

NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 10th June 2026 at Newton Village Hall

Present: Councillors Paul Presland (Chairman), Louise Evers, Janys Sherwood and Phil Taylor.
Attending: Lee Parker (Babergh District Councillor), Dave Crimmin (Clerk) and 1 resident.

26/106 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Bower, Major and Schwenk sent their apologies as did Philip Faircloth-Mutton (Suffolk County Councillor).

26/107 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

No interests were declared and no request for dispensation was received.

26/108 Minutes of Meeting held on 13th May 2026

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

26/109 Public Participation

The Clerk read Philip Faircloth-Mutton's submitted report which covered the Walking Infrastructure project, the new SCC administration, LGR and SCC's Environmental agenda. Lee Parker updated councillors on the new waste collection arrangements, CIL distribution and the Babergh leadership. A resident asked questions in relation to a development he is proposing. It was suggested that he attends a meeting formally to update councillors on his plans and ensure that he has taken the Newton Neighbourhood Plan into account within his proposals.

26/110 Emails circulated

Following a review of the emails circulated it was agreed to include the Local Plan survey in the July meeting's agenda.

26/111 Clerk's Report (Appendix A)

Following a review of the Clerk's report there were no further actions requested of the Clerk.

26/112 Planning

- a. The council has received no further planning application since the agenda was posted, requiring a response before the next meeting.
- b. The councillors reviewed the status of previous applications, appeals and enforcement referrals (Appendix B). The councillors also agreed to let the agent of the Manders application know that NPC first discussed Babergh's indicative number of 86 new dwellings in Newton at the meeting on the 9th April 2025.

26/113 Saracens Head

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

26/114 Finance

- a. The councillors authorised all payments made and due for authorisation, as itemised in the RFO Report (Appendix C). They also noted the income received since the last meeting, the bank reconciliation, reserves and the actual vs. budget for receipts and payments.

26/115 Walking Infrastructure Project

The Clerk updated councillors on his meeting with Suffolk Highways, Suffolk Legal and Philip Faircloth-Mutton which reviewed the legalities of the proposed works on the Green. Suffolk Legal are currently seeking counsel's opinion on the options available. The councillors resolved that as it was legal opinion at this stage, this matter should be kept confidential between Newton Parish Council and Newton Green Trust as the owners of the Green.

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26/116 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Presland updated councillors on the distribution and plans for the collation of responses to the Housing and Parish surveys. The councillors were grateful for the work undertaken by members of the NP working party and the Clerk in getting 310 surveys out to all households in the village. With the surveys closing on the 21st June 2026, it is planned to have the Parish survey analysis on the agenda for the July meeting of the council and the results of the Housing survey presented to the village on Saturday 28th July 2026.

26/117 Walk of the Parish

Cllr Presland updated councillors that the issue of dog litter in and around the allotments had been discussed with an allotment holder and no further action is required at this time. The councillors will consider a meeting with the allotment tenants in the Autumn. Cllr Presland also stated that the tree plaques are repaired and would be placed on the Green shortly and the byelaws notice boards are being built.

The councillors were concerned that Cllr Evers responsibilities for maintaining the recreation ground on a daily basis were being ridiculed on the Newton Facebook page. It was agreed that as Chairman, Cllr Presland, would write a response on Facebook outlining the role that Cllr Evers undertakes for the Parish Council with regards to the Recreation Ground and that if any residents have any concerns on how the parish council's assets and amenities are being used, they should contact the Clerk as soon as possible.

26/118 Village Hall and Trust updates

Cllr Taylor informed councillors that works on the trees were complete, the lock to the gate in the field was being replaced and a Trust Newsletter is being produced for all the households that adjoin the Green. The ponds refurbishment will start again in September and the Coffee Moring on the 20th June 2026 has been cancelled. There was no Village Hall report.

26/119 Questions to the Chair

The councillors requested the Clerk to review what grants could be obtained from CIL and National Grid, once his fundraising activities for the Walking Infrastructure project are complete.

26/120 Next meetings

NPC's next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8th July 2026 in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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Minute	Action	Complete ✓
26/054	Forever Fitness Equipment maintained on 2nd June 2026.	✓
26/055	New signage has not be ordered to date.	
26/081	SALC updated with Chairman's details.	✓
26/085	Minutes sent to BRN and updated on website.	✓
	All changes of councillor appointments and roles updated on website and organisations	✓
26/088	Heelis & Lodge advised of appointment.	✓
26/091	SCC Faircloth-Mutton updated with details of the Walking Infrastructure project.	✓
26/094 a	Sent NPC's views on planning application to the LPA.	✓
26/096 a	Suppliers paid.	✓
26/096 b	Cllr Major still to be added to the Unity Trust mandate.	
26/096 c	Response to Pensions Regulator acknowledged.	✓
26/098	310 surveys containing Housing Survey and Parish Survey produced for distribution.	✓
26/104	SCC confirmed that buses are allowed to stop at points that are not bus stops providing that it is safe to do so and when the service is registered as "hail and ride" rather than at registered stopping points only. All the services through Newton are registered as hail and ride.	✓
	Clerk's Actions & Delegated Power	
	Elan City are awaiting stock of a new motherboard to repair the SID.	
	Clerk Hours	
	1st April to 31st May 2026 - Paid 108 / Worked 116.75 / Holiday taken 0 hours.	

Appendix B Planning Status

BDC Ref	Application	NPC Ref	NPC Response	BDC Response
DC/26/01603	Perrywood Garden Centre, Newton Road - Change of use of existing store building to retail sales at existing garden centre site, with replacement of roller shutter door with glazed auto door.	26/094a	Support	

Appendix C RFO Report**Payments made since last meeting**

Purchase Card	Krystal – Website hosting	£ 8.40
Purchase Card	Microsoft – Office 365	£ 10.21
Purchase Card	1p Mobil – Monthly charge	£ 10.00
Purchase Card	Amazon – Stationery	£ 30.59
Purchase Card	Glasdon – Dog Bin	£185.96
Purchase Card	Monthly fee April	£ 3.00
Unity Trust	Service Charge May	£ 7.00

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A	Bank Reconciliation at 31/05/2026		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026		56,664.75
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2026 - 31/05/2026		37,888.89
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2026 - 31/05/2026		94,553.64
			2,626.09
A	Cash in Hand 31/05/2026 (per Cash Book)		91,927.55
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/05/2026	0.00	
	Unity Trust Bank - Current Account 31/05/2026	10,125.68	
	Unity Trust Bank - Savings Account 31/05/2026	81,801.87	
	Lloyds Corporate Purchasing Card 31/05/2026	0.00	
			91,927.55
	Less unpresented payments		
B	Plus unpresented receipts		91,927.55
	Adjusted Bank Balance		91,927.55
	A = B Checks out OK		

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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)	4,287.00	484.71	3,802.29 (88%)	3,802.29
Annual Subscription			0.00 (N/A)	585.00	302.35	282.65 (48%)	282.65
Asset Management			0.00 (N/A)	4,360.00	1,256.55	3,103.45 (71%)	3,103.45
CIL		20,188.60	20,188.60 (20188%)			0.00 (N/A)	20,188.60
Clerk Salary			0.00 (N/A)	15,722.68		15,722.68 (100%)	15,722.68
Digital			0.00 (N/A)	1,019.00	31.02	987.98 (96%)	987.98
Donations			0.00 (N/A)	800.00	250.00	550.00 (68%)	550.00
Grants	213.00		-213.00 (-100%)			0.00 (N/A)	-213.00
Open Spaces			0.00 (N/A)	4,800.00		4,800.00 (100%)	4,800.00
Other Income	535.00		-535.00 (-100%)			0.00 (N/A)	-535.00
Other Payments			0.00 (N/A)			0.00 (N/A)	0.00
Precept	30,381.54	15,190.77	-15,190.77 (-50%)			0.00 (N/A)	-15,190.77
Projects & Events			0.00 (N/A)			0.00 (N/A)	0.00
Recycling	330.00	986.00	656.00 (198%)			0.00 (N/A)	656.00
NET TOTAL	31,459.54	36,365.37	4,905.83 (15%)	31,573.68	2,324.63	29,249.05 (92%)	34,154.88

Total for ALL Cost Centres	36,365.37	2,324.63
V.A.T.	1,523.52	301.46
GROSS TOTAL	37,888.89	2,626.09

Committed Spending						
Meeting Date	Minute	Supplier	Cost Net	VAT	Total	Budget
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
			£29,608.81	£1,921.76	£31,530.57	

Payments for your authorisation

	Net	VAT	Gross	Budget
Elan City	£62.04	£12.41	£74.45	Packaging
Broxap	£913.00	£182.60	£1095.60	Fitness Equipment maintenance
DF Crimmin			£78.00	WFHA April to June
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HMRC			£940.34	Tax & NI April to June

End of Appendices

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