

NEWTON IN THE ISLE

PARISH COUNCIL

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To Members of the Public and Press

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council
to be held in Newton Village Hall on **Tuesday 10 March 2026 at 7.30pm.**

Dave Gibbs

Clerk

5 March 2026

AGENDA

*All members are reminded that they will need to declare any personal or prejudicial interest
and reason before an item discussed at this meeting under the
Model Code of Conduct Order 2001 No 3576*

099/25 Apologies for Absence

To receive and consider apologies from those members not present

100/25 Chairman's Announcements

To receive such announcements as the Chairman may wish to make to the Council

101/25 Public Forum

*To receive representations from members of the public regarding issues pertinent to the
Council*

102/25 Minutes of the Previous Meetings

- a) *To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13
January*
- b) *To approve and sign the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held
on Tuesday 27 January*

103/25 County and District Councillors Reports

To receive reports from Cllrs A Osborn (CCC), B Barber, S Clark and C Seaton (FDC)

104/25 Police Matters

To receive a report from the Police on issues relating to crime and anti-social behaviour

105/25 Clerk's Report

To receive a report on meetings attended and correspondence received

106/25 Village Hall Report

To receive a report from Cllr K Simpson on matters relating to the Village Hall

107/25 Clarion Housing Group and Longhurst Group

To receive a report from Cllr B Simpson on recent meetings with Clarion Housing Group and Longhurst Group

108/25 Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field

To receive an update from the Clerk regarding matters relating to the Playing Field and to resolve accordingly

109/25 Outstanding Matters

To receive updates on matters raised previously and to resolve accordingly

- a) *Allocation of vacant allotments*
- b) *Village bus service*
- c) *Former Colville School site*
- d) *Bird deflectors on overhead power lines*
- e) *High Road overhanging vegetation*
- f) *Defibrillator training*
- g) *Gaymer’s Cider sign*
- h) *Bench at Blackdike Bridge*

110/25 Members’ and Residents’ Issues

To receive reports from the Clerk and Members on matters raised by local residents

111/25 Highways

- a) *To receive an update from the Clerk on highway maintenance issues*
- b) *To receive an update from the Clerk on the Local Highway Improvement application for 2025/26*
- c) *To receive an update from Cllr Giles on progress towards establishing a Community Speed Watch*
- d) *To consider an application under the County Council’s 20mph zone initiative*

112/25 Finance

To consider and resolve on the following matters:

- a) *To receive an updated financial statement for the period to the end of February*
- b) *To note the following sums received since the last meeting:*

<i>HMRC (VAT refund).....</i>	<i>£ 1,349.98</i>
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- c) *To note the following sums paid by direct debit since the last meeting:*

<i>HMRC (tax and national insurance).....</i>	<i>£ 177.44</i>
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- d) *To ratify the following payments issued since the last meeting:*

<i>100850 Fenland District Council (election charges)</i>	<i>£ 5,496.27</i>
<i>100851 Sam Johnson Landscapes (tree work).....</i>	<i><u>£ 1,200.00</u></i>
	<i>£ 6,696.27</i>
- e) *To consider charitable donations under Section 137 of the Local Government Act*
- f) *To approve the following payments which have been verified by the Clerk:*

<i>100852 D A Gibbs (salary February and March)</i>	<i>£ 916.44</i>
<i>100853 D A Gibbs (expenses)</i>	<i>£ 315.68</i>

100854	D Freeman (handyman).....	£	142.50
100855	CPRE (subscription).....	£	36.00
100856	Tydd St Giles CC&RG (hall hire).....	£	36.00
100857	Newton Village Hall (hall hire).....	£	<u>60.00</u>
		£	1,506.62

g) *To receive a report on progress towards the adoption of a 3-year plan*

113/25 Consultations

To note the following consultations and formulate appropriate responses if required:

- a) *Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government consultation on proposals for local government reorganisation in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough*
- b) *Fenland District Council Local Plan scoping consultation*

114/25 Annual Parish Meeting

To receive an update on plans for the Annual Parish Meeting 2026

115/25 Residents' Survey

To appoint a working group to oversee the publication of a survey of residents and to delegate authority accordingly

116/25 Community Events

To receive a report from Cllr B Simpson on plans for community events in the Playing Field

117/24 Policies and Procedures

To review the following policies and procedures and amend or re-adopt as required:

- a) *Equality and Diversity Policy*
- b) *Homeworking Policy*
- c) *Expenses Policy*
- d) *Website Accessibility Policy*

118/25 Confidential Item

To resolve to exclude the press and public from the following item by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Management of Council property

119/25 Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of the Council

Tuesday 12 May at 7.30pm

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Minutes of a Meeting of Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th January 2026

Present - Cllr B Simpson (in the Chair), R Bradley (from 087/25(b)), Cllr A Clark, Cllr S Clark, Cllr I Giles, Cllr B Simpson, Cllr K Simpson, Cllr C Seaton (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), 8 parishioners

077/25 Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Humphris, Cllr A Osborn (CCC), Cllr B Barber (FDC), PC D Lovitt (Cambs Police)

078/25 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

079/25 Public Forum

A resident expressed concern regarding the condition of the road outside the Village Hall and the debris left on the bonfire site in the Playing Field. The Chairman confirmed that she has reported the potholes to Highways for repair and the bonfire site will be cleared.

A resident asked about a village plan to identify potential sites for future development. The Clerk explained that the District Council has now withdrawn the emerging Local Plan and is about to restart the process of formulating a new plan.

A resident asked why no enforcement action had been taken on a long-standing breach of planning legislation. The Clerk explained that the District Council's planning enforcement team had experienced staffing issues that had impacted upon their capacity to take action. Cllr S Clark informed the meeting that the relevant officer had confirmed that he had visited the site and spoken to the owner.

A resident felt that the planning application for the Colville School site contained inaccurate information. The Chairman advised him to attend the Planning Committee meeting when the application is considered.

080/25 Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a) RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th November be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- b) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 30th December be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

081/25 County and District Councillors Reports

County - In Cllr Osborn's absence, there was no report.

District - Cllr Seaton reported that the District Council has been allocated £1.5 million from the Government's Pride in Place Impact Fund for children's play areas. The District Council is conducting an audit of its own sites to identify gaps in provision or areas where investment is required. Parishes are invited to submit their own proposals.

082/25 Police Matters

PC Lovitt submitted a report of recent incidents in the Parish. A suspicious male had been recorded snooping around a property in Church Lane. A suspicious vehicle was seen speeding through the village shortly before a machinery theft in Tydd St Giles. A resident at the meeting indicated that he might have CCTV footage of the stolen machinery from Tydd St Giles being transported through the village. There has also been a report of poaching.

PC Lovitt's report also reminded residents of the need to look out for incidents of hare coursing or vehicles suspected to be involved and to report all suspicious activity.

083/25 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on meetings attended and correspondence received, including a meeting with the Highway Project Officer responsible for the delivery of the Local Highway Improvement project to install a street light at the junction of Little Ramper and Sutton Road.

Correspondence included traffic orders for occasional closures of High Road from 5th January to 31st March, a temporary 40mph speed limit on part of High Road from 2nd to 6th February, closure of Church Lane, Tydd St Giles from 16th to 20th February, closure of Chapel Lane on 18th February, closure of Fen Road from 24th to 26th February, and closure of Church Lane from 25th to 27th February. Other items include the District Council's Civic Events diary, an update on the Local Plan, a Great Collaboration environmental survey from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils, a Community Energy workshop, the annual Community Buildings Conference and a membership renewal invitation from Cambridgeshire ACRE.

084/25 Village Hall Report

Cllr K Simpson reported that a new bookings secretary will be appointed when the new website is launched. The fire alarm has been serviced and faults rectified. The Christmas Fayre was successful and well-received. A Cockney Evening with stories of murder and mayhem is planned for March.

085/25 Clarion Housing Group Issues

Cllr B Simpson reported that she is working with Clarion on a range of issues. A property believed to be vacant will be boarded up to prevent unauthorised access. The path outside St James Close will be relaid, but not until 2027. Clarion officers are working with a tenant on the accumulation of scrap in a house and garden. Several breaches of tenancy agreements have been reported to Clarion and Longhurst Group and are being addressed.

By building a relationship with Clarion officers, Cllr B Simpson has been able to address some of the long-standing issues relating to their properties in the village.

086/25 Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field

- a) The Clerk provided an update regarding issues relating to the management and maintenance of the Playing Field. Due to the adverse weather conditions, no further work has been possible.
- b) Cllr B Simpson reminded Members that last year's Colour Run was arranged to provide memories for the family of her friend Kim Tarbie. Kim passed away shortly before Christmas. Following the success of the event, she offered to arrange more community events in the Playing Field, including a repeat of the Colour Run. An Easter Egg Hunt was also proposed. Members agreed to support regular events and to assist with running them.

087/25 Outstanding Matters

- a) Allocation of vacant allotments - One allotment has been allocated and one remains unallocated. Members asked the Clerk to advertise the availability of the final plot.
- b) Village bus service - The survey will be circulated shortly.
- c) Former Colville School site - The planning application has now been submitted and will come before the Council in due course.
- d) Bird deflectors on overhead power lines - The Clerk is awaiting a response from UK Power Networks.
- e) High Road overhanging vegetation - The Clerk confirmed that letters have been delivered to a number of properties. Progress will be monitored.
- f) Defibrillator training - A date will be confirmed shortly.
- g) Gaymer's Cider sign - The Clerk is looking for further documentation in the archives.

088/25 Members' and Residents' Issues

- a) Bench at Blackdike Bridge - A resident has asked whether it would be possible to install a bench at the southern end of the footbridge. Cllr S Clark has raised the matter with the North Level District Internal Drainage Board and they have given in principle approval. A site meeting will be arranged shortly.
- b) Dog waste bin at Brewers Lane junction with High Road - A resident has enquired about an additional bin.
- c) Facebook page - Cllr Giles thanked Cllr B Simpson for creating the Parish Council Facebook page and discussed ways in which it could be used. It was agreed that the page would serve as a notice board and that comments would not be permitted. Members also discussed the recent proliferation of anonymous posts on the village Facebook page. They asked the Clerk to contact the page moderators to suggest that the anonymous posting facility be disabled.

089/25 Highways

- a) The Clerk reported that work has started to address the backlog of repairs and he is working through the list of issues compiled during the recent walkabout with the new Highway Maintenance Officer.

- b) The Clerk advised Members that he met the Project Officer responsible for the delivery of the 2025/26 Local Highway Improvement project to install a street light at the junction of Little Ramper and the A1101. UK Power Networks will investigate the availability of a suitable power supply.
- c) Cllr Giles reported that he has contacted the Speedwatch Coordination Officer regarding the registration of the Community Speedwatch group. Several potential sites will be submitted for approval. Once the necessary paperwork has been completed, the Constabulary will provide the necessary equipment.
- d) Members considered potential projects for submission to the Local Highway Improvement scheme for 2026/27. In the absence of a suitable project, they resolved not to submit an application, but to consider options for future years and incorporate them in long-term planning.

090/25 Finance

- a) The Clerk presented an updated financial statement as at the end of December, showing income of £29,016.56 and expenditure of £18,513.19, resulting in a surplus of £10,503.37 and total funds held of £42,218.41.
- b) Members reviewed the quarterly financial reconciliation for the period to the end of December.
- c) Members noted the following sums received since the last meeting:

<i>Barclays Bank (interest)</i>	£ 109.47
<i>Newton Village Hall (rent)</i>	£ 1.00
<i>R Kublik (allotment rent)</i>	<u>£ 404.32</u>
	£ 514.79

- d) Members approved the following payments:

<i>100845 D A Gibbs (salary December and January)</i>	£ 916.44
<i>100846 D Freeman (handyman)</i>	£ 122.00
<i>100847 SJA Pest Control (mole removal)</i>	£ 258.00
<i>100848 Cambridgeshire ACRE (subscription)</i>	£ 74.50
<i>100849 Newton Village Hall (hall hire)</i>	<u>£ 30.00</u>
	£ 1,400.94
- e) Members considered the draft budget for 2026/27 prepared by the Clerk, showing a deficit of £17,310. The predicted balance to be carried forward from the current year is £42,627. They added provision of £3,000 for play or gym equipment and £2,000 for street furniture.
- f) After lengthy deliberation, Members resolved to approve the budget and to increase the precept by £7,000 to £33,000. The remaining deficit will be taken from the Council's reserves.

091/25 Consultations

Members noted the District Council's consultation on the draft business plan and budget for 2026/27 and resolved not to respond.

092/25 Annual Parish Meeting

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 27th May. Cllr B Simpson has invited Clarion Housing Group to attend to talk about their work. Members also suggested Cambridgeshire Constabulary or Cambridgeshire Highways.

093/25 Policies and Procedures

Members reviewed the following policies and procedures and resolved to re-adopt them:

- a) Data Protection Policy
- b) Publication Scheme
- c) Code of Conduct
- d) Biodiversity Policy

094/25 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm.

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Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 27th January 2026

Present - Cllr R Bradley (Chairman), Cllr A Clark, Cllr S Clark, Cllr I Giles (from 097/25), Cllr B Simpson, Cllr K Simpson, D Gibbs (Clerk), 14 parishioners

095/25 Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Humphris

096/25 Planning Applications

- a) F/YR26/0012/O - Erect up to 7 x dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) - Site of former Colville County Primary School, Church Lane, Newton-in-the-Isle

Residents expressed concerns about several aspects of the proposed development, including parking, drainage and flood risk, however these matters are not relevant at outline stage. Members noted that this brownfield site in the heart of the village has been derelict for almost 39 years and the proposed development is in keeping with neighbouring properties. Members resolved unanimously to support the application.

- b) F/YR26/0014/VOC - Variation of Conditions 02 (external materials), 03 (windows & doors), 04 (ecology), 05 (bat boxes), and 11 (approved plans) relating to planning application F/YR22/0957/F (Convert existing barn, and erect a link extension (to existing dwelling), erect a 2-storey building involving the demolition of existing piggery, to form 2 x annexes (2-storey 2-bed) ancillary to existing dwelling, and erect a double garage (part retrospective)) to allow for groundworks/drainage to start on site and implement the approval - Newton House, 217 High Road, Newton-in-the-Isle

See below.

- c) F/YR26/0016/VOC - Variation of Conditions 02 (external materials), 03 (windows & doors) and 04 (approved plans) relating to planning application F/YR22/0958/LB (Works to a listed building involving: Convert existing barn, and erect a link extension (to existing dwelling), erect a 2-storey building involving the demolition of existing piggery, to form 2 x annexes (2-storey 2-bed) ancillary to existing dwelling, and erect a double garage) to allow for groundworks/drainage to start on site and implement the approval - Newton House, 217 High Road, Newton-in-the-Isle

Members considered the two applications together, which they agreed were limited in their impact on the overall proposals and resolved to offer no objection.

- d) F/YR26/0032/F - Erect a detached garage with 1-bed annexe above ancillary to existing dwelling - 239A High Road, Newton-in-the-Isle

Members considered this application. They noted that the location does not impact upon the street scene or neighbouring properties, but expressed concern regarding the location of the entrance to the dwelling that seems at odds with the proposed use as an “annexe for family member of applicant.” On balance, Members resolved to offer no objection.

097/25 Finance

- a) The Clerk updated Members on issues that have arisen since the meeting on 13th January. The District Council has submitted an invoice for £5,496.27 being the cost of the recent election. The playground contractor has submitted a revised quotation of £19,845.45, an increase of £2,400 on the 2024 prices.

Taking these figures into account, the revised budget shows an anticipated carry-forward from 2025/26 of £1,242 and a projected deficit for 2026/27 of £21,877, reducing the funds held as at 31st March 2027 to £14,049, based on the 2025/26 precept level of £26,000.

The Clerk reminded Members that the District Council pays the precept in two equal instalments in April and October, but the majority of the Council’s expenditure, almost 80% of the predicted annual expenditure for 2026/27, is incurred during the first six months of the financial year, so cash flow becomes a factor when reserves are reduced to this level. The Council is not liable for VAT on normal expenditure, but must pay and reclaim the VAT, which must also be taken into account in cash flow calculations.

- b) Members considered the revised draft budget. They agreed that the revised year-end balance of £14,049 was insufficient to address unforeseen expenditure and that a further election could leave the Council unable to meet its obligations. After lengthy deliberation, Members resolved reluctantly by a majority vote to remove the planned additional expenditure of £5,000 agreed at the meeting on 13th January and to increase the precept by a further £8,000 to £41,000.

098/25 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm.

Agenda Item No.	105/25	NEWTON IN THE ISLE PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Date	10 March 2026	
Report Title	Clerk's Report	

1. Purpose of Report

To report on meetings attended and correspondence received.

2. Key Issues

Meeting attended:

Website Accessibility Training - 22 January
North Level District Internal Drainage Board - 23 January
UK Power Networks - 29 January
Cambridgeshire Highways 20mph Scheme Webinar - 5 February
Colville School Development Team - 23 February

Correspondence received:

Cambridgeshire County Council

Roadworks and events bulletins
Cambridgeshire Matters newsletter
Flood and water newsletter
Dr Bike cycle maintenance sessions
Highway surface treatment schedules
20mph scheme applications open

Fenland District Council

The Fenlander newsletter
Pride in Place Impact Fund for local play areas
Owner of heritage building prosecuted for failure to carry out repairs
Chairman's Afternoon Tea
Adult cycle training
New textile recycling banks
Council strengthens planning guidance
Local Plan scoping consultation and call for sites

National Association of Local Councils - Chief Executive's bulletin, events, national conference and star council awards

CAPALC - Royal Garden Party, new procurement thresholds

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority - Members newsletter

Cambridgeshire Police - Fenland community safety survey

Cambridgeshire ACRE - Staying in Touch newsletter, Community Buildings Conference, Village Halls Week, Energy and Water for Community and Parish Council Buildings webinar

Norfolk County Council - Overnight closures of A17

CPRE - Stop the Arc newsletter

NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICB - Newsletters

RoSPA Playsafety - Play equipment inspection

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Electrical Safety First - Electrical Fire Safety Week

Nexus Fostering - Foster carers needed

Queen Elizabeth Hospital - Modernising our hospital newsletter

3. Recommendations

Members note the report.

Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council

Receipts & Payments Summary as at 28.2.26

Income	Year to Date		Budget	%	
FDC Precept	£	26,000.00	£	26,000.00	100.00
FDC Concurrent Functions Grant	£	1,968.00	£	1,968.00	100.00
Allotment Rents	£	577.76	£	573.44	100.75
Village Hall	£	1.00	£	1.00	100.00
Grants	£	-	£	-	0.00
Donations	£	-	£	-	0.00
Bank Interest	£	326.88	£	300.00	108.96
VAT Refunds	£	1,349.98	£	1,349.98	100.00
Miscellaneous	£	142.92	£	-	#####
Total Income	£	30,366.54	£	30,192.42	100.58

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary	£	4,996.04	£	6,210.00	80.45
Fees	£	287.00	£	260.00	110.38
Subscriptions	£	62.08	£	550.00	11.29
Admin Expenses	£	6,067.86	£	500.00	1213.57
Insurance	£	681.35	£	685.00	99.47
Drainage Rates	£	57.37	£	60.00	95.62
Playing Field	£	4,392.80	£	20,000.00	21.96
Highways	£	1,719.11	£	1,000.00	171.91
Street Lights	£	6,349.72	£	6,000.00	105.83
Section 137 Payments	£	-	£	500.00	0.00
LHI Projects	£	-	£	8,000.00	0.00
Recoverable VAT	£	2,175.68	£	2,000.00	108.78
Total Expenditure	£	26,789.01	£	45,765.00	58.54

Summary

Total Income	£	30,366.54	£	30,192.42
LESS Total Expenditure	£	26,789.01	£	45,765.00
Net Surplus or Deficit	£	3,577.53	-£	15,572.58

Balance Sheet

Balance B/fwd	£	31,715.04
Surplus or Deficit	£	3,577.53
Balance C/fwd	£	35,292.57

Represented by

Barclays Community Account	£	800.23
Barclays Business Premium Account	£	34,492.34
Cash / Cheques	£	-
	£	35,292.57



Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Closes 26 Mar 2026

Contact

Local Government Reorganisation

LGRconsultationresponse@communities.gov.uk

Overview

This statutory consultation seeks views on the proposals that the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has received following the Secretary of State's invitation to councils in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to submit proposals for unitary local government for their area. You can find full details of the consultation, including a privacy statement, at: [Local government reorganisation in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough - GOV.UK](#)

The 4 proposals in this consultation were made by the following councils on 28 November 2025:

1. Cambridge City Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council proposed 2 unitary councils. These would comprise the district areas of:

- **North Cambridgeshire and Peterborough:** Peterborough, Huntingdonshire, East Cambridgeshire, Fenland
- **Greater Cambridge:** Cambridge, South Cambridgeshire

You can find the proposal at: [2 Unitary Authorities – Cambridge City Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council \(referred to locally as option B\)](#)

2. Cambridgeshire County Council proposed 2 unitary councils. These would comprise the district areas of:

- **North West:** Peterborough, Fenland, Huntingdonshire
- **South East:** Cambridge, East Cambridgeshire, South Cambridgeshire

You can find the proposal at: [2 Unitary Authorities – Cambridgeshire County Council \(referred to locally as option A\)](#)

3. Huntingdonshire District Council proposed 3 unitary councils. These would comprise the district areas of:

- **North East:** Peterborough, Fenland, East Cambridgeshire
- **Central Huntingdonshire:** Huntingdonshire
- **South West:** Cambridge, South Cambridgeshire

You can find the proposal at: [3 Unitary Authorities – Huntingdonshire District Council \(referred to locally as option E\)](#)

4. Peterborough City Council and Fenland District Council proposed 3 unitary councils. This includes a request to split existing district council areas between the proposed new councils. These would comprise the district areas of:

- **Greater Peterborough:** Peterborough and 9 wards from Huntingdonshire
- **Mid Cambridgeshire:** Fenland, East Cambridgeshire and 17 wards from Huntingdonshire
- **Greater Cambridge:** Cambridge, South Cambridgeshire

You can find the proposal at: [3 Unitary Authorities – Peterborough City Council and Fenland District Council \(referred to locally as option D\)](#) and a map detailing proposed boundary change at: [Boundary Change Map](#)

This consultation asks questions about each proposal to help inform the assessment of the proposals.

[Share your views >](#)

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Parish Council Meeting 10th March 2026

Agenda item 113/25(b)

Fenland District Council Local Plan Scoping Consultation

Dear Clerk / Chair / Councillors,

We are writing to update you on the next steps in preparing Fenland District Council's new Local Plan, known as Fenland 50, and to invite your Parish Council's early involvement.

Notice of Commencement

Fenland District Council has now published its Notice of Commencement for Fenland 50. This formally marks the start of preparing a new Local Plan under the Government's new plan-making system. Fenland 50 will guide how the district grows and changes up to 2050, including decisions about homes, jobs, infrastructure, water management and the quality and design of new development.

Scoping Consultation - Early Engagement

As part of the early stages of plan preparation, we launched a scoping consultation on 28 January 2026. This consultation is about setting the direction of the plan and gathering views before any policy choices or site decisions are made. The scoping consultation focuses on:

- what people value about Fenland and their local area today
- what they think needs to improve
- what should guide decisions about future development
- how communities would like to be involved as the plan is prepared

The consultation survey launched on 28 January and will close on **16 March 2026**.

Role of Parish Councils

Parish and Town Councils play a vital role in representing local communities, and we are keen to hear your views at this early stage. We would particularly welcome your support in:

- publicising the scoping consultation locally and encouraging residents, community groups, and local businesses to complete the survey
- sharing the consultation through your Parish Council website, newsletters, noticeboards, and social media channels, where possible
- considering the consultation as an agenda item at a Parish Council meeting

In addition to responding to the survey, we would also be very happy to receive more general thoughts and comments from your Parish Council by email, including:

- what you think the new Local Plan should focus on
- the issues, opportunities, or challenges specific to your area
- your priorities for the future of your place and community

Find Out More

Further information is available on the Fenland 50 webpages, including:

- the Notice of Commencement
- the Local Plan timetable
- the scoping consultation survey

www.fenland.gov.uk/fenland50

If you have any questions, or would like to share your views directly, please contact the Planning Policy team at: planningpolicy@fenland.gov.uk

We look forward to working with Parish Councils and local communities as Fenland 50 is prepared.

Developer Forum - Information for Parish Councils

We would also like to make you aware that we recently held a developer forum, which provided an early overview of the new Local Plan, the proposed approach to plan-making and the scoping stage. For information, we have attached the presentation slides from the developer forum.

Kind regards,

Kirsty Paul - Planning Policy Manager

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Fenland District Council

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NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE PARISH COUNCIL

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY

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Our commitment

The council is committed to providing equal opportunities in employment and to avoiding unlawful discrimination.

This policy is intended to assist the council to put this commitment into practice. Compliance with this policy should also ensure that employees do not commit unlawful acts of discrimination.

Striving to ensure that the work environment is free of harassment and bullying and that everyone is treated with dignity and respect is an important aspect of ensuring equal opportunities in employment.

The law

It is unlawful to discriminate directly or indirectly in recruitment or employment because of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, pregnancy, maternity, race (which includes colour, nationality, caste and ethnic or national origins), sexual orientation, religion or belief, or because someone is married or in a civil partnership. These are known as "protected characteristics."

Discrimination after employment may also be unlawful, e.g. refusing to give a reference for a reason related to one of the protected characteristics.

The council will not discriminate against or harass a member of the public in the provision of services or goods. It is unlawful to fail to make reasonable adjustments to overcome barriers to using services caused by disability. The duty to make reasonable adjustments includes the removal, adaptation or alteration of physical features, if the physical features make it impossible or unreasonably difficult for disabled people to make use of services. In addition, service providers have an obligation to think ahead and address any barriers that may impede disabled people from accessing a service.

Types of unlawful discrimination

Direct discrimination is where a person is treated less favourably than another because of a protected characteristic.

In limited circumstances, employers can directly discriminate against an individual for a reason related to any of the protected characteristics where there is an occupational requirement. The occupational requirement must be crucial to the post and a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim.

Indirect discrimination is where a provision, criterion or practice is applied that is discriminatory in relation to individuals who have a relevant protected characteristic such that it would be to the detriment of people who share that protected characteristic compared with people who do not, and it cannot be shown to be a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim.

Harassment is where there is unwanted conduct, related to one of the protected characteristics (other than marriage and civil partnership, and pregnancy and maternity) that has the purpose or effect of violating a person's dignity; or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment. It does not matter whether or not this effect was intended by the person responsible for the conduct.

Associative discrimination is where an individual is directly discriminated against or harassed for association with another individual who has a protected characteristic.

Perceptive discrimination is where an individual is directly discriminated against or harassed based on a perception that he/she has a particular protected characteristic when he/she does not, in fact, have that protected characteristic.

Third-party harassment occurs where an employee is harassed and the harassment is related to a protected characteristic, by third parties.

Victimisation occurs where an employee is subjected to a detriment, such as being denied a training opportunity or a promotion because he/she made or supported a complaint or raised a grievance under the Equality Act 2010, or because he/she is suspected of doing so. However, an employee is not protected from victimisation if he/she acted maliciously or made or supported an untrue complaint.

Failure to make reasonable adjustments is where a physical feature or a provision, criterion or practice puts a disabled person at a substantial disadvantage compared with someone who does not have that protected characteristic and the employer has failed to make reasonable adjustments to enable the disabled person to overcome the disadvantage.

Equal opportunities in employment

The council will avoid unlawful discrimination in all aspects of employment including recruitment, promotion, opportunities for training, pay and benefits, discipline and selection for redundancy.

Recruitment

Person and job specifications will be limited to those requirements that are necessary for the effective performance of the job. Candidates for employment or promotion will be assessed objectively against the requirements for the job, taking account of any reasonable adjustments that may be required for candidates with a disability. Disability and personal or home commitments will not form the basis of employment decisions except where necessary.

Working practices

The council will consider any possible indirectly discriminatory effect of its standard working practices, including the number of hours to be worked, the times at which these are to be worked and the place at which work is to be done, when considering requests for variations to these standard working practices and will refuse such requests only if the council considers it has good reasons, unrelated to any protected characteristic, for doing so. The council will comply with its obligations in relation to statutory requests for contract variations. The council will also make reasonable adjustments to its standard working practices to overcome barriers caused by disability.

Equal opportunities monitoring

The council will monitor the ethnic, gender and age composition of the existing workforce and of applicants for jobs (including promotion), and the number of people with disabilities within these groups, and will consider and take any appropriate action to address any problems that may be identified as a result of the monitoring process.

The council treats personal data collected for reviewing equality and diversity in accordance with the data protection policy. Information about how data is used and the basis for processing is provided in the council's privacy notices.

Dignity at work

The council has a separate dignity at work policy concerning issues of bullying and harassment on any ground, and how complaints of this type will be dealt with.

People not employed by the council

The council will not discriminate unlawfully against those using or seeking to use the services provided by the council.

You should report any bullying or harassment by suppliers, visitors or others to the council who will take appropriate action.

Training

The council will raise awareness of equal opportunities to those likely to be involved in recruitment or other decision making where equal opportunities issues are likely to arise.

The council will raise the awareness of all staff engaged to work at the council to help them understand their rights and responsibilities under the dignity at work policy and what they can do to help create a working environment free of bullying and harassment.

Your responsibilities

Every employee is required to assist the council to meet its commitment to provide equal opportunities in employment and avoid unlawful discrimination. Employees can be held personally liable as well as, or instead of, the council for any act of unlawful discrimination. Employees who commit serious acts of harassment may be guilty of a criminal offence.

Acts of discrimination, harassment, bullying or victimisation against employees or customers are disciplinary offences and will be dealt with under the council's disciplinary procedure. Discrimination, harassment, bullying or victimisation may constitute gross misconduct and could lead to dismissal without notice.

Grievances

If you consider that you may have been unlawfully discriminated against, you should use the council's grievance procedure to make a complaint. If your complaint involves bullying or harassment, the grievance procedure is modified as set out in the dignity at work policy.

The council will take any complaint seriously and will seek to resolve any grievance that it upholds. You will not be penalised for raising a grievance, even if your grievance is not upheld, unless your complaint is both untrue and made in bad faith.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be monitored periodically by the council to judge its effectiveness and will be updated in accordance with changes in the law.

This is a non-contractual procedure which will be reviewed from time to time.

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NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE PARISH COUNCIL

HOMEWORKING POLICY

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Policy

The Council recognises the advantages of home-based working although it doesn't suit everyone, and some job roles may not be appropriate to undertake at home.

This policy describes the working arrangements and expectations that will apply if you work from home.

Scope of this policy

It applies to all staff who are home-based whether full time, part time or fixed term. It does not apply to office-based staff who work from home on an ad-hoc basis.

Safe working environment

Health and safety for home-based staff applies in the same way as office-based staff, insofar as is reasonably practicable, that you work in a safe manner and that you follow all health and safety instructions issued by us.

You must complete and submit a 'Home Based Workers Risk Assessment' to the Clerk (or the Chair in the case of the Clerk). This is a checklist for you to identify any possible hazards in your home working area. Following completion of the checklist, measures may need to be taken to control any risks identified. This checklist should be completed annually, or more frequently if there are any changes to your arrangements such as new equipment or changes to your home-office space.

You must complete and submit a workstation risk assessment and ensure that this remains up-to-date. If you have any questions about the risk assessment, or if you identify any potential risks when carrying out the assessment, you should refer these to the Clerk (or the Chair in the case of the Clerk) in the first instance.

Some of the most important considerations include: -

- If possible, an area should be set aside from the rest of your living space to ensure that you are able to work from home without distractions,
- Your home office should have adequate space for you to work safely and comfortably,
- Your desk should be large enough to accommodate your equipment and paperwork,
- You should have sufficient storage and your workspace should be organised so equipment is close to hand,
- Your work area should be well lit, with natural lighting if possible,
- Equipment and sockets should be situated to avoid potential trip hazards, and,
- You must also ensure that you visually check the cables of any electronic equipment supplied to you regularly (and at least every 6 months) and report any defects.

We reserve the right to visit you at home at agreed times for work-related purposes, including health and safety matters and to inspect, service or repair equipment (e.g. for PAT testing).

Facilities and equipment

The Council will provide you with the following equipment for you to work from home and we will maintain and replace these items when necessary.

- Printer/scanner
- Laptop computer

It is your duty to ensure that proper care is taken of the equipment provided to you and to let the Clerk (or the Chair in the case of the Clerk) know of any need to maintain or replace the equipment. Should the risk assessment identify any further equipment that is necessary, please discuss this with the Clerk (or the Chair in the case of the Clerk).

All equipment provided by the Council is for you to work safely and effectively at home and cannot be used for personal use by you or your family.

All equipment will belong to the Council and you will be required to return it to us promptly should you leave our employment. If we are unable to make suitable arrangements, we may collect the equipment and any documents before your last day.

Hours of work

As a home-based worker, your contract of employment will specify the hours when we expect you to be at work and contactable by telephone or email. There may be times during the working day when you are not available in which case these should be flagged to the Clerk (or the Chair of the Council) with prior authorisation.

You must be mindful to take adequate rest breaks which should be, as a minimum:

- A break of at least 20 minutes during each working day over 6 hours,
- A daily rest break of at least 11 continuous hours, i.e. the time between stopping work one day and beginning work the next day, and,
- At least one complete day each week when no work is done.

Potential conflicts of interest

During your hours of work, the Council expects that your work environment enables you to work effectively and that you are not distracted by domestic matters. It is not appropriate to combine homeworking with caring for a dependant.

If there is an emergency and you need to attend to a non-work matter, then you should notify the Clerk (or the Chair in the case of the Clerk).

Data protection

As a home-worker you are responsible for keeping all documents and information associated with the Council secure at all times. Specifically, homeworkers are under a duty to:

- Keep filing cabinets and drawers locked when they are not being used,
- Keep all documentation belonging to us in the locked filing cabinet at all times except when in use,
- Set up and use a unique password for the laptop computer, and

- Ensure that documents are saved to the server rather than the laptop computer's hard drive.

Furthermore, the laptop computer and other equipment provided by us must be used only for work-related purposes and must not be used by any other member of the family at any time or for any purpose.

If you have a telephone conversation where you are discussing confidential work matters, you should ensure that such calls take place in privacy to avoid inadvertent breach of confidentiality.

Visits to work premises

On occasions you may need to attend other locations for training, performance assessment meetings, team briefings etc. This will normally not be frequent, and the dates and times of such visits will be agreed in advance.

Insurance, mortgage or rental agreements

Whilst our Employer's Liability Insurance extends to home based staff, and any Council equipment installed in your home will also be covered, you should ensure that any agreement with your landlord or mortgage lender allows you to work from home, and that your house buildings and contents insurance will not be invalidated by you working from home.

This is a non-contractual procedure which will be reviewed from time to time.

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NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE PARISH COUNCIL

EXPENSES POLICY

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Purpose

This policy sets out the Council's rules on how employees can claim for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties for the Council. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that employees are properly reimbursed for legitimate business expenses and to ensure that these expenses are treated appropriately for tax purposes. It does not apply to councillors.

General procedure

The Council will reimburse you for actual expenditure that is incurred wholly, necessarily and exclusively in connection with authorised duties that you undertake in the course of your employment. To claim for expenses, you must use the Council's expenses claim forms and set out the reasons why the expense was incurred on the claim form. If you are unsure whether an expense can be claimed, you must seek prior written authorisation from the Clerk (or the Chair in the case of the Clerk).

Expenses will not be paid unless supporting evidence is provided, together with a completed expense claim form. This should include original receipts or invoices with the date and time of the transaction (unless you are claiming for mileage). When claiming for travel expenses on public transport, you should enclose the tickets showing the departure point and destination of your journey, where possible. Credit and debit card statements will not be accepted. Where you are submitting a VAT receipt, you should set out:

- the name and VAT registration number of the retailer or service provider;
- the goods and services provided; and
- the amount of VAT payable.

Once completed and signed, you should submit your expense claim form to the Clerk (or the Chair in the case of the Clerk) for approval. Once approved the claim form should be submitted to the RFO for payment.

Expenses claims must be submitted within 3 months of the expense being incurred. If this is not practical, written approval for any extension will be required from the Clerk (or the Chair in the case of the Clerk). The Council reserves the right to withhold any payment where prior written approval has not been given.

The Council may return an expense claim form to you without payment if it is completed incorrectly or lacks supporting evidence.

The Council will pay claims for authorised expenses by cheque or BACS transfer into the same bank account into which your salary is paid.

In general, you should not incur expenses other than in the categories listed below. However, if you have claims for expenditure other than for those categories listed below, you should seek written approval from the Clerk (or the Chair in the case of the Clerk) before incurring the expense. The Council will accept email as written approval where it is required in this policy.

Any queries in relation to this policy should be directed to the RFO or the Chair.

Homeworkers

If you are a Homeworker, your normal place of work as stated in your contract will be your home. The council will reimburse all reasonable expenses incurred by homeworkers in the course of their duties upon receipt of satisfactory claims.

The council will provide the following equipment necessary to enable homeworking employees to do their job.

- Laptop or personal computer
- Printer

Alternatively, the council will agree with homeworkers a suitable sum to cover use of their own equipment.

The council should also pay the employee for the costs associated with heating, lighting, etc. HMRC rules allow for some of these expenses to be paid tax-free (see HMRC guidance: www.gov.uk/expenses-and-benefits-homeworking/whats-exempt).

Training

When attending training courses all employees and be able to claim travel expenses for the difference in the usual home to work costs. Where the training takes place outside contracted daily hours, part-time employees should be paid on the basis as time spent on training is working time.

Some training can be very expensive and as a condition for funding training, the council requires full repayment of all costs incurred for any training course in excess of £500 should an employee not complete the training or leave the council within a year of completion. Repayment of costs reduces to 50% reimbursement in the second year.

Travel

Employees and managers should consider whether or not travel is necessary or if there are more appropriate means (for example tele-conferencing or video-conferencing).

Rail

You may claim for standard class rail fares only. Where possible, rail journeys should be booked well in advance to benefit from any discounts for early booking.

Use of your own car

It may be appropriate and cost-effective to use your own car when travelling on business, for example if you are travelling with other staff or councillors or, where there is limited public transport to your destination, or the journey time is significantly shorter than using public transport. Any use of your own car on business is subject to you:

- holding a full UK driving licence;
- ensuring that your car is roadworthy and fully registered; and
- holding comprehensive motor insurance that provides for business use.

Prior authorisation should be sought from the Clerk (or the Chair in the case of the Clerk), before using your own car on business. The Council accepts no liability for any accident, loss, damage or claim arising out of any journey that you make on business. The Council will not pay for the cost of any insurance policy on your own car.

To claim for petrol expenditure, you should set out the distance of the journey undertaken on your expenses claim form. The Council will pay you a mileage allowance of 45p per mile for mileage under 10,000 miles and 25p per mile for mileage over 10,000 miles, or such other rate as set out from time to time by HM Revenue and Customs. The Council will pay for tolls, congestion charges and parking costs incurred, where applicable.

Use of bicycle or Motorcycle

If use of your bicycle or motorcycle is approved, you can claim a mileage allowance of 20p or 24p per mile respectively. Any use of your own motorcycle on business is subject the same requirements as a car (see above).

Taxis

Any use of taxis will require prior approval and only in limited circumstances. These are:

- where taking a taxi would result in a significantly shorter travel time than using public transport;
- where there are several employees travelling together; or
- where personal security and safety of employees is an issue, for example taxis may be permitted after 9.30pm.

You must obtain a receipt with details of the date, place of departure and destination of the journey.

Overnight accommodation

As a guideline for travel on council business you should book accommodation equivalent to three-star standard or less. You may book hotel accommodation of up to £120 maximum in a major city and £100 elsewhere. It is your responsibility to ensure that any hotel reservations are cancelled within the required cancellation period if they are no longer required.

Meals

If you are required to be away from home on council business, you may claim up to:

- £10 for breakfast (if this is not included in the hotel room rate);
- £15 for lunch;
- £20 for dinner

The maximum amounts above are inclusive of drinks. Alcohol cannot be reclaimed under any circumstances.

You should supply receipts and invoices for all hotel and meal expenses other than for the daily allowance, where no receipt is required.

Entertainment/gifts

The Council has strict rules about offering or receiving both entertainment and gifts. Any gifts, rewards or entertainment offered to you should be reported immediately to the Clerk (or the Chair in the case of the Clerk). As a general rule, small tokens of appreciation, for example flowers or a bottle of wine, may be retained by employees.

Annual events

The Council may decide to hold a staff event, such as a Christmas meal or other celebration. Except where agreed to the contrary, attendance is not compulsory, and you will remain responsible for any expenses you incur.

Expenses that will not be reimbursed

The Council will not reimburse you for:

- the cost of any travel between your home and usual place of work (except in exceptional circumstances for early morning/late night transport as set out above);
- the cost of any travel undertaken for personal reasons;
- the cost of any travel for your partner or spouse;
- any fines or penalties incurred while on council business for whatever reason, including penalties for not paying for a rail ticket in advance of boarding the train and penalties or fines associated with motoring offences, including speeding or parking fines, clamping or vehicle recovery charges;
- alcohol; and
- cash advances or withdrawals from an ATM machine.

You are required to pay for any travel costs incurred by your partner or spouse in the event that he or she accompanies you on business. Your spouse or partner must have adequate travel insurance for that journey.

False claims

If the Council considers that any expenditure claimed was not legitimately incurred on behalf of the Council, it may request further details from you. The Council will thoroughly investigate and check any expenses claim as it sees fit. It may withhold payment where insufficient supporting documents have been provided. Where payment has been made to you prior to the discovery that the claim was not legitimate or correct, it may deduct the value of that claim from your salary.

Any abuse of the Council's expenses policy will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to:

- false expenses claims;
- claims for expenses that were not legitimately incurred;
- claims for personal gain;
- claims for hospitality and/or gifts without them having been declared; and
- receipt by you of hospitality and/or gifts from contacts that may be perceived to influence your judgment.

The Council will take disciplinary action where appropriate and, in certain circumstances, may treat a breach of this policy as gross misconduct, which may result in your summary dismissal. In addition, the Council may report the matter to the police for investigation and criminal prosecution.

This is a non-contractual procedure which will be reviewed from time to time.

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Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council

Web Accessibility Policy

Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council - Accessibility Statement

This website is run by **Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council**. We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. For example, that means you should be able to:

- zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen
- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- navigate most of the website using speech recognition software
- listen to most of the website using a screen reader

We've also made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

[AbilityNet](#) has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

How accessible this website is

We know some parts of this website are not fully accessible:

- some older PDF documents are not fully accessible to screen reader software
- some pages may have heading structures that are not fully compliant

What to do if you cannot access parts of this website

If you need information on this website in a different format (accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille):

- Email: parishclerk@newtonintheisle.org.uk
- Call: 01945 870083
- Write to: 358 High Road, Newton-in-the-Isle, Wisbech, PE13 5HS

We'll consider your request and get back to you within 10 working days.

Reporting accessibility problems with this website

We're always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, please contact:

- The Parish Clerk
- Email: parishclerk@newtonintheisle.org.uk
- Phone: 01945 870083

Enforcement procedure

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018. If you're not happy with how we respond to your complaint, contact the [Equality Advisory and Support Service \(EASS\)](#).

Contacting us by phone or visiting us in person

If you would like to contact the Parish Council, please use one of the methods above.

We do not have a public office to visit, but we can arrange for the Clerk or a Councillor to visit you if you have difficulties accessing the monthly council meetings.

Find out how to contact us here: [Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council Contact Page](#)

Technical information about this website's accessibility

Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

This website is compliant with the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.2 AA](#) standard. Some content is partially compliant, due to the non-compliant items listed below.

Non-accessible content

Some pages may contain attachments which are not currently compliant, such as:

- Older PDF files published before 23 September 2018
- Documents provided by 3rd parties
- Councillors' Declarations of Interests
- AGAR Annual Governance and Accountability documents (currently exempt from accessibility compliance)

Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

We will do all we can to identify content that is non-compliant and, where possible, provide an alternative format upon request.

When we publish new content, we will make sure our use of images meets accessibility standards, and our website is regularly reviewed to ensure all the pages are compliant. If you find a page that you are having difficulty accessing its content, please contact us at the above details and we will assist you in gaining access to the content where possible.

Disproportionate burden

Some historical documents and meeting minutes published before 23 September 2018 are in PDF or scanned image format and may not be accessible. We believe fixing these would be a disproportionate burden but will provide accessible formats on request.

Content that's not within the scope of the accessibility regulations

PDFs and other documents

Many of our older PDFs and Word documents do not meet accessibility standards – for example, they may not be structured so they're accessible to a screen reader. This does not meet WCAG 2.2AA success criterion 4.1.2 (name, role value).

The accessibility regulations [do not require us to fix PDFs or other documents published before 23 September 2018](#) if they're not essential to providing our services. For example, we do not plan to fix meeting agendas or minutes for meetings which were published prior to 23 September 2018.

Any new PDFs or Word documents we publish will meet accessibility standards.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on **10 August 2025**. It was last reviewed on **10 March 2026**.

This website was last tested on **1 March 2026**. The test was carried out by **Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council's internal web team**.