

# NEWTON IN THE ISLE

## PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Newton-in-the-Isle Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.