

HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

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To Members of Halling Parish Council

You are hereby given notice that a Meeting of Halling Parish Council will be held at 7:30pm, Monday 12th January 2026, in The Jubilee Hall, Browndens Road, Upper Halling, ME2 1JH.

Members are hereby summoned to attend.

- 001/26** Chairman's welcome and recording of those present.
- 002/26** Apologies for absence.
- 003/26** Declaration of any Pecuniary and / or Prejudicial Interests.
- 004/26** Adjourn for Public Questions (up to 15 minutes for the public, timing at the discretion of Chair).
- 005/26** To Approve Minutes of meetings held on November 10th, 2025.
- 006/26** Clerk's report and to receive any reports from Councillors.
- A. KALC Community Award 2026** – nomination to be agreed (kept confidential until awarded).
- B. John May Charity** – Report from Chair/Clerk on discussions with Snodland Town Council and Birling Parish Council on future of fund as there has been no business for some years.
- C. Grant Requests**
- Halling PTA General request not specific at time of Agenda
 - Bluebell Circle CIC - Play areas (Medway Council land) £2,500 towards scheme to provide play equipment in memory of Sofia Le Brunn-Healey.
 - Halling Chess Club c/o St John's Church - £110
 - Kent Community Rail Partnership (related to the local line and Halling station £100 granted in previous years).
- 007/26** **Finance: Financial Reports will follow (month end 31/12/25).**
- A. Release of Funds** – Budget allocation 2024/2025 was made for Revenue Support Grants to The Community Centre and the Jubilee Hall (£3,000 each). Permission to pay these grants is requested – support for key village facilities.
- B. Note Payments made under delegated powers of the Chair/Clerk** and to seek approval of any additional payments, as necessary.
- C. Approval of Budget 2026/2027**
- D. Approval of precept 2026/2027 request to Medway Council.**
- E. CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund** - Low Risk NatWest Account limited protection, funds can be withdrawn at any time, suggest £150k investment delegated to Clerk/Chair to make arrangements.
- 008/26** **Reports from Portfolio holders –**
- A Footpaths report**
Permissive Path (Plough Path \diamond Whitting Path) – in December 2017 minutes. Actions not followed up, chasing with Medway Footpath Officer.
- B Recreation Grounds**
Lower Recreation Ground Goal post needs to be fixed. Request for No Dogs signs.
Upper Recreation Car Park/ Lighting.
Lighting coverage and operation to limit lighting being investigated before final positioning and install – details still awaited from Volker Highways/Medway Highways.

Quote accepted for removal of dead tree and clearance of foliage around edge of car park (£300). Clerk/Cllr Hitchcock.

- C** **Planning**
MC/25/2467 Details pursuant to condition 4 (Plant noise) on planning permission MC/25/1784 - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to allow for a minor material amendment to planning permission MC/22/2915 for the addition of loft floors to all units except unit 6 and the provision of an entrance gate M C L Ltd Grove Road Upper Halling Rochester Medway ME2 1HZ
MC/25/2029 Construction of a single storey rear extension and part conversion of garage into habitable room 24 Hostier Close Halling Rochester Medway ME2 1ES APPROVED
MC/25/2130 Details pursuant to condition 10 (landscape scheme) on planning permission MC/22/2915 - Construction of eight new residential dwellings with associated hard and soft landscaping - demolition of existing buildings M C L Ltd Grove Road Upper Halling Rochester Medway ME2 1HZ DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS – APPROVED
Tonbridge and Malling Local Plan – Includes potential large development site on the Halling/Medway border.
Medway Local Plan 2041 – has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.
- D** **Planters in village and station platform.** To progress with Grow19 – locations to be agreed (ownership to be established and approval sought), ongoing- need to identify sites.
- E** **Plaque for Forge Green** – Plaque has been constructed, a location identified at Forge Green and installation is being scheduled soon.
- F** **Halling View** (Assistant Clerk). Edition 132 produced and delivered before Christmas, future delivery issues to be discussed.
- G** **Kent Community Rail/Medway Valley Line (Halling)** Meeting held, some interest in forming a Station Adoption group to carry out some light maintenance, poster boards, and planters. Further discussion underway.

009/26 **Events Committee Report**
Past events Christmas Panto/Christmas Grotto **Future events** Christmas Panto/Grotto 2026 events.

010/26 **KALC (Medway Committee)** – No delegates identified.

011/26 **(PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING) ACT 1960 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC)**
To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public are to be excluded from the Meeting.

012/26 **Personnel and confidential matters**
Any confidential items that are raised during the meeting.

013/26 **Date and Venue of next meeting** The Community Centre, High Street, Halling, ME2 1BS, 19/03/26.

Closure of Meeting

Chris Fribbins, Clerk Halling Parish Council. 5th January 2026.