

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 8 September 2026 at 7.30pm.**

Dave Gibbs

Clerk

3 September 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*

046/26 Apologies for Absence

To receive and consider apologies from those members not present

047/26 Chairman's Announcements

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

048/26 Public Forum

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

049/26 Minutes of the Previous Meetings

- a) To approve and sign the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 14 July*
- b) To approve and sign the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on
Tuesday 18 August*

050/26 Membership of the Council

*To consider requests from eligible individuals for co-option to the vacant position on the
Council*

051/26 County Councillor's Report

To receive a report from Cllr Tirrell

052/26 District Councillors' Reports

To receive reports from Cllrs B Barber, S Clark and C Seaton

053/26 Police Matters

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

054/26 Clerk's Report

To receive a report on meetings attended and correspondence received

055/26 Village Hall Report

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

056/26 Clarion Housing Group and Amplius (formerly Longhurst)

To receive a report on work with Clarion Housing Group and Amplius

057/26 Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field

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

058/26 Outstanding Matters

To receive updates on matters raised previously and to resolve accordingly

- a) Allocation of vacant allotments*
- b) Former Colvile School site*
- c) High Road overhanging vegetation*
- d) Review of dog waste bin provision*
- e) Council logo*

059/26 Members' and Residents' Issues

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

060/26 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 the Community Speed Watch*

061/26 Finance

To consider and resolve on the following matters:

- a) To receive an updated financial statement for the period to the end of June*
- b) To note the 2026/27 Local Government pay settlement*
- c) To note the following sums paid by direct debit since the last meeting:*

HMRC (tax and national insurance)	£ 191.24
North Level District Internal Drainage Board (drainage rates).....	£ 59.68
	£ 250.92
- d) To approve the following payments:*

100873 D A Gibbs (salary August and September).....	£ 978.16
100874 D Freeman (handyman).....	£ 291.99
100875 Newton Village Hall (hall hire).....	£ 20.00
100876 Tydd St Giles CC&RG (hall hire).....	£ 12.00
100877 CAPALC Ltd (subscription - replacement cheque).....	£ 425.44
100878 Fenland District Council (street light recharge).....	£ 4,030.22
	£ 5,757.81

062/26 Residents' Survey

To receive an update from the survey working group

063/26 Three-Year Plan

To receive an update from the Clerk and agree the next steps

064/26 Agricultural Land

To receive an update from the Clerk

065/26 Date of Next Meeting

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

Tuesday 10th November 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 14th July 2026

Present - Cllr R Bradley (Chairman), Cllr A Clark, Cllr S Clark, Cllr I Giles, Cllr K Humphris (from 036/26(g)), Cllr K Simpson, D Gibbs (Clerk), 7 members of the public

025/26 Apologies for Absence

Cllr C Tirrell (CCC), Cllr B Barber (FDC), Cllr C Seaton (FDC)

026/26 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman noted the resignation of Cllr Blair Simpson and thanked her for everything she contributed to the work of the Council during her term of office.

027/26 Public Forum

A resident asked why planning applications are being considered by the Council and not by the Planning Committee. The Chairman explained that Planning Committee meetings are scheduled only when the Council has no meeting within the consultation period.

A resident enquired about the possibility of installing a dog waste bin in Fen Road. Members asked the Clerk to add a review of dog waste bin locations to the agenda for September's meeting.

028/26 Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 12th May be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

029/26 District Councillor's Report

In Cllr Tirrell's absence, there was no report.

030/26 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Clark reported that the Government's final decision on local government reorganisation for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is due this week. She also confirmed that the new food waste bins will be delivered to all households in the parish by 17th August, with collections due to commence on 7th September.

031/26 Police Matters

The Clerk reported an incidence of vandalism at St James' Church and several cases of anti-

social driving around the village. The driving offences were reported to the Police and are currently under investigation and the vandalism was addressed through a restorative justice process.

032/26 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on meetings attended including the Open Day at St James' Church. Correspondence received included a traffic order for a closure of Fen Road on 12th and 13th August, the food waste recycling scheme briefing, and notification of a 10-year criminal behaviour order for hare coursing,

033/26 Village Hall Report

Cllr K Simpson reported that the Village Hall charity is still trying to arrange a food hygiene inspection.

034/26 Clarion Housing Group and Amplius (formerly Longhurst)

The Clerk reported that good progress has been made with both housing associations on issues relating to properties in the village. The eviction anticipated for a property in Poppy Close has not happened, but the process continues.

035/26 Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field

The Clerk reported that the new mound was installed with help from Cllr Bradley, but has not been sown due to the weather. This will be addressed later in the year. The Pride in Place funding for play equipment repairs and renewals is now held by the District Council and it is hoped that they will be able to transfer funds to the Parish Council to enable the work to proceed. The aerial cableway seat was vandalised, so a replacement was ordered and has been installed.

036/26 Outstanding Matters

- a) Allocation of vacant allotments - No update.
- b) Village bus service - The Clerk confirmed that the forthcoming review of bus services announced by the Combined Authority does not affect the village bus service.
- c) Former Colville School site - The Clerk advised Members that work is still progressing on the planning application.
- d) Bird deflectors on overhead power lines - No update.
- e) High Road overhanging vegetation - The Clerk reported that work is ongoing with a number of residents.
- f) Dog enclosure in the Playing Field - This was added to the agenda following a discussion at the Annual Meeting. An appeal has been submitted against the refusal of planning permission for a dog walking area in Fen Road, so Members agreed to defer consideration of this item until the outcome of that appeal is known.
- g) Review of fees and charges - Cllr S Clark declared a pecuniary interest in this item and left the building.

The Clerk presented a schedule of land and charges, which have remained largely unchanged for a number of years. Cllr Bradley suggested that the current rents for agricultural land are well below market rates and applied inconsistently, but a significant increase might result in land becoming vacant. Cllr Giles proposed that whatever decisions are made regarding next year's rents, there should be a commitment to an inflationary increase every year. Cllr Humphris joined the meeting. The Clerk indicated that the Sutton Road land might be vacated this year, creating a potential cost to the Council for basic husbandry. Cllr Bradley estimated this cost to be in the region of £300 per year. Cllr Bradley proposed a rate of a minimum of £80 per acre be applied. Members resolved to continue at the current rent for Roman Bank and to increase the rent for the Fen Road and Sutton Road parcels to £80 per acre. For the garden allotments, Members resolved to increase the charge per acre for the Bank Gardens allotments to £169.19 to match the charge for the High Road plots. Cllr S Clark returned to the meeting.

037/26 Members' and Residents' Issues

Members noted that a number of trees had died, including one in the Playing Field, two in Church Lane and one on the High Road leading out of the village.

Cllr Simpson mentioned that he had spoken to the Handyman about the installation of a trellis behind the bench opposite Fen Road and they have drawn up a list of the materials required.

Cllr S Clark suggested that the Council might create a new logo to be used on agendas, notices and official correspondence. Members asked the Clerk to add this to the agenda for September's meeting.

038/26 Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee

Cllr Humphris nominated Cllr Giles as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Simpson. Members voted in favour of the nomination.

Cllr Giles nominated Cllr Humphris as Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr Simpson. Members voted in favour of the nomination.

039/26 Planning

a) Members considered the following application:-

F/YR26/0481/RM - Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission

F/YR23/0998/O to erect 1 x dwelling - Land west of 225 High Road, Newton-in-the-Isle.

They resolved to offer no objection.

b) Members noted the following application:-

F/YR26/0487/CERTP - Certificate of Lawful Use (Proposed): Conversion of existing loft to create additional living accommodation - The Willows, Elloe Bank, Harolds Bridge, Gorefield.

- c) Members noted the following appeal under Section 78 to be determined on the basis of written representations:-

F/YR25/0907/F - Change of use of agricultural land to dog exercise paddock, erection of a shelter and 1.8m high boundary fencing, and formation of a car parking area and access - Land north of Sorrento, Fen Road, Newton-in-the-Isle.

040/26 Highways

- a) The traffic order for Fen Road was included in the Clerk's report at 032/26. Pavement surfacing works are scheduled for August.
- b) No further progress regarding the 2025/26 Local Highway Improvement project.
- c) Cllr Giles reported that two Speedwatch sessions have taken place and one vehicle has been reported for speeding. Further sessions will take place to enable more volunteers to be trained. Members also discussed concerns regarding speed limits in and around the village.

041/26 Finance

- a) The Clerk presented an updated financial statement as at the end of June, showing income of £22,730.57 and expenditure of £3,089.87, resulting in a surplus of £19,640.70 and total funds held of £52,899.32.
- b) Members noted the quarterly financial reconciliation.
- c) Members noted the following sums received:

<i>Fenland District Council (recycling credits)</i>	£	43.13
<i>Barclays Bank (interest)</i>	£	119.44
<i>Fenland District Council (concurrent functions grant)</i>	£	<u>1,968.00</u>
	£	2,130.57

- d) Members noted the following direct debit payment since the last meeting:

<i>Information Commissioner (registration fee)</i>	£	47.00
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- e) Members approved the following payments:

<i>100869 D A Gibbs (salary June and July)</i>	£	907.04
<i>100870 D Freeman (handyman)</i>	£	406.25
<i>100871 Newton Village Hall (room hire)</i>	£	90.00
<i>100872 Fenland Leisure Products Ltd (cableway seat)</i>	£	<u>299.08</u>
	£	1,702.37

042/26 Policies

Members considered the draft Reserves Policy prepared by the Clerk. They resolved to approve and adopt the policy.

043/26 Annual Parish Meeting

Members reviewed the recent Annual Parish Meeting. They noted that the meeting had not been well attended. Securing speakers remains a challenge and the poor attendance limits the Council's ability to attract senior figures from partner organisations. Members agreed to

schedule next year's meeting on the same night as the Annual Parish Council Meeting and to include this item on the agenda for January's meeting to allow sufficient time for planning and preparation.

044/26 Residents' Survey

The Survey Working Group has not met. Cllr S Clark has agreed to take Cllr B Simpson's place on the working group.

045/26 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm.

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Present - Cllr I Giles (Chairman), Cllr A Clark, Cllr S Clark, Cllr K Humphris, Cllr K Simpson, D Gibbs (Clerk), 13 members of the public

001/26 Apologies for Absence

None.

002/26 Planning Application

F/YR26/0012/O - Erect up to 6 x dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) - Site of Former Colvile County Primary School, Church Lane, Newton-in-the-Isle.

Several members of the public spoke against the application, predominantly in relation to the drainage arrangements that are not a consideration at outline stage. Concern was also expressed regarding the parking arrangements for the properties.

Whilst Members support the development of the site in principle, they expressed concern regarding overdevelopment and resolved not to support the application.

003/26 Update on Previous Applications

F/YR25/0907/F - Change of use of agricultural land to dog exercise paddock, erection of a shelter and 1.8m high boundary fencing, and formation of a car parking area and access - Land north of Sorrento, Fen Road - Refused and appealed

F/YR25/0945/F - Change of use of land to 5 x gypsy traveller's plots involving the siting of 5 x mobile homes, erection of 5 dayrooms, and the formation of an access - Land north of 486 High Road - Pending

F/YR25/0967/O - Erect of 1x self-build/custom build dwelling (outline with matters committed in respect of access) - Land north of The Chestnuts, Roman Bank - Granted

F/YR26/0012/O - Erect up to 6 x dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) - Site of former Colvile County Primary School, Church Lane - Pending

F/YR26/0032/F - Erect a detached garage with 1-bed annexe above ancillary to existing dwelling - 239A High Road - Granted

F/YR26/0481/RM - Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR23/0998/O to erect 1 x dwelling - Land west of 225 High Road - Approved

F/YR26/0487/CERTP - Certificate of Lawful Use (Proposed): Conversion of existing loft to create additional living accommodation - The Willows, Elloe Bank, Harolds Bridge, Gorefield - Certificate Issued

004/26 Other Planning Matters

None.

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Agenda Item No.	054/26	
Meeting Date	8 September 2026	
Report Title	Clerk's Report	

1. Purpose of Report

To report on correspondence received.

2. Key Issues

Correspondence received:

Cambridgeshire County Council

Roadworks and events bulletins
Cambridgeshire Matters newsletter
Local Government Reorganisation announcement delay
Flood and water newsletter
Rights of way improvement plan

Fenland District Council

The Fenlander newsletter
Food waste recycling launch
Chairman's Charity Coffee Morning - 17 September

National Association of Local Councils - Chief Executive's bulletin, events

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority - Members' newsletter, bus pass renewal campaign, Mayor's Question Time - 17 September

Cambridgeshire ACRE - Staying in Touch newsletter, "Recognising fuel poverty and supporting residents" event - 16 September, impact report, parish and town council survey, AGM invitation - 7 October

National Grid - Grimsby to Walpole updates - Managing construction traffic and Screening and planting

National Allotment Society - Allotment survey

Green Energy Switch - LEAP Appliance Scheme slow cookers available

Queen Elizabeth Hospital - Modernising our hospital newsletter

3. Recommendations

Members note the report.

Report Author	Dave Gibbs
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Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council

Receipts & Payments Summary as at 31.8.26

Income	Year to Date		Budget	%
FDC Precept	£	20,500.00	£ 41,000.00	50.00
FDC Concurrent Functions Grant	£	1,968.00	£ 1,968.00	100.00
Allotment Rents	£	100.00	£ 602.76	16.59
Village Hall	£	-	£ 1.00	0.00
Grants	£	-	£ -	0.00
Donations	£	-	£ -	0.00
Bank Interest	£	119.44	£ 360.00	33.18
VAT Refunds	£	-	£ 2,203.86	0.00
Miscellaneous	£	43.13	£ -	#####
Total Income	£	22,730.57	£ 46,135.62	49.27

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary	£	2,182.76	£ 6,400.00	34.11
Fees	£	316.00	£ 522.00	60.54
Subscriptions	£	-	£ 550.00	0.00
Admin Expenses	£	268.86	£ 750.00	35.85
Insurance	£	749.49	£ 685.00	109.41
Drainage Rates	£	59.68	£ 60.00	99.47
Playing Field	£	1,023.51	£ 24,867.00	4.12
Highways	£	305.68	£ 1,000.00	30.57
Street Lights	£	-	£ 6,500.00	0.00
Section 137 Payments	£	-	£ -	0.00
LHI Projects	£	-	£ 8,000.00	0.00
Recoverable VAT	£	137.18	£ 3,500.00	3.92
Total Expenditure	£	5,043.16	£ 52,834.00	9.55

Summary

Total Income	£	22,730.57	£ 46,135.62
LESS Total Expenditure	£	5,043.16	£ 52,834.00
Net Surplus or Deficit	£	17,687.41	-£ 6,698.38

Balance Sheet

Balance B/fwd	£	33,258.62
Surplus or Deficit	£	17,687.41
Balance C/fwd	£	50,946.03

Represented by

Barclays Community Account	£	1,536.14
Barclays Business Premium Account	£	49,409.89
Cash / Cheques	£	-
	£	50,946.03