

Agenda Item 199 Dispensations

If you have a pecuniary interest in an item on this agenda, you will not be able to participate in any of the discussions or vote on a resolution. However, if you wish the council to consider your request for dispensation, you need to **write to the Clerk ahead of the meeting** stating your reasons why you should be given a dispensation.

Agenda Item 201 Councillor Vacancy

There has been no application to fill the councillor vacancy.

Agenda Item 203d Planning Status

| BDC Ref | Application | NPC Ref | NPC Response | BDC Response |
|-------------|--|---------|--------------|--------------------------|
| DC/25/03496 | The Deans Sudbury Road - Removal of cement render cladding, basic repairs to frame, installing some insulation and recladding with Lime plaster. Repair to garden wall. | 25/152b | Support | |
| DC/25/03880 | The Deans Sudbury Road - Listed Building Consent - Removal of cement render cladding, basic repairs to frame, installing some insulation and recladding with Lime plaster. Repair to garden wall. | 25/152b | Support | |
| DC/25/03905 | 1A Links View - Installation of wooden shed in rear garden | 25/173a | Support | Permission 12/11/2025 |
| DC/25/04148 | Hollyhocks, Church Road - Demolition of existing rear extension & replacing with a new single storey rear extension, replacement roof to bay window, internal house alterations, extension and new roof to existing garage and a new detached outbuilding | 25/173b | Support | |
| DC/25/04149 | Hollyhocks, Church Road - Application for Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing rear extension & replacing with a new single storey rear extension, replacement roof to bay window, internal house alterations, extension and new roof to existing garage and a new detached outbuilding. | 25/173c | Support | |
| DC/25/04401 | Squirrels Oak, Sudbury Road - Erection of a new single storey annexe (following demolition of existing garage). | 25/188a | Support | |

Agenda Item 204 Emails Circulated

If I have circulated an email not included on the agenda, and you consider that it should be discussed, please raise the item at this point.

Agenda Item 205 Clerk's Report

| Minute | Action | Complete ✓ |
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| 25/183 | Minutes sent to BRN and updated on website. | ✓ |
| 25/186 | Responded to National Grid's consultation. | ✓ |
| 25/188 | Sent NPC's views on planning application to the LPA. | ✓ |
| 25/189 | Paid suppliers and made donation. | ✓ |
| 25/191 | Placed contract with LUC for review of NNP. | ✓ |
| 25/195 | Confirmed village hall bookings for NPC meeting dates in 2026. | ✓ |
| 25/196 | Updated website with notice of Christmas Tree switch-on. | ✓ |
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| | Clerk's Actions & Delegated Power | |
| | None. | |
| | | |
| | Clerk Hours | |
| | 1st April to 23rd November 2025 - Paid 408 / Worked 400 / Holiday taken 36 hours. | |

Associated Papers NPC for Meeting on 10th December 2025

Agenda Item 206a RFO Report

Payments made since last meeting

| | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Box River News | Donation | £360.00 |
| Purchase Card | JRB - Dog poo bags | £330.00 |
| Purchase Card | Monthly fee November | £3.00 |
| Unity Trust* | Service Charge November | £6.00 |

* The Unity Trust Service Charge will rise to £7 per month from February 2026.

Receipts received since last meeting

| | | |
|------------|---------------------|--------|
| Allotments | Rent from 3 tenants | £45.00 |
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|----------------------------|---|-----------|------------------|
| A | Bank Reconciliation at 30/11/2025 | | |
| | Cash in Hand 01/04/2025 | | 37,365.79 |
| | ADD Receipts 01/04/2025 - 30/11/2025 | | 47,737.10 |
| | SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2025 - 30/11/2025 | | 18,074.33 |
| | Cash in Hand 30/11/2025 (per Cash Book) | | 67,028.56 |
| B | Cash in hand per Bank Statements | | |
| | Petty Cash 30/11/2025 | 0.00 | |
| | Unity Trust Bank - Current Account 30/11/2025 | 4,821.81 | |
| | Unity Trust Bank - Savings Account 30/11/2025 | 62,206.75 | |
| | Lloyds Corporate Purchasing Card 30/11/2025 | 0.00 | |
| | | | 67,028.56 |
| | Less unrepresented payments | | |
| | | | 67,028.56 |
| | Plus unrepresented receipts | | |
| | | | |
| | Adjusted Bank Balance | | 67,028.56 |
| A = B Checks out OK | | | |

Agenda Item 206a Clerk's Expenses

| | | Postage | | | | | Printing | | | Travel |
|---|--|---------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|-------|--------|
| Date | Description | 1st | 2nd | Other | Date | Description | A4 Print | A3 Print | Lams | Miles |
| | | | | | 01/09/25 | | 25 | | | |
| | | | | | 07/09/25 | Meeting notices | 4 | | 4 | |
| | | | | | 08/09/25 | Meeting packs | 287 | | | |
| | | | | | 09/09/25 | | 67 | | | |
| | | | | | 26/09/25 | | 70 | | | |
| | | | | | 01/10/25 | Notices | 2 | | 2 | |
| | | | | | 03/10/25 | | 27 | | | |
| | | | | | 06/10/25 | Meeting Packs | 66 | | | |
| | | | | | 10/10/25 | RoSPA | 58 | | | |
| | | | | | 17/10/25 | | 32 | | | |
| | | | | | 06/11/25 | Notices | 6 | | 6 | |
| | | | | | 10/11/25 | Meeting packs | 88 | | | |
| | | | | | 12/11/25 | Planning Statement x 7 | 203 | | | |
| | | | | | 27/11/25 | | 75 | | | |
| | | 0 | 0 | | | | 1010 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| | | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | | | £70.70 | £0.00 | £2.40 | £0.00 |
| Expenditure on behalf of Newton Parish Council | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | Description | Ref | Gross | VAT | Net | | | | | |
| 01/09/25 | SLCC Membership 2025 | 1 | £190.00 | £0.00 | £190.00 | Subscriptions - SLCC | | | | |
| 03/09/25 | Krystal - email hosting 03/09 to 02/10/2025 | 2 | £8.40 | £1.40 | £7.00 | Digital - Software | | | | |
| 12/09/25 | Microsoft - 365 subscription 11/9 to 10/10/25 | 3 | £10.32 | £1.72 | £8.60 | Digital - Software | | | | |
| 16/09/25 | Amazon - Allotment padlocks | 4 | £26.99 | £4.50 | £22.49 | Admin | | | | |
| 03/10/25 | Krystal - email hosting 03/10 to 02/11/2025 | 5 | £8.40 | £1.40 | £7.00 | Digital - Software | | | | |
| 02/10/25 | CKS - 8 keys cut | 6 | £32.00 | £0.00 | £32.00 | Admin | | | | |
| 12/10/25 | Microsoft - 365 subscription 11/10 to 10/11/25 | 7 | £10.32 | £1.72 | £8.60 | Digital - Software | | | | |
| | Postage | | £0.00 | | £0.00 | | | | | |
| | Printing | | £70.70 | | £70.70 | | | | | |
| | Laminates | | £2.40 | | £2.40 | | | | | |
| | Travel Costs | | £0.00 | | £0.00 | | | | | |
| | Total | | £359.53 | £10.74 | £348.79 | Balanced | | | | |
| | Mileage rate from 6/4/2011 | 52.2p | | | | | | | | |
| | 1st Class Post | £1.35 | | | | Subscriptions | £190.00 | | | |
| | 2nd Class Post | £0.85 | | | | Digital - Software | £31.20 | | | |
| | A4 Printing per page | 7p | | | | Donations | | | | |
| | A3 Printing per page | 14p | | | | Admin - Office Expenses | £127.59 | | | |
| | Laminates | 20p | | | | VAT | £10.74 | | | |
| | | | | | | | £359.53 | | | |

Payments for your authorisation

| | Net | VAT | Gross | Budget |
|--------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Flowers Groundcare | £740.00 | £0.00 | £740.00 | Open Spaces |
| DF Crimmin | £348.79 | £10.74 | £359.53 | Admin/Subscriptions/Digital |
| DF Crimmin | £2,578.36 | £0.00 | £2,578.36 | Salary |
| HMRC | £940.54 | £0.00 | £940.54 | Clerk Tax/ Er's NI |

Agenda Item 206b Grass & Hedge cutting contracts for 2026

Both Flowers Groundcare and David Gotts will undertake the cutting schedules in 2026, at the 2025 rates. This will mean that:

- David Gotts will cut the footpaths 6 times per year for £450
- Fowers Goundcare will maintain as follows:
 - 16 cuts of the playing field at £60 per cut
 - 2 cuts of hedge in playing field at £60 per cut
 - 3 cuts of war memorial at £50 per cut
 - 3 cuts of village sign at £50 per cut
 - 6 cuts of the allotment access land at £50 per cut. Total; £1,680

Agenda Item 206c Donation

NPC has always contributed £100 towards the Christmas parcels.

Agenda Item 206d 2026 / 2027 Budget

Assumptions made by the RFO

Forecasting the remainder of 2025 / 2026

Bank interest from the Savings account should generate £100 interest in both December 2025 and March 2026. In Recycling, I have assumed that glass and paper will be on budget by Textiles will follow the 2025 / 26 downward trend.

In the Administration cost centre I have reduced the Training forecast for the remainder of 2025 / 26, increased the Office Expenses to cover extra printing costs and allowed for extra NNP meetings within the Village Hall Hire.. In the Asset Management cost centre, I have assumed that all cost will be at the budget level. I have taken the view that there will not be a need to maintain anything in the allotments over the next 4 months; if there is, CIL will be the backstop.

All items in the Clerk's Salary cost centre, except Employers Pension, are collectively on schedule with budget. A new Clerk in the next 4 months will not draw down a pension. With the exception of Software Licence costs within the Digital cost centre, which has increased by £50 for McAfee software, all items are around budget. Donations are £360 over due to the use of the Newsletter Restricted Reserve for a donation to the Box River News. The Open Spaces cost centre is forecasted to be within budget with the exception of the Dog and Litter bin Emptying which Babergh increased as we entered 2025 / 2026. In the Projects & Event cost centre I have assumed that this will now be spent on any council costs of the NNP.

Budget Proposals for 2026 / 2027

Income

It is assumed that SCC will again agree to the grant so that you can cut the footpaths twice a year. I have assumed that interest rates will continue to drop during the year and that with the introduction of the new refuse arrangements by Babergh, there will be a drop in the recycling credits that NPC receive. I also anticipate that the full occupancy of the allotments will continue. The Precept Demand for 2026 / 2027 is shown as the difference between the Income and Expenditure. In practice, when you look at the Precept Demand at your January 2026 meeting, other factors such as the Reserves Policy, levels of reserves and the use of CIL will need to be considered when this is calculated.

Expenditure

The following assumptions should be noted:

- The Clerks Salary is based on the current scale + 3% cost of living increase in 2026 / 2027
- As the current Clerk does not wish to take up the offer of a pension, a provision of 6 months' pension costs on the minimum SCP of the salary scale has been made for 2026 / 2027 in case a new Clerk is appointed during the year
- I have assumed that NPC will agree on the new grass and hedge cutting rates offered by Flowers Groundcare. I have set a budget limit for the Community Wardens hours, within the Sudbury Town Council SLA of £1,300.
- A budget of £750 is available for any revenue project that the councillors wish to undertake during 2026 / 2027.

Please find the Detailed Budget Summary report, which shows a comparison between:

- the budget and actual for 2024 to 2025
- the budget, the actual to date, the forecast to March and the anticipated total at year-end for 2025 / 2026
- proposed budget for 2026 / 2027.

Expenditure Budget for 2026 / 2027

Councillors are asked to agree on an **Expenditure Budget for 2026 / 2027 of £31,573.68**

Newton Parish Council

Detailed Budget Summary

| Last Year 2024 - 2025 | | | | | Current Year 2025-2026 | | | | | | | | 2026-2027 | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|--------|----------|------------------------|----------|--------|----------|-------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Administration | | Receipts | | Payments | | Receipts | | | | Payments | | | | Receipts | Payments |
| Code | Title | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 19 | Clerk WFHA | | | 312.00 | 312.00 | | | | | 312.00 | 156.00 | 156.00 | 312.00 | | 312.00 |
| 20 | Bank Service Charge | | | 72.00 | 71.40 | | | | | 72.00 | 45.00 | 41.00 | 86.00 | | 120.00 |
| 21 | Office Expenses | | | 280.00 | 362.94 | | | | | 300.00 | 284.99 | 215.01 | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| 22 | Mileage Costs | | | 20.00 | | | | | | 20.00 | | 20.00 | 20.00 | | 20.00 |
| 23 | Election Costs | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 24 | Audit Fees | | | 430.00 | 430.00 | | | | | 430.00 | 430.00 | 0.00 | 430.00 | | 455.00 |
| 25 | Insurance | | | 1,700.00 | 1,710.66 | | | | | 1,750.00 | 1,739.51 | 0.00 | 1,739.51 | | 1,780.00 |
| 26 | Refreshments | | | 100.00 | 90.60 | | | | | 100.00 | 77.09 | 22.91 | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| 27 | Village Hall Hire | | | 450.00 | 420.00 | | | | | 450.00 | | 510.00 | 510.00 | | 500.00 |
| 28 | Training Costs | | | 500.00 | | | | | | 500.00 | | 250.00 | 250.00 | | 500.00 |
| 61 | Legal Costs | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | 3,864.00 | 3,397.60 | | | | | 3,934.00 | 2,732.59 | 1,214.92 | 3,947.51 | 0.00 | 4,287.00 |

| Annual Subscription | | Last Year 2024 - 2025 | | | | Current Year 2025-2026 | | | | | | | | 2026-2027 | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------|--------|------------------------|--------|----------|-------|----------|--------|----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | | Receipts | | Payments | | | | | | Receipts | | | | Payments | |
| | | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 29 | SALC | | | 300.00 | 292.15 | | | | | 300.00 | 294.59 | 0.00 | 294.59 | | 310.00 |
| 30 | Community Action Suffolk | | | 25.00 | | | | | | 25.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 25.00 |
| 31 | SLCC | | | 190.00 | 183.00 | | | | | 190.00 | | 190.00 | 190.00 | | 200.00 |
| 32 | ICO | | | 35.00 | 35.00 | | | | | 35.00 | 47.00 | 0.00 | 47.00 | | 50.00 |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | 550.00 | 510.15 | | | | | 550.00 | 341.59 | 190.00 | 341.59 | 0.00 | 585.00 |

Associated Papers NPC for Meeting on 10th December 2025




| Asset Management | Last Year 2024 - 2025 | | | | Current Year 2025-2026 | | | | | | | | 2026-2027 | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------|----------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Receipts | | Payments | | Receipts | | | | Payments | | | | Receipts | Payments |
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 33 Asset Purchases | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 34 Asset Maintenance | | | 500.00 | 329.07 | | | | | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| 35 Litter, Dog & Grit Bin Maintenance | | | 300.00 | | | | | | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 300.00 | | 300.00 |
| 50 Play Equipment Inspection | | | 138.00 | 150.00 | | | | | 160.00 | 152.00 | 0.00 | 152.00 | | 160.00 |
| 51 Play Equipment Maintenance | | | 1,000.00 | 1,416.98 | | | | | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| 52 MUGA Maintenance | | | 500.00 | 936.48 | | | | | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| 53 Forever Fitness Maintenance | | | 500.00 | 778.00 | | | | | 800.00 | 395.00 | 405.00 | 800.00 | | 500.00 |
| 57 Defibrillator Consumables | | | 500.00 | | | | | | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| 58 SID Maintenance | | | 250.00 | | | | | | 250.00 | | 250.00 | 250.00 | | 250.00 |
| 59 Allotments Maintenance | | | 500.00 | 15.00 | | | | | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | | 400.00 |
| 63 War Memorial Maintenance | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 250.00 |
| SUB TOTAL | | | 4,188.00 | 3,625.53 | | | | | 4,510.00 | 1,047.00 | 3,455.00 | 4,502.00 | 0.00 | 4,360.00 |

| CIL | Last Year 2024 - 2025 | | | | Current Year 2025-2026 | | | | | | | | 2026-2027 | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Receipts | | Payments | | Receipts | | | | Payments | | | | Receipts | Payments |
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 2 CIL Receipts | | 10,729.70 | | | | 17,915.75 | 0.00 | 17,915.75 | | | | | | |
| 65 Donation to Village Hall | | | | 1,000.00 | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | |
| 66 CIL Expenditure | | | | | | | | | | 3,158.83 | | 3,158.83 | | |
| SUB TOTAL | | 10,729.70 | | 1,000.00 | | 17,915.75 | 0.00 | 17,915.75 | 0.00 | 3,158.83 | 0.00 | 3,158.83 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Associated Papers NPC for Meeting on 10th December 2025






| Last Year 2024 - 2025 | | | | | Current Year 2025-2026 | | | | | | | | 2026-2027 | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|-----------|------------------------|----------|--------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Clerk Salary | | Receipts | | Payments | | Receipts | | | | Payments | | | | Receipts | Payments |
| | | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 13 | Net Salary | | | 10,077.05 | 9,994.08 | | | | | 10,293.80 | 5,156.92 | 5,156.92 | 10,313.84 | | 10,622.88 |
| 14 | Clerk Tax | | | 2,519.26 | 2,498.40 | | | | | 2,573.45 | 1,289.00 | 1,289.00 | 2,578.00 | | 2,655.72 |
| 15 | Clerk NI | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 16 | Clerk Pension | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 17 | Employers NI | | | 400.00 | 468.16 | | | | | 1,180.00 | 591.89 | 591.89 | 1,183.78 | | 1,241.79 |
| 18 | Employers Pension | | | 1,338.48 | | | | | | 1,165.60 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 1,202.29 |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | 14,334.79 | 12,960.64 | | | | | 15,212.85 | 7,037.81 | 7,037.81 | 14,075.62 | 0.00 | 15,722.68 |



| Last Year 2024 - 2025 | | | | | Current Year 2025-2026 | | | | | | | | | 2026-2027 | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|--------|----------|------------------------|----------|--------|----------|-------|----------|--------|----------|--------|-----------|----------|
| Digital | | Receipts | | Payments | | Receipts | | | | Payments | | | | Receipts | Payments |
| | | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 41 | Software Licences | | | 896.00 | 1,240.53 | | | | | 600.00 | 68.35 | 581.65 | 650.00 | | 750.00 |
| 42 | Website Hosting | | | 50.00 | 50.00 | | | | | 50.00 | 55.00 | 0.00 | 55.00 | | 55.00 |
| 43 | Email Hosting | | | 80.00 | | | | | | 80.00 | | 80.00 | 80.00 | | 84.00 |
| 44 | Domain Registration | | | 150.00 | | | | | | 30.00 | | 30.00 | 30.00 | | 30.00 |
| 45 | Laptop Maintenance | | | | | | | | | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 88.00 | | 100.00 |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | 1,176.00 | 1,290.53 | | | | | 860.00 | 123.35 | 791.65 | 903.00 | 0.00 | 1,019.00 |

| Last Year 2024 - 2025 | | | | | Current Year 2025-2026 | | | | | | | | 2026-2027 | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|----------|------------------------|----------|--------|----------|-------|----------|--------|--|-----------|----------|----------|
| Donations | | Receipts | | Payments | | Receipts | | | | Payments | | | | Receipts | Payments |
| | | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 39 | Christmas Parcels | | | 100.00 | 100.00 | | | | | 100.00 | | 100.00  | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| 40 | RBL Poppy Day | | | 100.00 | 100.00 | | | | | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00  | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| 60 | Other Donations | | | 600.00 | 485.33 | | | | | 600.00 | 718.00 | 242.00  | 960.00 | | 600.00 |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | 800.00 | 685.33 | | | | | 800.00 | 818.00 | 342.00 | 1,160.00 | 0.00 | 800.00 |

Associated Papers NPC for Meeting on 10th December 2025

| Grants | | Last Year 2024 - 2025 | | | | | Current Year 2025-2026 | | | | | | | 2026-2027 | |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------|--------|----------|------------------------|--------|--------|----------|-------|--------|----------|-----------|-------|
| | | Receipts | | Payments | | Receipts | | | | Payments | | | Receipts | Payments | |
| | | Code | Title | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total |
| 3 | Footpath Cutting Gr | 212.64 | 212.64 | | | 212.64 | 213.00 | 0.00 | 213.00 | | | | | 213.00 | |
| 4 | SCC Locality | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | | 0.00 | |
| 5 | BDC Locality | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | | 0.00 | |
| 6 | Other Grants | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | | 0.00 | |
| | SUB TOTAL | 212.64 | 212.64 | | | 212.64 | 213.00 | 0.00 | 213.00 | | | | | 213.00 | 0.00 |

| Last Year 2024 - 2025 | | | | | Current Year 2025-2026 | | | | | | | | 2026-2027 | | |
|-----------------------|---|----------|--------|----------|------------------------|----------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|-----------|--------|----------|
| Open Spaces | | Receipts | | Payments | | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Receipts | Payments | | |
| | | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 36 | Footpath Grass Maintenance | | | 450.00 | 360.00 | | | | | 450.00 | | 450.00 | 450.00 | | 450.00 |
| 37 | War Memorial Hedging Maintenance | | | 100.00 | 150.00 | | | | | 150.00 | | 150.00 | 150.00 | | 150.00 |
| 38 | Village Sign Hedging Maintenance | | | 100.00 | 150.00 | | | | | 150.00 | | 150.00 | 150.00 | | 150.00 |
| 47 | Community Warden Hours | | | 1,232.00 | 566.49 | | | | | 1,300.00 | 130.00 | 1,170.00  | 1,300.00 | | 1,300.00 |
| 48 | Community Warden Mileage Costs | | | 150.00 | 67.60 | | | | | 150.00 | 13.00 | 137.00  | 150.00 | | 150.00 |
| 49 | Community Warden Installation Costs | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | |
| 54 | Litter & Dog Bin Emptying | | | 1,035.00 | 1,035.00 | | | | | 1,035.00 | 1,245.00 | 0.00  | 1,245.00 | | 1,245.00 |
| 55 | Recreation Ground Grass & Hedge Maintenance | | | 980.00 | 600.00 | | | | | 1,080.00 | | 1,080.00  | 1,080.00 | | 1,080.00 |
| 56 | Dog Poop Bag Consumables | | | 250.00 | | | | | | 250.00 | 275.00 | 0.00  | 275.00 | | 275.00 |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | 4,297.00 | 2,929.09 | | | | | 4,565.00 | 1,663.00 | 3,137.00 | 4,800.00 | 0.00 | 4,800.00 |

| Last Year 2024 - 2025 | | | | | Current Year 2025-2026 | | | | | | | | 2026-2027 | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|--------|--|--------|----------|--------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Other Income | | Receipts | | Payments | | Receipts | | | | Payments | | | | Receipts | Payments |
| | | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 10 | Bank Interest | 500.00 | 708.39 | | | 400.00 | 310.75 | 200.00  | 510.75 | | | | | 400.00 | |
| 11 | Allotment Rent | 75.00 | 250.00 | | | 135.00 | | 135.00  | 135.00 | | | | | 135.00 | |
| 12 | Other Income | | 6,190.00 | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | | 0.00 | |
| 62 | VAT Refund | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | | | | | |
| SUB TOTAL | | 575.00 | 7,148.39 | | | 535.00 | 310.75 | 335.00 | 645.75 | | | | | 535.00 | 0.00 |

Associated Papers NPC for Meeting on 10th December 2025

| Last Year 2024 - 2025 | | | | | Current Year 2025-2026 | | | | | | | | 2026-2027 | | |
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| Other Payments | | Receipts | | Payments | | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Receipts | Payments | | |
| | | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 64 | War Memorial | | | | 6,190.00 | | | 0.00 | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | | 6,190.00 | | | 0.00 | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| | | Last Year 2024 - 2025 | | | | Current Year 2025-2026 | | | | | | | 2026-2027 | | |
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| Precept | | Receipts | | Payments | | Receipts | | | Payments | | | | Receipts | Payments | |
| Code | Title | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 1 | Precept Demand | 21,451.10 | 21,451.00 | | | 26,479.94 | 26,479.94 | 0.00 | 26,479.94 | | | | | 30,495.68 | |
| | SUB TOTAL | 21,451.10 | 21,451.00 | | | 26,479.94 | 26,479.94 | 0.00 | 26,479.94 | | | | | 30,495.68 | 0.00 |

| Projects & Events | | Last Year 2024 - 2025 | | | | Current Year 2025-2026 | | | | | | | 2026-2027 | | |
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| | | Receipts | | Payments | | Receipts | | | Payments | | | | Receipts | Payments | |
| | | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 46 | Revenue Costs | | | 750.00 | | | | | | 750.00 | | 750.00 | 750.00 | | |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | 750.00 | | | | | | 750.00 | | 750.00 | 750.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Recycling | | Last Year 2024 - 2025 | | | | Current Year 2025-2026 | | | | | | | | 2026-2027 | |
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| | | Receipts | | Payments | | Receipts | | | | Payments | | | | Receipts | Payments |
| | | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 7 | Glass | 325.00 | 326.06 | | | 250.00 | 159.80 | 90.20 🟢 | 250.00 | | | | | 200.00 | |
| 8 | Paper | 75.00 | 53.30 | | | 50.00 | 26.65 | 23.35 🟢 | 50.00 | | | | | 30.00 | |
| 9 | Textiles | 100.00 | 155.70 | | | 125.00 | 6.72 | 120.00 🟢 | 126.72 | | | | | 100.00 | |
| SUB TOTAL | | 500.00 | 535.06 | | | 425.00 | 193.17 | 233.55 | 426.72 | | | | | 330.00 | 0.00 |

Summary

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| TOTAL | 22,738.74 | 40,076.79 | 29,959.79 | 32,588.87 | 27,652.58 | 45,112.61 | 568.55 | 45,681.16 | 31,181.85 | 16,922.17 | 16,918.38 | 33,638.55 | 31,573.68 | 31,573.68 |
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Agenda Item 207 Walking Infrastructure project

Suffolk Highways is still working on the design and costs for the pedestrian crossing element of the Walking Infrastructure project.

Agenda Item 209 Asset of Community Value

The 5-year classification of the Saracens Head being an Asset of Community Value runs out in early 2026. If the councillors wish to make a further application, then the following will need to be reviewed so that an application can be made to Babergh as well as supporting evidence of the Saracen's use by the community:

Demonstrating the community value of the asset

Why do you feel the property is an asset of community value?

Following the closure of the village shop / post office, the Saracens Head is the only venue in the village for residents to meet socially at a time of their choosing.

The Saracens Head is used by the community for many events and activities, as detailed below:

- Christmas Tree switch-on celebrations
- Karaoke events
- Christmas Eve Carols night
- Village Golfers 19th Hole
- Halloween party
- Quizzes
- Village Christmas meal
- Live music
- Charity events
- Remembrance Sunday event
- Poppy Collection point
- Post council meeting point
- Farmers / shoot events
- Seniors' weekly meal
- Wakes
- Civic celebrations.

In a survey conducted by Newton Parish Council in October 2015 with all households in the village, of the 85 households who responded (40% of the village), the following responses were received regarding the importance of the Saracens Head public house:

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| Very important | 50 - 62.5% |
| Important | 29 - 38.3% |
| Not important | 1 - 1.3% |

In February 2019, as part of Newton's Neighbourhood Plan consultation with villagers, an Amenities survey was undertaken. Of 102 responders on the question of using the Saracens Head:

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| Really | 31 - 30% |
| Weekly | 26 - 25% |
| Monthly | 20 - 20% |
| Fortnightly | 16 - 16% |
| Never | 8 - 8% |
| Daily | 1 - 1% |

On the question of Desired Amenities for the village of 70 responders, 46 (66%) voted for a Village Community Shop / Post Office in the village.

The survey responses are included in the Newton Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Appendix 2 Survey documents which can be found at www.newton-pc.gov.uk/home/np/reg-14/

In December 2020 the current owners of the Saracens converted part of the public house into a community shop which was well received and supported by both villages and the Parish Council. In March 2022, Babergh District Council adopted the Newton Neighbourhood Plan.

How could the building or land be used in future

Should the premises be put up for sale “not as an operational public house”, the Parish Council would ask that the community is given the opportunity to prepare a bid for a “community pub / shop” in line with the rights offered in the Localism Act.

In this scenario, if the community were able to purchase the premises, the opportunity to continue to operate the Saracens Head as both a public house and community shop will be in line with all the survey undertaken with villagers and is a major objective of the Newton Neighbourhood Plan.