

NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Council Update

At the Council's last meeting on the 5th January the agenda covered updates on the ongoing flood prevention issue, reviewed the Christmas events, the grass mowing contract and finalised the budget for 2026-27.

As reported last month, the drainage works on Badby Road has been carried out, and without wishing to tempt fate, the work has helped to avoid any flooding so far this year. The programme of work to tackle the drainage on Daventry Road is still outstanding so we will focus our lobbying efforts on that.

On a related note, I wanted to highlight the 'fix-my-street' tool for reporting damage such as pot holes or blocked drains to West Northants Council's Highways team. There is an interactive tool at www.fixmystreet.com where issues and defects can be reported. These are investigated and responded to, outlining the findings and what remedial action will be taken. By making the Highways Department aware of the defect, the onus is on them to investigate and respond. I recommend people to use this tool if you have an issue with pot holes for example.

We discussed the feedback to various Christmas events. The Carols on the Green was well supported – many thanks to Simon Shenton for providing the live music. There was positive feedback to the additional string of lights we put in another tree around the Green this year and there was a suggestion that in the future we could look into some lighting around the Church.

Sadly, Councillor Laura Baker has stepped down from the Council due to other commitments. I would like to thank Laura for her time on the Council. This does create a new vacancy on the Parish Council, so if you resolved to do some volunteering this year or put something back into this special village then maybe signing up to be a Parish Councillor could be for you! It's just one meeting per month – if you're interested, please feel free to contact myself or the Parish Clerk

A reminder, if you wish to join the Parish Council email list to receive topical and current emails, contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The **next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 2nd February**, starting at **7.00pm in the Village Hall**. The agenda for this meeting, together with all minutes and previous agendas, is available on the Council website newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk