

Correspondence and Ad Hoc items

05.03.26

- a) **Flooding Party Update** – All work seems to have been successful. G..Niblett raised the issue fo loose headstones in the Burial ground and proposes repairing them. It was decided to check what the process was .
- b) **Action Log** – The action log was reviewed and updated: Clerk
- Street Lighting - Two more pieces of work have been Commisioned but no confirmed yet dates yet. A Plan is being worked up for steet light replacement for 2026-27. Cllr Bastin
- Good Neighbourhood Scheme - Cllr Astle has met with the co-ordinator of the Byfield scheme and felt it may not be suitable in Newnham due to it being a smaller village. The Village Hall was setting up a Whats App volunteer group and it was felt the Council could support this if required. Cllr Astle
- New Council Members – The Clerk took the Council through the process of recruiting new council members. Notices have been published. Clerk to check if an election is required, do current Council members have to stand as well. Clerk
- Litter Picking – A village litter picking event has been agreed for the 29th March 2026. Cllr Astle and Cllr Bastin to promote. Cllr. Astle, Cllr. Bastin
- Local Plan – Newnham was classified as another village and as such the proposed local plan is unlikely to contain much housing growth.
- c) **Grant for further SID** – Clerk to find out if the location of the SID needs to be specific in the grant. Clerk
- d) **Foot Paths and Stiles** – Cllr Shenton and Cllr Hammersley to meet with owners and take forward
- e) **Good Neighbourhood Scheme** –See Action Log .
- f) **Desilting measures at the Mill** – No further update
- g) **Traffic Speed Reduction option** – On going
- h) **MUGA (Multi-use Games Area)**- Discussed in previous minute (see above)
- i) **Mowing Contract** – The tenders process was reviewed and considered satisfactory.
- j) **Annual Parish Meeting** – It was agreed to hold the meeting on the 13th May if the Village Hall was available. Clerk to check availability. Clerk

- k) **Post Box** -Clerk also to contact Village Hall Secretary to agree to fix a Parish Council Post box to the Village Hall at the councils expense,

Clerk

06.03.26

Policies

The Risk Assessment Policy was reviewed and adopted

The Access to Information Policy was reviewed and adopted

Finance

07.03.26

- a) *The Bank Balance at 28th^t February was £47,761.07, of which £46,093.66, is held in the interest bearing account.*
- b) *On a proposal by Cllr Bastin and seconded by Cllr Collins, the payment of invoices on the invoice schedule were approved and ratified.*
- c) **Monies received:** *£250 Cemetry Fees, a repayment is required of £95 for overpayment of fees.*
- d) *Clerk provided a list of year end actions which was reviewed and accepted.*

08.03.26

Communications

Cllr Bastin updated the Council on the uptake of the Council monthly e-mail. Contact has been made with all residents who expressed an interest, giving them instructions on how to accept the Zoho e-mail. It was now considered the process complete.

09.03.26

Planning

No updates

10.03.26

Health and Safety

- a) *Burial Ground: Small Headstone slightly unstable, see previous minute*
- b) *Play Area: Inspection completed nothing to report*
- c) *Defibrillators: All tested and in working order and records updated.*

12.02.26

Items for Next Meeting – Council Recruitment

13.02.26

Date of Next Meeting –7th April 2026 in the village Hall

(c) Direct Debits, Standing orders & regular monthly payments:

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Inv No</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Stat.Power</u>
D/D	Giga Clear	G12658322	Internet Feb/Mar	56.05	11.21	67.26	LGA72 - Sec111
D/D	YU Energy	03474523	Electric Jan	143.22	7.16	150.38	LGA 72 – Sec 111
D/D							LGA 72 – Sec 111

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