



**These are the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
which was held on 7th July 2025 in Newnham Village Hall**

Present: Parish Councillors: *Cllrs L. Baker, G. Hammersley, J Astle, G. Niblett, D. Bastin, T. Collins
Cllr Frost (WMC)*

Present: Resident: *Matthew Brookes-Baker, Steve Johnson*

Clerk: *Kevin Carr*

Item No	Business	Action by
01.07.25	To receive apologies for absence <i>Cllr Shenton Resolved the reason for absence were approved.</i>	
02.07.25	Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda <i>Cllr Astle declared an interest on the planning item</i>	<i>All</i>
03.07.25	To Approve and sign minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on 2nd June 2025 <i>On a proposal by Cllr Astle and seconded by Cllr Baker, the Minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Hammersley.</i>	<i>All</i>
04.07.25	Public Time (3 Minutes per Speaker) <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>A resident of the village brought the Parish Councils attention to a recent land dispute.</i><i>Mr Brookes-Baker, another resident, attended to discuss speed limits in the village and the broken SID. Cllr Collins explained the current situation and that the SID will be in place imminently. Mr Brookes-Baker was provided with the SID data for the last 12 months and was surprised at some of the speeds that had been recorded. He explained he had been in touch with Mathew Clarke (WNC Highways) who explained the situation and advised it would be worth Newnham Parish Council joining the "Trial 20mph advisory scheme" which has been effective in slowing down motorists. The council agreed to investigate taking part in the scheme.</i> <i>Cllr Hammersley to follow up with Matthew Clarke</i>	<i>Cllr Hammersley</i>
05.07.25	Correspondence and Ad Hoc items <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>Flooding Party Update- Work is due to start on Monday 14 July on the Badby Road drainage. A site meeting is arranged for 11:00 am. Cllr Frost advised, while some work will be started there will be no one from WNC who can make a decision on further works. Cllr Niblett to attend.</i> <i>It was agreed that cleaning drainages and ditches would reduce the risk of future flooding. Cllr Hammersley to share with Cllr Niblett the detailed plan of drainage clearance.</i>	<i>Cllr Hammersley</i>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>Action Log -No further update</i>	

- c) **Sandbags** – Cllr Niblett asked for a further £20 towards additional sand. This should then be enough to fill the final required number of sandbags.
- d) **Street Lighting** -Cllr Bastin updated the Council. There is a site meeting on 8th July with Electricity Networks to review where the lights are and which ones need replacing. The current budget allows for the replacement of 9 lights. It was felt not all lights may need replacing immediately and a contingency reserve should be held back for emergency replacement.
- e) **Tree Planting** To be on the agenda of the October meeting
- f) **Church Rail Project** – The railing project is not going ahead as planned. Consultation with local residents has not identified any demand for the proposed scheme. Clerk to look at releasing provision in reserves to be used for leaf blowing, sweeping and other minor maintenance to the path. Clerk
- g) **Allotment Lease Renewal** –The previous agreement has been found, Clerk to review the last lease agreement and find who to contact about renewing Clerk
- h) **Weedon Road speed indicator** –Due for return w/e 12 Jul 2025
- i) **Grant for further SID** - Clerk asked to investigate grant available. Clerk
- j) **Village footpath maintenance**-Carried forward
- k) **Roles and responsibilities** – To be reviewed at September meeting
- l) **20 MPH Advisory Zone** (see minute 04.07.25)
- m) **Licence for Music on the Green**- The council agreed the licence for Music on the Green on 12th July. Cllr Hammersley signed the licence.
- n) **Appointment of Village Hall Committee representative.** The council felt this would be a good idea. Cllr Baker agreed to attend

06.07.25 Bus Shelter

FoNS have asked to use the bus shelter for a pop-up cake stall on a monthly basis. The council agreed and asked the clerk to draw up a standard application form for such events.
Cllr Hammersley to inform FoNS

Clerk

Cllr Hammersley

07.07.25

Policies - The clerk presented a list of policies that required action. It was agreed to review 2-3 policies at each future meeting over the next 6 months.

Clerk

08.07.25

Finance

- a) The Bank Balance at 31 May was £53,098.78 of which £50,335.29 is held in the interest bearing account.
- b) On a proposal by Cllr Cllr Baker seconded by Cllr Niblett the payment of invoices on the invoice schedule were approved.
Payments to be authorised by Cllr Bastin.
Any invoices received for payment before the September meeting will be paid and ratified at the September meeting.

Clerk

Monies received: Grass cutting Grant £448.36 and bank interest £253.67

Internal Audit update –All Schedules are currently with the External Auditors awaiting feedback.

Clerk

May Finance Report – The Clerk presented a Finance Report for the cumulative position to May. Cllr Collins asked if the full costs of the Bus Shelter were included. The figures excluded the final cost of Alf Reynolds, paid in June. Cllr Collins

09.07.25 Communications

Cllr Astle presented the plan of the village questionnaire to be completed between 11th July and 27th July. The aim is to give the council an understanding of residents communication preferences. The plan was agreed All

10.07.25 Planning

There were two New Applications:
The Limes Manor Lane Newnham
Battery Storage Infrastructure, London Road Newnham

The planning applications were accepted.

11.07.25 Health and Safety

- a) Burial Ground : Update next month
- b) Play Area: ROSPA inspection in June has been completed and presented to the Council. Cllr Hammersley to share the report with the School as some recommendations are their responsibility. Cllr Hammersley to contact Handyman to undertake repairs to the equipment. Cllr Hammersley
- c) Defibrillators: All tested and in working order.

12.07.25 Items for Next Meeting

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 1 September at 7pm in the Village Hall

June 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE OF INVOICES

(a) Approve payment of the following invoices:

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Stat.Power</u>
B/P	Bartora	Defib and SID Maint	37.50		37.50	LGA 72- S111
B/P	L.C Hedges	Grass Cutting 5 th June	270.00	54.00	324.00	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	L.C.Hedges	Grass Cutting 28th May	270.00	54.00	324.00	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	L.C. Hedges	Grass Cutting 11th May	270.00	54.00	324.00	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	L.C Hedges	Grass Cutting 19 th June	275.00	55.00	330.00	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	G.Hammersley	Refreshments APM	52.95		52.95	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	Playsafe	ROSPA Inspection	80.00	16.00	96.00	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	Shield Maintenance	Dog Bin Collection June	17.33	3.47	20.80	LGA 72 – S.111

B/P	Rob Haynes	Strimming May & June	653.93		653.93	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	K. Carr	Clerk June	486.10		486.10	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	L.C.Hedges	Grass Cutting 26 th June	270.00	54.00	324.00	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	L.C.Hedges	Grass Cutting 3 rd July	270.00	54.00	324.00	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	J Astle	Printer	95.92	19.18	115.10	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	Rob Haynes	Strimming May/June	653.93		653.93	LGA 72 – S.111

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

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Stat.Power</u>
S/O	Gigaclear	Internet June	56.05	11.21	67.26	LGA 72– S.111
D/D	YU Energy	Electricity Cemetery Lights June	8.53	0.43	8.96	LGA 72– S.111
D/D	IONOS	Web Site June	18.00	3.60	21.60	LGA72 – S.111
D/D	YU Energy	Electricity April	78.61.88	3.93	82.54	LGA 72– S.111