

Newsham Parish Council

Meeting Thursday 22nd May 2025

1. Present Cllr.C Brown, Cllr. L Taylor, Cllr. R De'Ath, Cllr. S Woroniuk

Apologies

None

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by Cllr. CB and Cllr. SW

4. Matters Arising from the previous minutes

Speed Sign

Further investigation required. Cllr L.T to action

School Transport

The transport changes were passed by NYCC Cllr. LT will contact NYC to discuss

Emergency Plan

Councillors discussed arrangements for publicising the emergency plan. Cllr LT to action

Village Green Tree Stump

Cllr. CB updated Councillors regarding the planting initiative on the stump which has been carried out in partnership with the Holmedale Nature Network

5. Village Green Track

Cllr. LT is still waiting for replies after seeking clarification on permitted work both to the village green track and the Green itself. This is now an urgent matter.

Cllr LT will chase NYCC Planning Dept

6. Insurance

The Clerk has renewed the insurance with Zurich and will investigate alternative insurers for the following year.

7. Parish Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of Cllr Bethaney Rush two candidates have expressed interest in being co-opted on to the council. The candidates will be invited for an interview.

8. Financial Statement

The most recent statements for the Current and Reserve Accounts were shared with Councillors who approved the accounts.

The Clerk informed Councillors that the Nat West Bank interest rate is reducing from 1.10% is to 1.05%

Councillors agreed that a sum of £2600 should be transferred from the current account to the reserve account to maximise the interest rate

9. Annual Governance Accountability Report

The AGAR forms were approved by all Cllrs and signed by Councillors CB, LT and BD
To comply with obligations these will now be posted on the PC website

10. Planning Applications

An application for outline planning permission has been submitted for a field to the rear of the current new- build on Moor Lane. Councillors discussed some concerns and agreed to submit a response to the Planning dept. It was also noted that the required local notices had not been posted. It was agreed to request a time extension to give residents an opportunity to respond

11. Any Other Business

The Clerk informed the meeting that revised procedural standing orders received from NYCC would automatically replace the existing items, no action is required

Residents will be advised to contact the Parish Council or appropriate authority straight away of any issues regarding contamination in local watercourses

The chairman thanked Cllr L.T for creating a Facebook page for the Parish Council.

Cllr. SW updated Councillors on matters relating to the village hall. Alternative quotes have now been received for the roof repair required and a contractor has been identified.

The insurance company Allied Westminster has requested Information relating to ownership of the village hall. Councillors informed Cllr. SW that the deeds are held by the bank. It was agreed that the village hall treasurer should examine in order to obtain the information required to satisfy the insurance company's enquiries.

Cllr. SW informed the meeting that with regret he intended to stand down as a Parish Councillor with immediate effect. The Chairman and Cllr. RD thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Date of the next meeting

Wednesday 30th July 2025 at 7pm

Signed



Date

30 July 2025

30.07.2025