

Meeting Schedule 2026-27

PLEASE NOTE: This schedule contains the dates for the Town Council meetings, statutory meetings and Standing Committees. At the beginning of 2026-27, the following Working Groups exist:

- * Neighbourhood Plan Implementation (Planning Committee)
- * Biddulph Works Together (Town and Community Committee)
- * Transport (Recreation and Amenities Committee)
- * Events (Town and Community Committee)
- * Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution (Town Council)

Ad hoc events/ projects may require time-limited project groups- at the discretion of a Standing Committee.

Meeting dates will be agreed by the members of each Working Group.

As per the Standing Orders, each Committee can approve the formation (or dissolution) of a Working Group for a particular purpose.

Week	Date	Committee Name	Start time	Note
1	05-May			
2	12-May	Annual Meeting of the Town Council (Mayor Making)	6.00pm	Mayor Making ceremony; governance arrangements- constitution, committee membership and financial mandate
3	19-May	Annual Town Meeting	6.00pm	This is not a Council meeting. It is a meeting of the town electors and often involves the Town Council's partners. At the Annual Town Meeting, the Mayor presents the Annual report and Committee Chairs present an update on the previous year.
		Planning Committee	7.00pm	Review of planning applications received by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. Consideration of Neighbourhood Plan issues. Responses to footpath orders and local heritage protection.
4	26-May	Finance Strategy and Management Committee	5.30pm	Considers the strategic direction of the Council: All contracts and procurement; budgets; grants; human resource considerations; data protection.
1	02-Jun			
2	09-Jun	Town Council	6.00pm	Respond to consultations; receive and approve recommendations from Committees; SMDC/ SCC considerations.
		Recreation and Amenities Committee	7.00pm	Considers operational decision-making and effective management of risk: Allotments; Footpaths; Burial Grounds; Bemersley Waste Centre; '999' service relationships; Open Spaces (e.g. Springfield Road, Butterfly Garden); Transport/ Highways considerations.
3	16-Jun	Planning Committee	5.30pm	
		Town and Community Committee	6.30pm	To consider: Town Centre management; Events e.g. Artisan Market, Christmas Lights; Partnerships with stakeholders; Town Hall management; Tourism; Young People; Heritage restoration; Ceremonial occasions e.g. Remembrance Sunday; Projects e.g. Dementia Awareness, Festival.
4	23-Jun	Finance Strategy Management Committee	5.30pm	

1	07-Jul			
2	14-Jul	Town Council	6.00pm	
		Recreation and Amenities Committee	7.00pm	
3	21-Jul	Planning Committee	5.30pm	
		Town and Community Committee	6.30pm	
4	28-Jul	Finance Strategy Management Committee	5.30pm	Date to be confirmed- dependent on business to be discussed.

NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST

1	01-Sep			
2	08-Sep	Town Council	6.00pm	
		Recreation and Amenities Committee	7.00pm	
3	15-Sep	Planning Committee	5.30pm	
		Town and Community Committee	6.30pm	
4	22-Sep	Finance Strategy Management Committee	5.30 pm	
5	29-Sep			
1	06-Oct			
2	13-Oct	Town Council	6.00pm	
		Recreation and Amenities Committee	7.00pm	
3	20-Oct	Planning Committee	5.30pm	
		Town and Community Committee	6.30pm	
4	27-Oct	Finance Strategy Management Committee	5.30pm	Date to be confirmed- dependent on business to be discussed.
1	03-Nov			
2	10-Nov	Town Council	6.00pm	
		Recreation and Amenities Committee	7.00pm	Committee budget setting
3	17-Nov	Planning Committee	5.30pm	Committee budget setting
		Town and Community Committee	6.30pm	Committee budget setting
4	24-Nov	Finance Strategy Management Committee	5.30pm	
NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER				
1	05-Jan			
2	12-Jan	Town Council	6.00pm	
		Recreation and Amenities Committee	7.00pm	
3	19-Jan	Planning Committee	5.30pm	
		Town and Community Committee	6.30pm	
4	26-Jan	Finance Strategy Management Committee	5.30pm	Confirmation of precept requirement for agreement at Town Council.
1	02-Feb			
2	09-Feb	Town Council	6.00pm	
		Recreation and Amenities Committee	7.00pm	
3	16-Feb	Planning Committee	5.30pm	
		Town and Community Committee	6.30pm	
4	23-Feb	Finance Strategy Management Committee	5.30pm	

1	02-Mar			
2	09-Mar	Town Council	6.00pm	
		Recreation and Amenities Committee	7.00pm	
3	16-Mar	Planning Committee	5.30pm	
		Town and Community Committee	6.30pm	
4	23-Mar	Finance Strategy Management Committee	5.30pm	
5	30-Mar			
1	06-Apr			
2	13-Apr	Town Council	6.00pm	
		Recreation and Amenities Committee	7.00pm	
3	20-Apr	Planning Committee	5.30pm	
		Town and Community Committee	6.30pm	
4	27-Apr	Finance Strategy Management Committee	5.30pm	