

7th January 2026

To all Councillors

You are hereby summoned to attend the Main Council Meeting of Bray Parish Council which will be held at Braywood Memorial Hall, Fifield Road, Fifield SL6 2NX 6:00pm on Monday 12th January 2026 where the following business will be transacted.

Cllr S Cross, Cllr K Elvin, Cllr S Eginton, Cllr J Glover, Cllr J Filipczak-Korczak, Cllr L Kneen (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Parkinson, Cllr N Pellew, Cllr J Phillips, Cllr M Pierce, Cllr W Sennett, Cllr G Singh, Cllr R Tavinor, Cllr L Walters, Cllr D Wilson (Chairman).

Members of the Public: In accordance with The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public wishing to address the Council have the opportunity to do so during the Public Forum. However, also in accordance with The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public may be excluded whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

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Rachel Gordge

Bray Parish Clerk

Agenda

122/2026 Chairman's request

That all mobile devices are switched off for the duration of the meeting

A reminder to all in attendance of the fire safety regulations for the venue of the meeting

123/2026 Recording/Filming of the Meeting

- The Council permits the filming and recording and photography of its public meetings (Standing Order 3)k.)
- By attending the meeting, you are consenting to being filmed and recorded unless you notify the Clerk in advance that you do not wish to be
- All present to be asked if they have any intention of recording/filming all or part of the meeting

124/2026 Apologies for absence

To receive and approve apologies for absence

125/2026 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

All Members are to be reminded that they must disclose any disclosable pecuniary interests, registerable interests and any non-registerable interests they have in items of business on the meeting's agenda either at this point or during the agenda item. They are reminded that they will need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and leave the room if the interest is a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time. If not already done so, they are also obliged to notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the meeting.

126/2026 Minutes from previous meetings

To receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 15th December 2025

127/2026 Public Forum

The Chairman to allow maximum of 15 Minutes (3 mins per speaker) for the public to address the Council (extended on approval of the Chairman). Priority will be given to those members of the public wishing to share information relating to items on the agenda. Once the public session is closed, members of the public are not permitted to speak.

128/2026 Chairman's Report

To receive the Chairman's report

129/2026 Adoption of General Power of Competence

To discuss and agree to adopt the General Power of Competence. The General Power of Competence (GPC) under the Localism Act 2011 allows eligible parish councils to do anything that an individual can do, provided it is not prohibited by law. This provides greater flexibility and freedom in decision-making compared to councils operating under the limited statutory powers.

Eligibility Requirements:

To adopt the GPC, a parish council must meet the following criteria at the time of the resolution:

- At least two-thirds of the councillors must have been elected (rather than co-opted)
- The clerk must hold the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) or an equivalent qualification

Current Status:

- The Clerk holds the CiLCA qualification
- Out of 15 Councillors 14 were elected at the last election

What the GPC is:

The GPC is not a Council policy but a statutory power available to eligible parish councils under the Localism Act 2011. As the Clerk holds the required qualification, the Council meets the criteria to use this power.

Where GPC applies, the Council does not need to rely on Section 137, and there is no equivalent financial limit. Policies (such as the Grants Policy) may refer to the use of GPC, but the power itself does not need to be adopted or approved as a policy. Use of GPC also supports the wider strategic benefit of completing a Neighbourhood Plan. Once made, this increases the Council's share of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from 15% to 25%, providing additional funding for local priorities.

Recommendation:

To approve and adopt the General Power of Competence

130/2026 Budget 2026-27

To review and approve the budget for the financial year 2026-27.

The draft budget for 2026-27 has been prepared by the RFO in conjunction with the Clerk, Locum Clerk and Councillors. It has been scrutinized by the Finance Committee at its meeting on 7th January 2026.

Recommendation:

To approve the budget for 2026-27 as presented and as recommended by the Finance Committee.

131/2026 Precept 2026-27

To determine and approve the precept demand for the financial year 2026-27.

Following approval of the budget at item 130/2026, the Council must determine the precept to be levied on the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead for 2026-27. The precept demand must be submitted to the billing authority by 17th January 2026.

Recommendation:

1. To determine and approve the Chair and Clerk to sign the precept demand
2. To authorise the Clerk/RFO to submit the precept demand to the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

132/2026 Grant Request

To consider the application from Holyport Community Trust for £4,500 toward the cost of new windows with the new information supplied

133/2026 Meeting Schedule 2026-27

To review and approve the suggested meeting schedule for 2026-27

134/2026 Mobile Phone Contract

To review the quotes for the Clerk's phone contract

135/2026 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 9th March at 6pm in Braywood Memorial Hall at 6pm