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Members of **Barnham and Eastergate Parish Council** are summoned to a meeting of the Full Council on **Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 7.30 p.m. at Barnham Community Hall.**

Mrs Nina-Maria McMaster
Interim Clerk to Barnham and Eastergate Parish Council

AGENDA

- 1. Open Public Session – Members of the public present are invited to ask questions about the Council that relate to items on the agenda. The session will last no more than 15 minutes and will not be formally minuted. However, issues raised may be mentioned in the minute of the item they relate to.**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Declarations of interest**
Members are reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or pecuniary interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda.
- 4. County Councillor, District Councillor & PCSO Reports**
An opportunity for County Councillor, District Councillor and PCSO to confer and exchange information with Barnham and Eastergate Parish Council.
- 5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th October - for approval**
- 6. Finance**
 - 6.1** To note and retrospectively approve the list of payments made since the last meeting
 - 6.2** To note the latest overall financial position of the Council
- 7. Consideration of Draft Budget for 2026/27**
To discuss the draft budget and consider the recommendations for approval in the attached report.
- 8. Use of AI in the Parish Council**
To discuss and approve the draft policy from Process Matters relating to the use of AI in the Parish Council.
- 9. Government consultation on local government reorganisation**
To discuss and agree response strategy.
- 10. Planning & Environment Committee**
To receive an update from the Chair of the Committee on recent meetings and any other key issues being considered by the Committee.

11. Community Facilities in the Parish

To receive a verbal update from the Assistant Clerk (Community) in respect of the Community facilities within the Parish.

11.1 Veterans monthly Breakfast Club at Eastergate Village Hall (in partnership with RBL)

To discuss and seek approval for set up funding for 6 months.

12. Working Party Updates

12.1 Community Resilience Team (Ray Coggin)

12.2 People, Places and Spaces Working Party (Penny Wycherley)

12.3 Communications Working Party (Simon Parkin)

12.4 Barnham Road Working Party (Rob Bates)

13. Outside Body Meetings

To receive brief reports by reps on the following groups:

13.1 Bus Shelter Working Party (Penny Wycherley/Nina-Maria McMaster)

13.2 Update on Men's Shed Project at Eastergate Village Hall and report on visit to East Preston Men In Sheds. (Nina-Maria McMaster)

14. Update on Projects

14.1 Murrell's Field

14.2 Other projects

15. Poplar trees on Murrell's Field

To receive a verbal update (Gemma Hindson)

16. Communications from Residents

16.1 Parking in Barnham

16.2 Drains in Barnham and Eastergate

16.3 Anti-social behaviour

16.4 Pavements in Barnham (by The Murrell)

17. Report by Chair of the Council

The Chair to give a verbal update on any specific issues he wishes to draw to the attention of the Council and public participating in the meeting.

18. Report by Clerk

The Clerk will give a verbal update on key issues of interest to Council that have been dealt with since last meeting.

19. Date of Next Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 7.30 p.m. at Barnham Community Hall. The meeting will set the precept level and finalise the budget for 2026/27.