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PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 8th September 2026

Present - Cllr R Bradley (Chairman), Cllr A Clark, Cllr S Clark, Cllr I Giles, Cllr K Humphris, Cllr K Simpson, Cllr C Tirrell (CCC), D Gibbs (Clerk), 15 members of the public

046/26 Apologies for Absence

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

047/26 Chairman's Announcements

None.

048/26 Public Forum

Residents spoke about the dyke in the Playing Field, a street light not working in Goodens Lane, the planning application for the former Colvile School site, overflowing dog waste bins, a protruding inspection cover on High Road, and utility works in Fen Road. The Council responded accordingly.

049/26 Minutes of Previous Meetings

a) RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14th July be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

b) RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18th August be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

050/26 Membership of the Council

Members considered applications from two residents for the vacant position on the Council. They resolved to co-opt Antonia Balaam. She signed her declaration of acceptance and joined the meeting.

051/26 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Tirrell informed the Council that the community benefit fund of the MVV Incinerator has opened for applications.

052/26 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr S Clark reported that the Government's plans for local government reorganisation for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have been postponed indefinitely. Large sums of money

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have been spent preparing for the transition, possibly for no benefit. Normal elections for the District Council will be held next May.

053/26 Police Matters

The Clerk reported that there are no visits scheduled to village events. There have been several thefts of high-value cars with keyless ignition.

054/26 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on correspondence received including an invitation to contribute to the County Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan, the launch of the District Council's food waste recycling scheme, an invitation to the District Council Chairman's Charity Coffee Morning, and an update from the National Grid Grimsby to Walpole project.

055/26 Village Hall Report

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

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

The issue in Poppy Close is still ongoing, with the process being restarted. The other outstanding issues are gradually being addressed. There are now several vacant properties. No new issues have been reported.

057/26 Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field

The Council is awaiting clarification regarding the Pride in Place funding for play equipment. The grass will be sown on the mound when the weather is suitable.

058/26 Outstanding Matters

a) Allocation of vacant allotments - No update.
b) Former Colvile School site - The planning application will be determined shortly.
c) High Road overhanging vegetation - To be revisited after the bird nesting season.
d) Review of dog waste bin provision - A map of the current locations is required.
e) Council logo - Cllr S Clark proposed that the Council consider the adoption of a new logo. The Clerk shared images of the logos of neighbouring councils. Members discussed the proposal and resolved not to proceed.

059/26 Members' and Residents' Issues

None.

060/26 Highways

a) A number of roads have been marked for summer conditioning works.
b) No further progress regarding the 2025/26 Local Highway Improvement project.
c) Cllr Giles reported that three Speedwatch sessions have taken place and one vehicle has

been reported for speeding. Further sessions will take place during September. The Clerk reported that the 20mph application for the village will be determined at the County Council's Highways and Transport Committee's October meeting.

061/26 Finance

a) The Clerk presented an updated financial statement as at the end of August, showing income of £22,730.57 and expenditure of £5,043.16, resulting in a surplus of £17,687.41 and total funds held of £50,946.03.

b) Members noted the 2026/27 Local Government pay settlement resulting in an increase of 3.26% in the Clerk's salary.

c) Members noted 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) Members approved the following payments:

100873	*D A Gibbs (salary August and September inc backpay)*	*£*	*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

Cllr Bradley explained the Working Group's decision to adopt a new format for the survey using the template from the Doddington and Christchurch surveys. The survey will be delivered and collected by members of the Group.

063/26 Three-Year Plan

Deferred to the next meeting.

064/26 Agricultural Land

The Clerk reported that the tenant had decided not to continue with the Tydd Gote plot. Members considered options for the land. A visit was suggested to consider whether the land should be valued.

065/26 Date of Next Meeting

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

The Clerk reminded Members that the Council has organised a Bonfire and Burgers event for the last two years in the Playing Field on 5th November. Cllr Bradley offered to transport material for the bonfire and Cllr Simpson offered to co-ordinate the refreshments. Members agreed to repeat the event this year.

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