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**These are the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
which was held on 7th September 2026 in Newnham Village Hall**

Present: Parish Councillors: Cllrs G. Hammersley, G. Niblett, R. Levin, D. Bastin, J. Astle, S. Shenton

Present: Residents: None

Clerk: K.Carr

ITEM NO	BUSINESS	RESPONSIBLE
01.09.26	To Receive and Approve Apologies for Absence	
	<i>Cllr. P. Bannerman Cllr. T. Collins Cllr. R. Frost Cllr. C. Hastie Clerk K. Carr The reasons for absence were approved.</i>	
02.09.26	Declarations of Interest for Items on the Agenda	
	<i>None.</i>	
03.09.26	To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 6th July 2026	
	<i>On a proposal by Cllr. Bastin and seconded by Cllr. Niblett, the Minutes were approved and signed by Cllr. Hammersley.</i>	
04.09.25	Public Time (3 minutes per speaker)	
	<i>No members of the public present.</i>	
05.09.25	Correspondence & Ad Hoc items	
	<i>(a) Action Log – the action log was reviewed and updated.</i>	
	<i>(b) Street Lighting – street light improvements have been carried out as per 2026 plan. Item can now be removed from agenda.</i>	Clerk
	<i>(c) Village Boundary – item closed.</i>	
	<i>(d) Additional SID Update – NPC have been awarded a grant of 50% (£1,884.93) to install another Speed Indicator Device (SID) in the village. The total cost will be £3,770, excluding post installation. E.M Pell & Partners, who installed the previous devices, have provided a quote for this work and are WNC authorised contractors. The new device will be situated on the Green, opposite Green Cottage. A councillor will be required to supervise the installation once a date has been agreed.</i>	Clerk Cllr Hammersley
	<i>(e) Footpaths and Stiles – no further update at present. Item to remain on agenda until further notice.</i>	Cllrs Hammersley and Shenton
	<i>(f) MUGA update – West Northants Council have agreed to liaise with the school's representative (David Ross Trust) and explore whether Newnham Parish Council can take on a 25-year lease for the area of the MUGA on the Playing Field. WNC councillors to provide further update on next steps.</i>	Cllrs Frost / Hastie
	<i>(g) Post Box – this has now been installed and is regularly checked for mail. Item to be removed from agenda</i>	Clerk

	(h) Handyman Issues – <i>all outstanding jobs completed. New work to be quoted for / agreed to include:</i> i. <i>Consideration of further improvements to bottom of Church Path</i> ii. <i>Restoration of damaged bench on Badby Road.</i> iii. <i>Memorial Poppies to be put up ready for Remembrance Events.</i>	Cllr Niblett
	(i) Repair to Church footpath and Wall (Ownership) – <i>work has been completed but council will consider further improvements to the Church path.</i>	Cllr Niblett
	(j) Removal of old Telephone Lines – <i>whilst this is not the responsibility of the Parish Council, the PC will contact Open Reach to request their policy regarding the removal of unused lines. Clerk to inform the resident raising the query accordingly</i>	Clerk
	(k) L.C.Hedging Invoices – <i>Cllr Hammersley to contact contractor to discuss mowing schedule and any outstanding works.</i>	Cllr Hammersley Cllr Niblett
	(l) Screen in Village Hall – <i>Cllr Collins to progress this</i>	Cllr Collins
	(m) Christmas Lights – <i>Councillors discussed whether any further Xmas lights on the Green are required. Cllr Collins to review.</i>	Cllr Collins
	(n) Christmas Music on the Green – <i>Sunday 20th December has been agreed for the 2026 Carols on the Green. Cllr Hammersley to contact Newnham Church and liaise over date.</i>	All Cllr. Hammersley
	(o) Distribution of the village information leaflets – <i>leaflets will be distributed to councillors at the next meeting for delivery to residents.</i>	Cllr Astle All
	(p) Builder's bag of rubbish still on grass verge at bottom of Coronation Rd – <i>Parish Council to contact owner and request removal.</i>	Clerk
06.09.26	Review of Policies:	
	Equality and Diversity Policy – <i>to be reviewed at October meeting</i>	Clerk
07.09.26	Financial	
	a) Bank Balance at 31st August 2026 is £56,806.91 of which £46,541.61 is held in the interest-bearing account.	Clerk
	b) Ratify and approve payment of the invoices on the attached schedule plus any others received after this agenda has been issued – <i>payments to L.C.Hedging were deferred and all others were approved on a proposal by Cllr. Shenton and seconded by Cllr. Levin.</i> <i>Payments to be checked against the invoice schedule in the minutes and then authorised by Cllr Hammersley.</i>	Clerk Cllr Hammersley
	c) Monies received since last meeting: HMRC(VAT) £3,955.69, SID Grant £1,884.93	Clerk
	d) Audit Update - <i>no advice received from external auditors.</i>	Clerk
	e) Revised Electricity Tariff - <i>no progress due to difficulty in accessing key account information.</i>	Clerk
	f) Business Rates Update – <i>no further update.</i>	Clerk
	g) Broadband Update – <i>findings from comparison website indicate that the current rate is competitive. A decision now needs to be made regarding any further action.</i>	Clerk Cllr Collins
08.09.26	Communications	
09.09.26	Planning	
	a) Applications: - Works to Trees, (reducing height of 8 Leylandii) Ivy Lodge, Badby Road	Cllr Astle
	b) Decisions:	Cllr Astle

	- Planning permission & listed building consent granted for porch, Ivy Lodge, Badby Road - Permission granted for Works to Trees, Rambler Cottage, School Hill and Garden Cottage, Poets Way.	
10.09.26	Health & Safety	
	a) Burial Ground – <i>agreed signs warning of unstable headstones are now in place.</i>	
	b) Play Area – <i>signs in place regarding Dog Exercising.</i>	
	c) Defibrillator check – <i>no update.</i>	
11.09.26	Items for the next meeting	
	a) River monitoring data	
12.09.26	Date of next meeting	<i>All</i>
	Monday 5th October 2026 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.	

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE OF INVOICES

(a) Ratify the following payments made since the date of the last meeting (6th July 2026):

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Stat.Power</u>
B/P	IONOS	Internet July	21.60	3.60	18.00	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	HMRC	PAYE	111.40		111.40	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	Sheild Maintenance	Dog Bins July	26.00	5.20	31.50	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	K. Carr	July Salary	397.60		397.60	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	Electrical Contractors	Street Lights	1757.00	351.40	2108.40	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	WNC	Business Rates	52.00		52.00	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	Bartora Ltd	Sid/DFIB check	45.00		45.00	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	Rapido Print	Leaflets	74.00	14.80	88.80	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	Mowing	Mowing 21st July	390.00	78.00	468.00	OSA 1906 - Secs 10 & 15 & LGA 1972 – S.111
B/P	Mowing	Mowing 8 th July	390.00	78.00	468.00	OSA 1906 - Secs 10 & 15 & LGA 1972 – S.111
B/P	L.P. Fin Memorials	Replace Dolan Memorial	202.20	40.40	242.40	LGA 72 – S.111

(b) 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	Shield Maintenance Ltd	Dog Bin Collection Aug	26.00	5.20	31.20	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	L.C Hedging	Grass Cutting 5 th Aug	390.00	78.00	468.00	OSA 1906 - Secs 10 & 15 & LGA 1972 – S.111

B/P	L.C Hedging	Grass Cutting 18 th Aug	390.00	78.00	488.00	OSA 1906 - Secs 10 & 15 & LGA 1972 – S.111
B/P	<u>Alf Reynolds</u>	<u>7 Hours July</u>	<u>105.00</u>		<u>105.00</u>	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	Village Hall	Sept	16.00		16.00	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	Parish Online	Subscription 26-27	48.00	9.60	57.60	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	K Carr	Clerk June	397.60		397.60	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	Bartora	Defib check Aug	45.00		45.00	LGA 72 – S.111
B/P	Rob Haynes	Various	1091.61		1091.61	LGA 72 – S.111
WNC	Business Rates	52.00		52.00		LGA 72 – S.111

(a) 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	YU Energy	Electric July	34.16	6.78	40.94	LGA 72 – Sec 111
D/D	IONOS	Internet July./Aug	18.00	3.60	21.60	LGA 72 – Sec 111
D/D	Giga Clear	Broadband July/Aug	56.05	11.21	67.26	LGA72 - Sec111