

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2025, 7PM, NEWNHAM CLUBROOM

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Paul Gaskell (Chairman), Pauline Hedges, Sue Symons, Nick Walker; Clerk Susan Turner; Guest Revd Debbie Veel; One member of the public.

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Matt Morris and Ward Councillors.

2 PUBLIC SESSION

Owen's Farm Discussion re a likely proposal for 400 houses.

3 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 22 July, agreed and signed.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda, none.

5 COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION AND RESIGNATION

.1 Councillor co-option

AGREED unanimously to co-opt Matthew Morris as new Parish Councillor – as discussed previous meeting – with prior agreement in his absence. Declaration of office to be signed, witnessed by Clerk.

.2 Councillor resignation With great regret the Chairman has accepted the resignation of Parish Councillor Paul Ghent. Paul will be greatly missed; he has consistently done everything within his power to support the Parish Council and Water End community.

6 NEWNHAM 900 update (SS)

Preparations in hand due to dedicated work of N900 team; noted quality of souvenir programme (copies brought to meeting); funding for Newnham history book *Newnham our Newnham* by Nigel Bell achieved by N900 team from Hampshire Archives Trust; Risk assessment at **APPENDIX I**.

7 NEWNHAM PARISH PUBS

.1 Old House at Home Very sadly Chris and Donna are not renewing their Licence for the Old House at Home after the end of September. This is due to recent health issues; they would not otherwise be leaving. Red Oak Taverns have the pub advertised to let.

AGREED unanimously the Parish Council will (as previously) take all steps within its power to ensure the Old House at Home continues as a pub.

AGREED unanimously to the submission by the Parish Council of a request to BDBC for the Old House at Home to be re-listed as an Asset of Community Value.

.2 The Iron Bull – Due to pub owners' change of circumstances and wishing to retire, the Iron Bull Roadhouse (previously renamed the Y-Knott Inn, formerly the Red Lion) is advertised for sale.

AGREED unanimously the Parish Council will – as for the Old House at Home – take all steps within its power to ensure the Iron Bull continues as a pub.

AGREED unanimously to the submission by the Parish Council of a request to BDBC for the Iron Bull Roadhouse to be listed as an Asset of Community Value.

8 PLANNING

.1 Planning and tree applications APPENDIX II

.1A New applications for discussion

[T/00460/25/TCA](#) (Validated 11 Sept) Rose Farm Cottage, The Barracks. 2x Willow: reduce back to previous points. Oak tree (black oak) reduce its height by 1/3 to allow more light into the front of the house. The Eucalyptus in the back right hand corner of the back garden: fell.

Parish Council no comment, content to leave to discretion of tree officer.

[25/02080/FUL](#) (Validated 26 Aug) Land East Of Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. Self-build single detached house and associated access.

Objection to the previous version of this application was removal of the trees. Felling TPO trees has now been allowed, thus the main reason for objection removed.

[T/00445/25/TCA](#) (Validated 02 September) The Meadows, Newnham Road. A: Apple – fell. B: Apple – prune C: Sweet gum – fell.

Parish Council no comment, content to leave to discretion of tree officer.

[25/02019/RET](#) (Validated 18 August) Land At Blackstocks Lane. Variation of condition 9 of 21/01670/FUL - Erection of 1 no. dwelling - Changes to landscaping retrospective.

Yet another retrospective application, to review detail.

.1B Appeals

[APP/H1705/W/25/3366255](#) (Appeal dismissed 05 Aug) Collingwood, Newnham Road. Erection of 1.8m high closeboard fence on repositioned west boundary and change of use to residential.

.2 Local Plan Update and Spatial Strategy **APPENDIX III**

Re Draft Spatial Strategy as published in the *Public Reports Pack* for Environment & Infrastructure meeting of 04 September.

<https://democracy.basingstoke.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Mid=2756&x=1>

.2A **Major sites** – As reported in *Villager* 'At this first draft – the map shows no allocated development sites locally or across the majority of the Loddon Valley, though what is now proposed as SPS5.4 Land at Whitmarsh Lane comprises the 900 from East of Basingstoke plus 600 at Lodge Farm.

.2B **The Settlement Assessment** (Appendix C) again concludes that Newnham 'settlement would not be suitable for an SPB (Settlement Policy Boundary) and should not be included in the settlement hierarchy'. This again is good news and is consistent with the previous Regulation 18 draft. For the 2020 Issues & Options Consultation, Newnham was assessed differently due to its access to services.

.3 **Hart call for sites** – to note Hart are beginning their Local Plan Update Process and have issued a Call for Sites – open from 29 August to 5pm on 10 October 2025.

www.hart.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/new-hart-local-plan

.4 **Owen's Farm** (Hook) Ref also item 2 public Session. A given this will be included in Hart's call for sites. Environmental and traffic monitoring reported. A speculative planning application from the developer is likely due to Hart's lack of land supply. Hook Neighbourhood Plan's Gap policy will also be considered out of date (though that wouldn't mean it will be discounted). The developer withdrew the Appeal last time due to Inspector's letter confirming Hook's housing figures – the then new Standard Method reduced Hart's figures. For new Standard method, figures initially published said increase from 297 to 734 dwellings per annum.

.5 **Lodge Farm** (North Warnborough, Odiham Parish) Again to expect this to be included in Hart's Call for sites – Warehousing, distribution, logistics.

9 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

.1 **Accounts to date – APPENDIX II** – Bank reconciliation at 13 Sept = 25,634.46
Payments since last meeting (inc VAT where appropriate)

23	PGGM-3206 – Green gates (from LM funding)	£420.00
24	Clerk– Salary JULY	£432.00
25	PGGM-3240– Benches	£840.00
26	Lloyds– Bank service charge	£4.25
27	Event insurance– N900-Cancellation insurance	£75.00
28	Signrite Digital– Tylney Lane signs	£228.00
29	Site Equip– N900 portaloo	£552.00
30	BDO LLP– External Audit 2024/25	£252.00
31	Insta-print– N900 booklets x 400	£144.06
32	Hugo Fox– Website 2025 - repayment	£143.86
33	Clerk– Salary AUGUST	£432.00

.2 **Budget update – APPENDIX III.**

.3 **External audit 2024/25** complete **APPENDIX IV**

10 MAINTENANCE / PARISH UPKEEP (ST)**.1 Newnham Green – Maintenance record since last meeting of 22 July**

02 Aug – Green – pulling and disposing of remaining Ragwort / larger weeds; strimming.

30 Aug – Install ditch-crossing point at Church Path (Newnham Lane), benches, noticeboard.

15 Sept – Cut, scarify, collect all areas Green plus strim and tidy for N900.

Scheduled work

Ditching and crossroads pond clearing scheduled early October with Ecologist supervision.

Cut Willows and re-make hurdle / dead hedging by grass pile/pond

.2 Newnham Green ponds

TO RECORD thanks to HIWARG volunteers for follow-up working party 26 August 6.30 to 8.30pm.

.3 Lengthsman – Tasks completed since last meeting of 22 July

02 Aug – Strimming Kingsbridge triangle, Baredown layby, vicinity of bus shelters as needed,

To do list

Barracks ditching - A30 Clean, wood-treat bus shelters.

.4 Additional tasks from this meeting

i Clear pavements beside A30. ACTION: NW to provide map (this may be a BDBC task).

ii Investigate/clear ditch in vicinity of Hogget, Newnham-side. ACTION: PG to provide map.

11 FURTHER UPDATES / REPORTS**.1 Local Government Reorganisation **APPENDIX V** Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation – for all Council areas in the new Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority – from all existing first and second tier Councils – will go through the formal approval process via the councils' Cabinet and Full Council meetings in September – for submission to government by 26th September.**

For BDBC, Cabinet of 16th (today) and Full Council of 25 September, see

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/new-councils-proposals

.2 Clubroom – Maintenance update – Outside and inside decorated. Windows and doors woodwork staining remaining to be done.**.3 Police report – Tools stolen from Blackstocks Lane, has been reported.****12 FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA****.1 A30 traffic calming gateways.** Major development extending to Hodds Farm would likely involve developer S278 changes to the A30. As the Spatial Strategy doesn't allocated major development of the Loddon Valley beyond Lodge Farm – to pursue request to HCC for Village Gateways via Community funded initiative – ie at PC expense. To investigate available CIL funding. ACTION: (ST)**.2 Conservation Area appraisal** Initial meeting 23 September WITH BDBC Conservation Areal Appraisal Officer, PH, SS, ST and Ward Councillors.**.3 Pubs****.4 Newnham Green direction signage****.5 Newnham Emergency Plan .****13 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Tuesdays 18 November 7pm Clubroom.

Meeting schedule for 2025/26, to book third Tues Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov.

Meeting close 9.30pm with thanks to all