

**DRAFT NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at Newton Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors Rita Schwenk (Chairman), Louise Evers, Rebecca Major (from Item 26/068), Janys Sherwood and Phil Taylor.

**Attending:** James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor), Lee Parker (Babergh District Councillor) and Dave Crimmin (Clerk).

**26/064 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Bower and Presland (holidays) sent their apologies.

**26/065 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation**

Cllr Evers declared a pecuniary interest in Item 26/071a, as she is a neighbour of the applicant, and left the room while the item was reviewed. No requests for dispensation were received.

**26/066 Minutes of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

The councillors approved the meeting minutes and resolved that the chairman should sign them as a correct record.

**26/067 Councillor Vacancy**

The councillors reviewed the application from Rebecca Major to be co-opted to NPC. The councillors unanimously resolved to co-opt Rebecca, and she completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took her seat as a member of the council. Cllr Major declared a pecuniary interest in Item 26/071a, as she is a neighbour of the applicant, and left the room while the item was reviewed.

**26/068 Public Participation**

The councillors reviewed James Finch's previously submitted report, and he updated councillors on Public Right of Way grants, the LGR, 98% of applicants were allocated their first choice school, measles jabs and more investment into Suffolk's key roads. Lee Parker updated councillors on LGR and the progress of the Manders planning application. He is still awaiting an update on why NPC was not included in the planning consultation for application DC/26/00074.

As this would be James Finch's final council meeting before retiring from public service, the Chairman thanked James for all his support over the past 17 years.

**26/069 Emails circulated**

Following a review of the emails circulated there was no further actions requested of the Clerk.

**26/070 Clerk's Report (Appendix A)**

Following a review of the Clerk's report there were no further actions requested of the Clerk. The councillors noted the 112.7 unpaid hours that the Clerk worked in 2025 / 2026.

**26/071 Planning**

- a. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application DC/26/00898 Land Rear Of Brook Farm, Sudbury Road** - Change of use of land (Part) and erection of 1 No Self build dwelling and ancillary outbuilding, utilising existing (shared) access and unanimously resolved that they objected to the application as it did not comply with the Newton Neighbourhood Plan in several areas, as outlined below.

**Consultation with Newton Parish Council (NPC)**

There has not been any consultation with the applicant prior to the application being issued by the LPA, and neither he nor his agent attended the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026 when it was reviewed by the council.

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**Newton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NNDP)**

- **23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021** - Ann Skippers MRTPI produced the Independent Examiner's Report for the NNDP. Her report concluded ***"I am satisfied that the NNDP, subject to the modifications I have recommended, meets the basic conditions and the other statutory requirements outlined earlier in this report. I therefore consider that the NNDP should proceed to a referendum based on the Newton Neighbourhood Plan area as approved by Babergh District Council on 23 March 2018."***
- **24<sup>th</sup> February 2022** - 131 (87.92%) of the votes cast answered "Yes" to the question ***"Do you want Babergh District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Newton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"***
- **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022** - Babergh District Council agreed to adopt (make) the NNDP.

**Issues that NPC have with the Planning Application**

- i. The application is for the development of single, large, self-build dwelling and the councillors do not consider this to be in accord with:

***NNDP POLICY NEWT 1: DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY***

- 1. New development proposals in Newton should be commensurate with its designation as a hinterland village. Development will be prioritised on underused parcels of land within the defined settlement boundary (as shown on the Policies Map) and must reflect the character of the surrounding area.***
- 2. Proposals for development located outside the settlement boundary will only be permitted where they are in accordance with national, District or neighbourhood level policies.***

as the proposed development is outside the defined BUAB for Newton. After reviewing the application, the councillors did not consider that the applicant has justified how this proposal is in accordance with the current National, District or Neighbourhood level policies. The councillors consider that this application does not comply with the Joint Local Plan Part 1.

The councillors have deep reservations on this type of application, that seeks to use a small section of an existing garden, which delimits the BUAB, and then use a much larger area of countryside on which to build a dwelling. With most of Newton's BUAB surrounded by fields, giving permission to this type of application could see the erosion of the BUAB, not only in Newton but in the district of Babergh.

- ii. The councillors consider that the proposal does not meet the criteria of the **NNDP Section 6.11** which states:  
***"Development outside the settlement boundary should only be permitted where it is an appropriate use in the countryside (as defined by various policies in the Emerging Joint Local Plan) or demonstrates that it provides clear benefits to the community of Newton which cannot be met within the settlement boundary. This could be in the form of affordable housing for people with a local connection (see below) or the provision of a facility that will address a clear need which is lacking in the community, e.g. a community shop. The settlement boundary is shown in Map 3."***

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as the proposal does not offer any benefits to the residents of Newton. A significantly large self-build dwelling, outside the BUAB, built by a property developer for his own use, appears to only suit the applicant.

- iii. The councillors consider that the proposal is contrary to **NNDP Section 6.26** which states:

***“One particularly notable feature of the residential development in Newton – mainly in Character Areas 3 to 5 – is the presence of private gardens. Whilst not an uncommon feature for most areas, these are particularly sensitive areas in Newton, as most development has been – and will continue to be – infill development. As a result, large residential gardens could be brought forward for development. In most cases, such development would result in the unacceptable loss of residential gardens through development ‘cramming’. Not only would this result in a loss of amenity for residents but would have a major detrimental impact on the setting of the character areas of Newton, a rural village. It is therefore necessary for policy to prevent such development.”***

as the proposal uses an existing garden and, in their opinion, would result in cramming and have a major detrimental impact on the setting of the area.

- iv. The councillors do not consider that the proposed development is required for the housing need in Newton as the **NNDP Section 6.8** states that:

***The housing requirement for Newton, as set out in Policy SP04 of the Emerging Joint Local Plan is a minimum of 23 homes over the period to 2037. Given the 30 units either completed or in the planning pipeline (as shown and described in Map 2), Newton has achieved its minimum requirement already.***

Whilst the councillors accept that the minimum number of 23 homes is indicative, they would also point out that since the NNDP was adopted by Babergh in March 2022, the number of units either completed or in the planning pipeline is now 37, as follows:

1. Redhouse Farm	Phase 1	9 dwellings completed
	Phase 2	8 dwellings completed
2. Alston Close		4 affordable dwellings completed
3. Marks Meadow		3 dwellings constructed
4. Airey Close		2 dwellings constructed
5. Brook Farm		2 dwellings constructed
6. Jordans		1 dwelling constructed
7. Juglans (DC/22/05206)		6 dwellings being constructed
8. Links View (DC/23/00577)		1 dwelling constructed
9. Fairways (DC/23/01081)		1 dwelling to be constructed.

- v. The councillors consider that whilst **NNDP Policy NEWT 2** allows for development outside the settlement boundary for rural exception sites as follows:

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1. **Proposals for the development of small-scale affordable housing schemes on rural exception sites outside the settlement boundary, where housing would not normally be permitted by other policies, will be supported where there is a proven local need and provided that the housing:**
  - a. **remains affordable in perpetuity;**
  - b. **is for people that are in housing need because they are unable to buy or rent properties in Newton village at open-market prices;**
  - c. **is offered, in the first instance, to people with a demonstrated local connection, as defined by the Babergh Choice Based Lettings Scheme. Where there is no local connection, a property should then be offered to those with a demonstrated need for affordable housing in neighbouring villages.**
2. **These restrictions should be delivered through a legal agreement attached to the planning consent for the housing. Applications for such development will be considered in relation to the appearance and character of the surrounding area, the potential impact on residential amenity and highway safety.**
3. **To be acceptable, proposals should demonstrate that a local need exists which cannot be met by applying normal planning policy for the provision of affordable homes in association with market housing. Any application for affordable housing in respect of this policy should be accompanied by a detailed needs assessment and the accommodation proposed should contribute to meeting this proven need.**
4. **In exceptional circumstances, a small number of market homes will be permitted where demonstrated that these are financially essential to facilitate the delivery of affordable units.**

the councillors consider that the proposal does not demonstrate that a “proven local further need” exists for a dwelling in Newton. **NEWT 2** requires the applicant to demonstrate that a local Newton need exists and no evidence has been put forward in the application to demonstrate a need.

- vi. The councillors do not consider that the proposed dwelling complies with:

***NNDP POLICY NEWT 3: CHARACTER AND DESIGN OF DEVELOPMENT***

2. ***The design and layout of development must recognise key features of the landscape, built character and heritage and seek to reflect these through:***
  - a. ***the use of good quality materials that complement the existing palette of materials used within the area; and***
  - b. ***the scale and mass of buildings being in keeping with those that surround them.***

as it does not respect the setting of the heritage properties surrounding the site, and the scale and the mass of the proposal not being in keeping with the existing dwellings surrounding the site.

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- b. The council has received no further planning application since the agenda was posted, requiring a response before the next meeting.
- c. The councillors reviewed the status of previous applications, appeals and enforcement referrals (Appendix B).

**26/072 Saracens Head**

There has not been any further update on the sale of the Saracens Head.

**26/073 Finance**

- a. The councillors reviewed the Bank Reconciliation and the Receipts and Payments Account (Appendix C) for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 and resolved to accept them as an accurate record.
- b. The councillors reviewed and resolved to accept the Internal Audit report produced by Heelis & Lodge for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 which had no recommended actions.
- c. The councillors resolved that Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2025 / 2026 (Appendix D) was approved and the Chairman signed the section on behalf of NPC.
- d. The councillors resolved that Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2025 / 2026 (Appendix E) was approved and the Chairman signed the section on behalf of NPC.
- e. The councillors resolved to approve the amended explanation of the quantified significant variances in relation to Section 2 of Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2025 / 2026. The councillors also noted that the period for public inspection of NPC's records will be from 3<sup>rd</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026.
- f. The councillors reviewed the Earmarked Reserves as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 (Appendix F) and agreed that the items should be carried forward.
- g. The councillors reviewed the 2025 / 2026 CIL Return for Babergh (Appendix G) and resolved that it be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- h. The councillors authorised all payments made and due for authorisation, as itemised in the RFO Report (Appendix H) as well as the payment of £245 to Heelis & Lodge for the Internal Audit. They also noted the income received since the last meeting.

**26/074 Walking Infrastructure Project**

The Clerk updated councillors that the applications to the National Lottery, Sport England and the local charity were all unsuccessful. The following commitments have been confirmed:

- SCC Transport 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
- Suffolk County Council has confirmed that they will provide the remaining funding from the Local Transport Grant.

Therefore, the £313,015 +VAT costs of the scheme are fully covered.

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The legal issues relating to the land for the new footpath and Suffolk Highways undertaking the project, are now being discussed.

**26/075                      Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Schwenk updated councillors on the meeting with residents at the council's coffee morning on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026, where a presentation and feedback was gathered from over 40 residents. The NPWG has now 7 members and they are working on a questionnaire for villagers to give their feedback on the existing NP policies.

**26/076                      Walk of the Parish**

Babergh has agreed to the installation of a further dog bin on the road to the Golf Club near the dog poo bag dispenser. Councillors resolved to purchase a new dog bin within a budget of £200 including installation.

**26/077                      Village Hall and Trust updates**

Cllr Taylor informed councillors that the Trust are now reviewing the easement for access to land north of Brook Farm and the alignment of the golf course in relation to a neighbour's properties. Cllr Schwenk updated councillors that the Village Hall had found a new treasurer and that their AGM was on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

**26/078                      Annual Parish Assembly**

The councillors resolved that refreshments be served at the end of the Annual Parish Assembly which is being held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**26/079                      Questions to the Chair**

There were no questions raised.

**26/080                      Next meetings**

NPC's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

**The meeting closed at 9.07pm.**

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Minute	Action	Complete ✓
26/031 b	Awaiting the SLA to be counter signed by Sudbury Town Council.	
26/044	Minutes sent to BRN and updated on website.	✓
26/049 a	Sent NPC's views on planning application to the LPA.	✓
26/051 a	Suppliers paid.	✓
26/051 b	Babergh agreed to new dog bin location.	✓
26/054	Maintenance completed on MUGA and Play Equipment. Awaiting date for Forever Fitness Equipment maintenance. New batteries purchased for SID, but fault not resolved so being sent to manufacture for an assessment.	
26/055	New litter bin purchase for play equipment area and is awaiting installation. New signage has not be ordered to date.	
26/057	New council mobile phone purchased 07550 030175. Will be rolled out on stationery, notices, website and access controls from 1st April 2026.	✓
26/059	Year plan updated on website.	✓
	<b>Clerk's Actions &amp; Delegated Power</b>	
	SID batteries purchased and return to base costs approved after consulting Chairman.	
	<b>Clerk Hours</b>	
	1st April 2025 to 29th March 2026 - Paid 624 / Worked 669.5 / Holiday taken 36 hours. *	

**Appendix B 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	
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	Permission 04/03/2026
DC/25/05504	Village Hall, The Green - Resurfacing of car park.	26/029a	Support	Withdrawn 19/03/2026
DC/25/05260	Valley Farm, Valley Road - Erection of agricultural building (retention of).	26/049a	Object	

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	<b>Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2026</b>		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		37,365.79
	<b>ADD</b> Receipts 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026		48,789.87
			86,155.66
	<b>SUBTRACT</b> Payments 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026		29,490.91
<b>A</b>	<b>Cash in Hand 31/03/2026</b> (per Cash Book)		<b>56,664.75</b>
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/03/2026	0.00	
	Lloyds Corporate Purchasing Card 31/03/2026	0.00	
	Unity Trust Bank - Savings Account 31/03/2026	54,801.87	
	Unity Trust Bank - Current Account 31/03/2026	1,862.88	
			<b>56,664.75</b>
	Less unrepresented payments		
			56,664.75
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
<b>B</b>	<b>Adjusted Bank Balance</b>		<b>56,664.75</b>
	<b>A = B Checks out OK</b>		

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**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Opening Balance		
Balance at Bank	37,365.79	
Cash in Hand		
Precept Demand	26,479.94	
CIL Receipts	17,915.75	
Footpath Cutting Grant	213.00	
SCC Locality		
BDC Locality		
Other Grants		
Glass	315.52	
Paper	53.30	
Textiles	192.00	
Bank Interest	905.87	
Allotment Rent	135.00	
Other Income		
Net Salary		10,313.64
Clerk Tax		2,578.20
Clerk NI		
Clerk Pension		
Employers NI		1,183.77
Employers Pension		
Clerk WFHA		312.00
Bank Service Charge		88.00
Office Expenses		582.07
Mileage Costs		
Election Costs		
Audit Fees		430.00
Insurance		1,739.51
Refreshments		77.09
Village Hall Hire		405.00
Training Costs		
SALC		294.59
Community Action Suffolk		
SLCC		190.00
ICO		47.00
Asset Purchases		
Asset Maintenance		
Litter, Dog & Grit Bin Maintenance		
Footpath Grass Maintenance		450.00
War Memorial Hedging Maintenance		100.00
Village Sign Hedging Maintenance		100.00
Christmas Parcels		100.00

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	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
RBL Poppy Day	100.00	
Software Licences	757.57	
Website Hosting	55.00	
Email Hosting	42.00	
Domain Registration	72.00	
Laptop Maintenance	73.00	
Revenue Costs		
Community Warden Hours	682.50	
Community Warden Mileage Costs	50.70	
Community Warden Installation Costs		
Play Equipment Inspection	152.00	
Play Equipment Maintenance		
MUGA Maintenance		
Forever Fitness Maintenance	395.00	
Litter & Dog Bin Emptying	1,245.00	
Recreation Ground Grass & Hedge Main	540.00	
Dog Poop Bag Consumables	275.00	
Defibrillator Consumables		
SID Maintenance	159.92	
Allotments Maintenance	500.00	
Other Donations	718.00	
Legal Costs		
VAT Refund		
War Memorial Maintenance		
War Memorial		
Donation to Village Hall		
CIL Expenditure	3,158.83	
VAT	2,579.49	1,523.52
	<b>48,789.87</b>	<b>29,490.91</b>
<b>Closing Balances:</b>		
Balances in Bank Account		56,664.75
Cash in Hand		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86,155.66</b>	<b>86,155.66</b>

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the council as at 31 Mar 2026

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Responsible Financial Officer

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Appendix D    AGAR Section 1**

**Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26**

We acknowledge as the members of:

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our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026, that:

	Agreed		*Yes' means that this authority:
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		<i>prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</i>
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		<i>made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.</i>
3. We have assured ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	✓		<i>has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.</i>
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		<i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.</i>
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		<i>considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.</i>
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		<i>arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.</i>
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		<i>responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.</i>
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		<i>disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.</i>
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A
			✓
10. We have put in place arrangements for the effective IT and data management in accordance with proper practices during the year under review.	✓		<i>has made suitable arrangements for its IT and data management and has complied with proper practices in doing so.</i>

\*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

DD/MM/YYYY

and recorded as minute reference:

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Signed by the Chair and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chair                      SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Clerk                      SIGNATURE REQUIRED

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2026 £	
1. Balances brought forward	27,207	37,366	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value <b>must</b> agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	21,451	26,480	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	23,876	22,310	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	12,960	14,076	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	22,208	15,415	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	37,366	56,665	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. <b>must</b> equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	37,366	56,665	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – <b>To agree with bank reconciliation.</b>
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	195,487	195,487	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	
11 Do the figures in the accounting statements above exclude any trust transactions?	✓		For guidance refer to the Practitioners' Guide sections 2.31 to 2.33.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2026 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date

01/04/2026

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

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as recorded in minute reference:

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Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

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**Appendix F   Earmarked Reserves**

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**Reserves Balance**  
2025-2026

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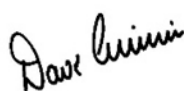
<u>Reserve</u>	<u>OpeningBalance</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Spend</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>CurrentBalance</u>
<b>Earmarked</b>					
Election Costs	1,500.00				1,500.00
Legal Fees	1,000.00				1,000.00
Newsletter	2,520.00	-360.00			2,160.00
CIL	13,517.34		3,158.83	17,915.75	28,274.26
Asset Replacement	2,000.00				2,000.00
<b>Total Earmarked</b>	<b>20,537.34</b>	<b>-360.00</b>	<b>3,158.83</b>	<b>17,915.75</b>	<b>34,934.26</b>
<b>TOTAL RESERVE</b>	<b>20,537.34</b>	<b>-360.00</b>	<b>3,158.83</b>	<b>17,915.75</b>	<b>34,934.26</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					21,730.49
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					56,664.75

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**DRAFT NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at Newton Village Hall**Appendix G CIL Return**

<b>Neighbourhood CIL Expenditure Report</b>		
<b>Newton Parish Council</b>		
<b>Reporting Year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026</b>		
A	Total CIL Income carried over from previous year	£13,517.34
B	Total CIL income received (receipts)	£17,915.75
C	Total CIL spent (expenditure)	£3,158.83
<b>D</b>	<b>Total CIL retained at year-end (A+B-C)</b>	<b>£28,274.26</b>
<b>Neighbourhood CIL Expenditure</b>		
	Item / Purpose	Amount Spent
	Play equipment maintenance	£2,908.83
	Neighbourhood Plan consultancy	£250.00
	<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>£3,158.83</b>
<b>Neighbourhood CIL – Details of Allocated Funds (not yet spent)</b>		
	Item / Purpose	Allocated
	Neighbourhood Plan consultancy	£8,274.26
	Walking Infrastructure project	£20,000.00
	<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>£28,274.26</b>
Signed	 DF Crimmin	Parish Clerk
Signed	Paul Presland	Chairman
	1st April 2026	

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Purchase Card	Krystal – Website hosting	£ 8.40
Purchase Card	Microsoft – Office 365	£ 10.21
Purchase Card	Parish Online – mapping software	£ 64.80
Purchase Card	Monthly fee February	£ 3.00
Elan City	SID batteries	£191.90
Sudbury TC	Community Warden costs Q4	£212.16
Unity Trust	Service Charge March	£ 7.00

**Receipts received since last meeting**

Babergh	Recycling	£291.81
Unity Trust	Interest	£301.23

**Payments for your authorisation**

	Net	VAT	Gross	Budget
Premier Sports	£495.00	£99.00	£594.00	MUGA maintenance
Elan City	£258.04	£51.61	£309.65	SID diagnostics check
Newton VH	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	Donation for wi-fi

**End of Appendices**

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