G)

15. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To receive update from Cllr Drayson as Chair of Rother District Council Planning Committee.
- b) To review and consider submitting comments on the following planning application: RR/2026/0632/FULL. – The redevelopment of a former

Presbytery to unrestricted residential units and the erection of a new detached dwelling.

[Rother | Rother Council Online | Application | 263004](#)

- c) To review and consider submitting comments on the following planning application: RR/2026/0998/RVC. – Variation of conditions 2, 3, and 4 imposed on RR/2024/143/P (Proposed demolition of existing building to replace with a 2-storey residential dwelling, garage and single storey outbuilding) to change garden room design and add new boundary treatment.

[Rother | Rother Council Online | Application | 263092](#)

- d) To review and consider submitting comments on the following planning application RR/2026/0468/OUT. – Outline planning application for demolition of existing buildings and construction of up to 77 affordable dwellings with all matters reserved except access.

[Rother | Rother Council Online | Application | 262996](#)

16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

- a) To note report.

(Appendix H)

17. ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL LIAISON

- a) To note report.

(Appendix H)

18. EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

- a) To receive updates from external representatives.
- b) To consider appointing an external representative to attend the bi-monthly meetings of the Bexhill Cultural Network and get involved in helping identify opportunities, and collaborative projects that benefit residents and visitors.

19. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Cllr Drayson

Following the success of the very well attended Return to the 80's event on Saturday 11th July and the hiccough over this Council's grant towards it, the Engagement Committee is asked to investigate the feasibility of identifying up to four events a year where the council would commission professional organisers to deliver free events for our community, rather than organisers seeking grants to run such events.

b) Cllr Plim

This council believes that the Events Budget associated with the Finance committee's grants, would be more appropriately managed if the Engagement and Communication committee would be able to award grants for events instead of the Finance committee.

Therefore, the events proportion of these years and any forthcoming years grants should be relocated to the Communication and Engagement committee with immediate effect.

c) Cllr Wilson

That the Corporate body of BTC request our Clerk to contact the RDC planning officer to present to us an overview of the upcoming planning changes as part of the NPPF.

20. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

21. RISK REGISTER

- a) To consider any new risks to be added to the risk register.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER 2026

All motions for the meeting of the Full Council on the 28th October 2026 must be received by the 16th October 2026.

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:

23. TO CONSIDER VENUE OPTIONS FOR 2027 MAYOR'S BALL

- a) To receive report from Events Manager.

(Appendix I)

24. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- a) To consider proposal for expert consultation on next steps of Neighbourhood Plan.

(Appendix J)

25. STAFFING MATTERS

- a) The Town Clerk's 6-month probation period runs to the 6th of October 2026. Cllrs are asked to provide feedback to the Chair of the HR Sub-Committee at the meeting.

(Appendix K)