



**These are the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting  
which was held 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in Newnham Village Hall**

**Present: Parish Councillors:** *Cllrs G. Hammersley, D. Bastin, G. Niblett, T. Collins, L Baker, J. Astle,  
S. Shenton, Cllr C. Hastie (WNC)*

**Present: Residents:** *None*

**Clerk:** *K. Carr*

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Action by</b>
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<b>01.01.26</b>	<b>To receive apologies for absence</b> <i>Cllr R Frost (WNC)</i> <i>The reason for absence was approved.</i>	
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<b>02.01.26</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda</b> <i>None</i>	
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<b>03.01.26</b>	<b>To Approve and sign minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	
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*On a proposal by Cllr L.Baker and seconded by G.Niblett, the minutes were approved and signed by Cllr G.Hammersley.*

<b>04.01.26</b>	<b>Public Time (3 Minutes per Speaker)</b>	
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*Cllr Hastie (WNC) updated the Council on the current West Nothamtonshire Council(WNC) Budget position and told the council that WNC were investigating introducing parking charges in Daventry and Towwcester, and that a public consultancy document would be circulated.*

*Cllr Hammersley had asked for contacts of councillors who may be able to assist with the development of the School sports field. Cllr Hastie would chase this up.*

*Cllr Hastie*

*Cllr Hastie also outlined a quarterly meeting of Parish Council representatives at a Ward level to share ideas. The Council felt this would be useful.*

**Correspondence and Ad Hoc items**

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| <b>05.01.26</b> | <p>a) <b>Flooding Party Update</b> - <i>Cllr.Niblett updated the Council on the current flood prevention work.The work in Bady Road is now complete and there is still some work to do on the Daventry Road. The recent heavy Rain did not cause any problems.</i></p> <p>b) <b>Action Log</b> – <i>The action log was reviewed and updated</i></p> <p>c) <b>Street Lighting</b> -<i>Cllr Bastin advised the Council that a plan was being developed for future street light replacement programme. To be removed from Agendas until later in the year.</i></p> <p>d) <b>Church Path Maintenance</b> – <i>To be removed from future Agendas</i></p> <p>e) <b>Grant for further SID</b> – <i>There are further documents that need to be submitted with the application. Clerk to send Cllr Hammersley details to contact Grant provider.</i></p> |  |
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*Clerk/ Cllr  
Hammersley*

- f) **20 MPH Advisory Zone** – No further update signs still not in stock.
- g) **Foot Paths and Stiles** – Cllr Shenton informed the Council he had been unable to identify the owner of the land next to the Nuttery where the stile is to be repaired. It was proposed to formally write to potential owners of the land to offer to meet them to discuss the repairs or replacement. Cllr Shenton to draft letter  
Cllr Shenton
- h) **Christmas Music on the Green** – The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. It was agreed that next year it should be expanded, with speakers and a visit from Father Christmas. It was also proposed that we explore lights near the church and raise lights around the Green higher in the tree. The Chair expressed thanks to all those involved in setting the event.  
Cllr Shenton  
Cllr Collins
- i) **Mowing contract renewal** – Tenders are due back in on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Clerk to chase up LC Hedging for their quote. Clerk to send all quotes to Cllr Niblett for consolidation, a decision to be made at the next meeting.  
Clerk/ Cllr Niblett
- j) **Support for the Village Hall** – To be removed from Agenda for now and revisit in new Financial year in April
- k) **Good Neighbourhood Scheme** – One resident has expressed an interest in being involved. Cllr Astle to contact Byfield Good Neighbourhood Scheme to find details of what is involved in setting up such a scheme. Clerk to provide contact details  
Clerk/Cllr Astle
- l) **Gravel on Village Path** –Cllr. Niblett told the Council he had had a conversation with the residents who raised the complaint and he told them it would be referred back to the next Council meeting. The Council agreed to write to the residents to explain why the work was undertaken. Clerk to draft a letter for Cllr Niblett  
Clerk/ Cllr Niblett
- m) **Desilting measures at the Mill** – No further update
- n) **Traffic Speed Reduction option** – Cllr Hammersley to keep in contact with local PCSO.
- o) **MUGA (Multi-use Games Area)**- Discussed in previous minute (see above). It was agreed to collate key information, Ownership, Costs & Grants available for the Parish Council meeting in May.

#### 06.01.26

#### Policies

The Training policy was adopted.

Cllr Hammersley to request any training requirements from Councillors

The Reserves Policy was adopted.

Cllr Hammersley

#### 07.01.26

#### Finance

- a) The Bank Balance at 31st Decemberr was £52,373.30, of which £50,819.15, is held in the interest bearing account.
- b) On a proposal by Cllr Astle and seconded by Cllr Baker, the payment of invoices on the invoice schedule were approved and ratified.
- c) **Monies received:** £274.51 Bank Interest
- d) **Budget 26-27** – The Budget for 26-27 was agreed and will be uploaded to the website.

- e) **Review of Reserves Q3-** It was agreed to release £441 from reserves if categories are overspent:  
  - £200 for a contribution to Citizens Advice from 24-25,
  - £111 for Christmas Tree Lights
  - £130 for the Armistice Reef and Poppies.
- f) **Bank Rec Q3** – The Bank reconciliation was presented and signed by Cllr Hammersley
- g) **Q3 Spend** – A Schedule of Q3 spend was presented showing an underspend to Budget of £3,295
- h) **Fixed Asset Review** – The Asset register is being re-designed and will be complete by the financial year end.

Clerk/Cllr Collins

The Clerk agreed to complete a Schedule showing what reports should be uploaded to the website and when, with an explanation of each one.

08.01.26

**Communications**

Cllr Bastin reported that out of 150 who signed up to receive e-mails only 81 had activated the update. It was agreed the next level should be individual e-mails to the 60 not activated.

Cllr Baston/Cllr Astle

09.01.26

**Planning**

One Application has been received for Thinning of Trees.

10.01.26

**Health and Safety**

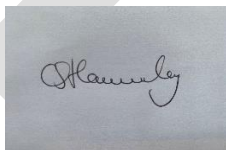
- a) Burial Ground: In good order
- b) Play Area: Inspection completed nothing to report
- c) Defibrillators: All tested and in working order and records updated.

11.01.26

**Items for Next Meeting** – None put forward

12.01.26

**Date of Next Meeting** – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026



**G.Hammersley (Chair)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2026**

## January 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 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:

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Inv No</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Stat.Power</u>
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
D/D							LGA72 - Sec111
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