

Newsham Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 26th November 2025

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

Apologies Cllr. M Markwick, Cllr. M Hall

2. Declaration of interest None

The Chairman asked residents attending if they wished to raise any matters. S.Myers raised the issue of the proposed Hope Moor Wind Farm development , the Chair responded that it would be discussed as an agenda point later in the meeting.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 24.9.25 were agreed and signed by Cllr. LT and Cllr. CB

4. Matters Arising from the previous minutes

Emergency Plan

Cllr. LT to provide a copy of the Emergency plan for publication on the Parish Council website.

Action by Cllr. LT by January 1st

5.Hope Moor Wind Farm

Newsham Parish councillors attended a drop in session on Nov 18th to have an initial conversation with the developer. A summary document can be found elsewhere on the Parish Council website.

Cllr. CB gave a brief overview of the meeting, a summary document can be found elsewhere on the Parish Council website.

- Very little detailed information is currently available
- Initial surveys are underway and will continue well into 2026 and possibly 2027.
- The PC raised significant concerns regarding the potential negative impacts on residents, landscape, environment, wildlife, infrastructure, culture, heritage and archaeology. The PC subsequently confirmed these concerns in writing to the developer.
- Public consultation meetings are likely to commence in March 2026 and continue through until 2028. Newsham PC have offered the village hall as a venue for consultation meetings.
- If the development is ultimately approved work is unlikely to commence until 2030

Cllr. LT informed Cllr's of a project application for a very similar development in Scotland and will endeavour to get more information. She has also made contact with the local MP

Rishi Sunak as well as numerous groups, trusts, societies and associations, alerting them to this application, of which many were unaware.

Resident S.M spoke to the Councillors regarding the proposed development . His comments are posted below this document.

Cllr.CB thanked SM for attending and providing his comments.

The Parish Council discussed raising further awareness with the local community as and when more detailed information becomes available.

Cllr. CB will discuss the position of NYCC on this proposed development with County Cllr Angus Thomson.

6.Planning Applications

There are no new planning applications.

7.Financial Statement

The Clerk shared account details and bank statements.

The Reserve Account interest rate and transfer of some monies to the current account to cover due expenses was highlighted.

The Current Account purchase of bulbs for the village green, poppy wreaths and materials for remedial work on the track were confirmed.Councillors agreed and approved the accounts.

8.Precept

The Clerk asked councillors for suggestions regarding any potential capital investment projects in the village. Cllr. LT suggested purchasing a speed matrix sign although this may be very costly and more information is needed. It was also proposed and agreed that the parish council joins the Open Spaces Society which offers legal advice to parish councils.Cllr.R.D proposed that the precept remain unchanged at £3000.00 for the forthcoming year, all Cllr`s agreed. This will be the third consecutive year that no increase to the precept figure has been submitted.

Actions

Cllr R.D to submit Precept request to NYCC by Dec 31st latest

Cllr L.T to confirm total cost of sign and installation by next meeting

Cllr C.B to approach County Cllr A.Thompson regarding any potential sign funding available from his locality fund by next meeting

9.Community Speed Watch

Cllr. LT informed Councillors that the volunteers will be checked by the police, training will take place in the early part of the new year after which regular speed watch activity will commence

10. Any Other Business

Cllr. C.B Informed Councillors of his discussion with NYCC Highways regarding better signage positioning, additional signage and road markings prior to the width restriction near Smallways. This is to try to ensure that all vehicles are travelling at an appropriate speed approaching the blind crest as near misses continue to be reported. A plan has been developed by Highways and it is hoped the works will be carried out no later than April/May 2026.

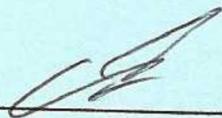
There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm

11. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held **Wednesday 28th January 2026 at 7.00pm**

Signed

C. L. Tanya



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