

Associated Papers NPC for Meeting on 11th March 2026

Agenda Item 43 **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 45 **Councillor Vacancy**

There has been no application to fill the councillor vacancy.

Agenda Item 47 **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 48 **Clerk's Report**

Minute	Action	Complete ✓
26/024	Minutes sent to BRN and updated on website.	✓
26/029	Sent NPC's views on planning application to the LPA.	✓
26/030	Financials re Saracens sale provided to councillors.	✓
26/031 a	Suppliers paid.	✓
26/031 b	SLA signed and returned to Sudbury Town Council.	✓
26/032	Application made to Newton Green Trust.	✓
26/034	Policies and Procedures updated on website.	✓
26/035	Website updated with GoStart details.	✓
26/040	Clerk's appraisal filed with job holder and Chairman.	✓
	Clerk's Actions & Delegated Power	
	None.	
	Clerk Hours	
	1st April 2025 to 1st March 2026 - Paid 576 / Worked 602 / Holiday taken 36 hours.	

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Agenda Item 49c Planning Status

BDC Ref	Application	NPC Ref	NPC Response	BDC Response
DC/25/04864	Land West Of Manders Auctions, Assington Road - Change of use of land. Erection of 9No. single-storey dwellings (including 4No. Affordable). Improvements to access and public highway (including pedestrian crossing, new footpath provision etc. Biodiversity enhancements.	25/203a 26/006a 26/029b	Object Object Object	
Appeal Reference: 6001473	1A Links View - Appeal of refusal for the erection of a garage/workshop.	25/203b	Noted	Dismissed 24/02/2026
DC/25/04963	Land Rear Of Juglans, Sudbury Road - Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) of Planning Permission DC/22/05206 dated: 15.12.2022 - Erection of 6No single storey dwellings, ancillary outbuildings and alterations to existing vehicular access	25/203c 26/029c	Support Support	
DC/25/05504	Village Hall, The Green - Resurfacing of car park.	26/029a	Support	

Agenda Item 51a RFO Report

Payments made since last meeting

Purchase Card	Krystal – Website hosting	£ 8.40
Purchase Card	Microsoft – Office 365	£ 10.21
Purchase Card	Monthly fee January	£ 3.00
Unity Trust	Service Charge February	£ 6.00

Receipts received since last meeting

NONE

Bank Reconciliation at 28/02/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		37,365.79
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2025 - 28/02/2026		48,196.83
			85,562.62
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2025 - 28/02/2026		24,282.05
A	Cash in Hand 28/02/2026 (per Cash Book)		61,280.57
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/01/2026	0.00	
	Unity Trust Bank - Current Account 28/02/2026	1,779.93	
	Unity Trust Bank - Savings Account 28/02/2026	59,500.64	
	Lloyds Corporate Purchasing Card 28/02/2026	0.00	
			61,280.57
	Less unrepresented payments		61,280.57
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		61,280.57
	A = B Checks out OK		

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Newton Parish Council Summary of Receipts and Payments Summary - Cost Centres Only

Cost Centre	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
Administration			0.00 (N/A)	3,934.00	2,971.18	962.82 (24%)	962.82
Annual Subscription			0.00 (N/A)	550.00	531.59	18.41 (3%)	18.41
Asset Management			0.00 (N/A)	4,510.00	1,047.00	3,463.00 (76%)	3,463.00
CIL		17,915.75	17,915.75 (179157)		3,158.83	-3,158.83 (-31588)	14,756.92
Clerk Salary			0.00 (N/A)	15,212.85	10,556.71	4,656.14 (30%)	4,656.14
Digital			0.00 (N/A)	860.00	930.06	-70.06 (-8%)	-70.06
Donations			0.00 (N/A)	800.00	918.00	-118.00 (-14%)	-118.00
Grants	212.64	213.00	0.36 (0%)			0.00 (N/A)	0.36
Open Spaces			0.00 (N/A)	4,565.00	2,816.40	1,748.60 (38%)	1,748.60
Other Income	535.00	739.64	204.64 (38%)			0.00 (N/A)	204.64
Other Payments			0.00 (N/A)			0.00 (N/A)	0.00
Precept	26,479.94	26,479.94	0.00 (N/A)			0.00 (N/A)	0.00
Projects & Events			0.00 (N/A)	750.00		750.00 (100%)	750.00
Recycling	425.00	269.01	-155.99 (-36%)			0.00 (N/A)	-155.99
NET TOTAL	27,652.58	45,617.34	17,964.76 (64%)	31,181.85	22,929.77	8,252.08 (26%)	26,216.84

Total for ALL Cost Centres	45,617.34	22,929.77
V.A.T.	2,579.49	1,352.28
GROSS TOTAL	48,196.83	24,282.05

Committed Spending						
Meeting Date	Minute	Supplier	Cost Net	VAT	Total	Budget
10/07/24	24/114	Newton PCC	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00	Donations
12/11/25	25/191	LUC	£9,608.81	£1,921.76	£11,530.57	CIL
11/02/26	26/032	Suffolk Highways	£20,000.00	£0.00	£20,000.00	CIL
			£29,808.81	£1,921.76	£31,730.57	

Payments for your authorisation

	Net	VAT	Gross	Budget
DF Crimmin	£169.49	£0.00	£169.49	Admin Expenses
DF Crimmin	£2,578.20	£0.00	£2,578.20	Salary
DF Crimmin	£78.00	£0.00	£78.00	WFHA
HMRC	£940.54	£0.00	£940.54	Clerk Tax & Er's NI
Garden Arbs	£450.00	£90.00	£540.00	Footpath Maintenance

Agenda Item 51b Babergh bin collection costs

Babergh wrote to you on 17th February as follows:

Annual price increase for litter and dog bin emptying services.

I am writing to inform you of the annual price review for our litter and dog bin emptying service.

The current charge for emptying bins in Babergh is **£83** per bin per annum (£1.60 per week). As litter and dog waste require the same level of staffing, collection, vehicle use and disposal, we continue to apply a single charge for emptying either type of bin.

Following our review, the proposed cost for 2026/27 is **£108.00** per bin per annum. These charges are subject to ratification by Cabinet in February and, if approved, will take effect from 1 April 2026.

Even at this revised rate, the service remains significantly subsidised by the Council. To fully reflect the true cost of collection and disposal, the annual charge would need to be £175 per bin.

Upon receiving this email, please kindly confirm your agreement to continue with the service from April 2026.

If you would find it helpful to review the number or placement of bins within your Town or Parish—particularly if there may be opportunities to rationalise provision—we would be happy to support you. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss this further.

They wrote again on 27th February 2026 apologising for not notifying you before you had submitted your Precept request.

Agenda 51c Asset Register

Please find attached a copy of the Asset Register as at 3rd March 2026.

Agenda Item 52 Walking Infrastructure project

To date, applications have been made to the National Lottery (£20,000) and Sport England (£15,000) for grants towards the project. Sport England has confirmed that the project does fully meet their criteria in relation to Delivery, Capability and Impact on Physical Activity.

The following commitments have been confirmed:

- SCC has agreed to pay for the costs (£25,956) of relocating the bus stop and shelter on the Green.
- Babergh has confirmed that Suffolk Highways will be able to apply for up to £100,000 towards the cost of the new footpath and widening of existing footpath
- Newton Green Trust has committed £80,000 towards the scheme
- NPC has committed £20,000 towards the scheme.

To date, £225,956 has been committed towards the cost of £313,015.

James Finch is in discussions with SCC Active Travel for a grant towards the scheme.

Agenda Item 54 Maintenance Programme

I have contacted Broxap, the suppliers of the Forever Fit equipment and Wicksteed, the play equipment suppliers with regard to maintenance / service in light of the RoSPA report.

Broxap will charge:

- £545 + VAT for the annual service
- £368 + VAT for resetting the Chest Press.

Wicksteed will visit free of charge and fix the items in the RoSPA report:

- Climber, Frame & Net (PICUS6PF Pick Up Sticks 1 with steel feet) – rub down affected timber
- Rocker seesaw (Springboard See-Saw) - replace missing cap
- Rocker seat (Pixie Spring Mobile) – replace missing cap
- Multiplay (S901-39174 Special Planet Jungle) – apply the required chamfer to the edge of the slide
- Rubbing down the affected timber on the Pickup Sticks 1 unit.

They advise that the “loose eye bolts” on the Tango Seat on the Swing are designed with a slight bit of twisting on them therefore there are no works required for this item.

They have given us a maintenance guide for the zip wire and the swirl roundabout, which had major services and replacement parts last year, for our action.

Agenda Item 55 Asset replacements

I will replace the litter bin in the play equipment area, damaged over winter, with a bi similar to the one outside the MUGA. Will also replace signage on entry to playing field and in the Forever Fit area.

Agenda Item 56 Litter Pick & Coffee Morning

The litter pick will take place at 8.30am on Saturday 28th March starting from the Village Hall. I will prepare the Risk Assessment for the event and prepare the bacon rolls.

We need help in the kitchen to prepare the tea coffees from 9.15am

This leads us to the coffee morning which is due to start at 10am. This year the event will be used by the Neighbourhood Plan working party to present villagers with an outline of the project and start the consultation process. Cllr Presland's itinerary is as follows:

Start time for the workshop Tea / coffee on arrival.

10.00 Welcome & introductions. PPR

10.10 Why do we need to review and modify our plan ? PPR

10.45. Babergh Perspective. Councillor Parker

11.00. Break out sessions Working party.

11.45. Plenary, next steps PPR

Things we will need.

2 colour copies of original NNP for reference.

Display boards to show key components of the Plan. (will require disassembling a full plan)

Projector & Screen

Post its & pencils for recording ideas from villagers.

Slides for presentation. 1.Front cover. TODAY. TOMORROW TOGETHER.

2. Slide showing our policies.

3. Slide showing achievements

4. Slide showing housing development to date.

