



**These are the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
which was held on 1st December 2025 in Newnham Village Hall**

Present: Parish Councillors: Cllrs G. Hammersley, D. Bastin, G. Niblett, T. Collins, L Baker,
Cllr R. Frost (WNC)

Present: None

Clerk: K. Carr

Item No	Business	Action by
01.12.25	To receive apologies for absence Cllr C.Hastie (WNC) Cllr J.Astle Cllr S.Senton <i>The reason for absence were approved.</i>	
02.12.25	Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda None	
03.12.25	To Approve and sign minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on 3rd November 2025 <i>On a proposal by Cllr T.Collins and seconded by G.Hammersley, the Minutes were approved and signed by Cllr D.Bastin.</i>	
04.12.25	Public Time (3 Minutes per Speaker) <i>Cllr Frost (WNC) requested that the logo on the Agenda document be reduced in byte size as it was creating too large a file, this flagged up as spam on WNC e-mail. Cllr Collins agreed to amend the logo.</i> <i>Cllr Frost provided an update on WNC planning department. The short notice period for responding to planning applications may make it difficult for parish councils to register comments or objections within the permissible timeframes. He drew the Council's attention to a specific application in Newnham which requires a decision by the end of the week. Cllr Frost provided the link to the documents and the council agreed to review them and make a prompt decision.</i> <i>Cllr Frost asked for an update on the outstanding flood prevention work. Cllr Niblett reported that it is 90% complete on Badby Road with some outstanding remedial work due on Nenham Hill. Cllr Niblett will continue to monitor and inform Cllr Frost of further concerns.</i>	 Cllr Collins All Cllr Niblett
05.12.25	Correspondence and Ad Hoc items a) Flooding Party Update - work has been 90% completed, see above item. Further work is being delivered by a resident undertaking de-silting measures at The Mill. Cllr Collins to contact the resident to see what additional work or help is required. b) Action Log – The action log was reviewed and updated c) Street Lighting -Cllr Bastin advised the Council that the work has been completed at Pear Tree Cottage and the invoice is to be paid in December. Further work replacing lights will commence after payment has been made.	 Cllr Collins Cllr Bastin

- d) **Church Path Maintenance** –The path is now routinely cleared using a leaf blower. It was agreed to take this item off future agendas
- e) **Grant for further SID** – There are further documents that need to be submitted with the application. Clerk to contact providers of the grant for clarification on minimum submission. Clerk
- f) **Village footpath and stiles** - No further update.
- g) **20 MPH Advisory Zone** – No further update signs still not in stock.
- h) **Christmas Music on the Green** - the council agreed a date of Saturday 20th December at 5:00 pm, It was suggested borrowing a marquee in case of bad weather. Cllr Hammersley to contact the local pub landlord to see if the Council could borrow their marquee in first instance. Cllr Hammersley
- i) **Mowing contract renewal** – Due to the value of the contract there is a requirement to obtain three quotes. Clerk to issue the tender to three companies, with a decision to be made at the February meeting. Clerk
- j) **Support for the Village Hall** – Money has been allocated in the Budget to support the village Hall with decorating. It was agreed to wait until the Village Hall Committee is in a position to start the work before finalising the level of support. All
- k) **Good Neighbourhood Scheme** –The clerk has spoken to the organiser of Byfield Good Neighbourhood scheme. They reported that there is initial work to set the scheme up, but that the running of it was not time consuming. It was agreed it could be raised at the next Parish Meeting in May. In the meantime, the potential scheme could be included on the monthly e-mail update to see if it generates any interest. All
Cllrs Bastin & Astle
- l) **Church Bin**- Sticker has been purchased. Item to be removed from future agendas. Clerk
- m) **Mounts Lane Well-Head** – The Parish Council has been contacted by WNC planning Enforcement regarding ownership of the land and the well-head.
- n) **Gravel on Village Path** – It was agreed the work was completed and is satisfactory. Clerk to draft a response to the resident who complained. Clerk
- o) **Desilting measures at the Mill** – see previous minute.
- p) **Traffic Speed Reduction option** – Cllr Hammersley told the meeting the local PCSO would be able to attend on a specific date to operate the speed gun but would need one person to assist. It was agreed to contact the PCSO for a convenient date Cllr Hammersley
- q) **MUGA (Multi-use Games Area) project with the school**- To take the project forward the trust at the school needs to give permission for the project. In addition, the council to investigate possibility of external funds. Cllr Hammersley /Cllr Shenton

06.12.25

Policies

- The News and Media policy was adopted.
- The Asset Management Policy was adopted.

07.12.25

Finance

- a) *The Bank Balance at 30th November was £56,901.04, of which £51,093.66, is held in the interest bearing account.*
- b) *On a proposal by Cllr Bastin and seconded by Cllr Baker, the payment of invoices on the invoice schedule were approved and ratified.*
- c) **Monies received:** VAT £2,814.80, Burial Fees £270.00.
- d) **Budget 26-27** – *The Budget for 26-27 was proposed by Cllr Bastin and seconded by Cllr Baker and agreed by the Council.*
- e) **Fixed Asset Review** – Clerk and Cllr Collins to review

08.11.25

Communications

No updates

09.11.25

Planning

Documents were circulated for an application at Willow Barn, Weedon Road. All Councillors to review and comment ASAP.

Health and Safety

All

10.11.25

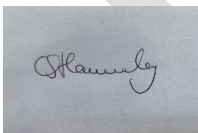
- a) *Burial Ground: No update*
- b) *Play Area: inspection completed nothing to report*
- c) *Defibrillators: all tested and in working order and records updated. SID is now updated and back running. The Council expressed their thanks to Rob Tonge for his work.*

11.11.25

Items for Next Meeting

12.11.25

Date of Next Meeting - 5th January 2026



G.Hammersley (Chair)

5th January 2026

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE OF INVOICES

(a) Ratify the following payments made since the date of the last meeting 1 September 2025):

(b) Approve payment of the following invoices:

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Inv No</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Stat.Power</u>
B/P	Electrical Network Contractors	INV-0889	Street Light Replacement	2634	526.80	3160.80	LGA 72-S111
B/P	Hugh Greys	IL780981	Materials Well	174.87	34.97	209.84	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	NCALC	INV-4991	Training Cemetery Management	88.00	17.60	105.60	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	Village Hall	NVH-2024-109	Hire Hall 24 Nov	16.00		16.00	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	WNC	424003098899	Election costs	64.50		64.50	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	Bartora	B125443	Handyman SID	105.00		105.00	LGA 72 – S.111
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(c) Direct Debits, Standing orders & regular monthly payments:

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S/O	Gigaclear	G0938736	Internet Nov	56.05	11.21	67.26	LGA 72 – Sec 111
D/D	IONOS		Website Nov	18.00	3.60	21.60	LGA 72 – Sec 111
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