

Minutes of the Newborough Parish Council Meeting – Monday 9th February 2026

Present, Cllr N Clarke, Cllr Gould, Cllr Skipper, Cllr Bell, Cllr Sanders, Cllr Mousley
Also, present Borough Councillor Hudson, C Holmes, 0 Parishioners.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Mainwaring; County Councillor Brown

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mousley to his first meeting as a Parish Councillor. He noted that Cllr Mousley is a good fit for the Council and well positioned in view of his active role within the community.

The Chairman also invited volunteers for the upcoming village clean-up and for assistance on the day of the well dressing. Anyone wishing to be involved as a volunteer is asked to contact the Clerk.

4. Public Forum (10 mins allocated)

None

5. County & Borough Cllr Reports

Borough Councillor's Report – Cllr Hudson

Cllr Hudson reported that there is currently limited activity taking place at Borough Council level.

A vote on the Council Tax is scheduled for Monday 16th February.

The Mid-Term Financial Strategy will be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Hudson advised that both the internal and external auditors are satisfied with current progress, and that the Council is ahead of schedule with its financial planning.

Amendments to committee structures will be considered at the next meeting. Anti-racism will be a key focus within forthcoming policy discussions.

A motion has been put forward regarding the National Brewing Museum, following the decision not to award funding. A recovery plan is to be requested to enable the project to proceed.

The Sports Hub in Uttoxeter was discussed. The Borough Council has committed £1.2 million to the project, with the Football Association expected to provide match funding. However, there has been little recent progress reported.

Discussions also took place regarding Local Government Reorganisation.

County Councillor’s Report – Cllr Brown (submitted via email)

Staffordshire County Council currently has a temporary Leader following the resignation of the recently appointed Leader.

The Abbots Bromley end chicane pothole has been reported, and Cllr Brown confirmed that she has also reported this issue.

The Shadow Cabinet is pressing for a full review of highways, including pothole repairs. The three-month suspension of pothole repairs over the summer is now considered to have been a poor decision, with resulting issues becoming increasingly apparent.

In relation to the Local Government Review, Cllr Brown advised that although there has been commentary on social media, the Shadow Group is awaiting independent advice from officers rather than relying on information from the temporary Leader.

The Shadow Cabinet has requested details of the costs associated with the new security measures at County Buildings, particularly those relating to Thursday’s County Council meeting.

6. Minutes of the Parish Council held on 12th January 2026

All agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

Action: Clerk to convert to upload to website

7. Matters arising from those minutes.

None

8. Review Planning Applications

Planning No:	Date	Premises	Planning requested	Council Actions	Decision
P/2025/00742	31.07.25	Chantry Cottage, Roost Hill, Newborough, Staffordshire, DE13 8ST	Change of use of land to form part of residential curtilage, retention and additional formation of hard standing to form driveway and erection of a detached double garage with external staircase	No comments added by the council.	Registered
P/2025/00680	13.08.25	Pur Brook Farm, Bromley Road, Newborough, Staffordshire, WS15 3FX	Erection of an agricultural building for storage & housing cattle	No comments added by the council.	Registered
P/2025/00680	17.09.25	Pur Brook Farm, Bromley Road, Newborough, Staffordshire, WS15 3FX	Erection of an agricultural building for storage & housing cattle	No comments added by the council.	Registered

P/2025/01190	21.10.25	The Villa Duffield Lane Newborough Staffordshire DE13 8SH	Partial demolition of existing single storey lean to to facilitate the erection of a single storey rear extension, alterations to the existing conservatory roof and retention of conversion of detached annexe to form an ancillary annexe / Holiday let.	An issue was raised in relation to parking as currently the residents are parking on double yellow lines and concerns raised for this exacerbating the issue. This has stopped emergency vehicles previously	Registered
P/2025/01378	17.12.25	PUR BROOK FARM BROMLEY ROAD NEWBOROUGH WS15 3FX	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to remove Condition 6 of Planning Application P/2020/00417 relating to Erection of a cattle barn to house breeding cattle, bulk feed and bedding and formation of access track		Registered
P/2025/01372	17.12.25	2 THE STABLES THORNEY LANES NEWBOROUGH DE13 8RY	Erection of a single storey rear extension with patio above 30cm from ground level		Registered
P/2026/00014	05.01.26	SWARBOURNE COTTAGE BOW MEADOW LANE NEWBOROUGH END NEWBOROUGH DE13 8SR	Demolition of existing garage and garden room to facilitate the erection of a detached garage and detached garden room.		Registered

9. To discuss the restoration of the sculpture in the centre of the village

The condition of the sculpture was discussed, and concerns were raised that it may now be beyond restoration. Representatives have attended to assess the possibility of repair and have advised that restoration is not feasible. It was agreed to contact the original sculptor to review the condition of the piece and, if it is confirmed to be beyond repair, to explore options for a replacement.

Action: Cllr Bell to get the information of the sculpture.

10. To discuss village beautification and planting

The planting of trees at the entrances to the village was discussed. It was noted that a licence would be required in order to plant flower beds on highway verges.

Cllr Sanders advised that he has a number of planters which could potentially be redistributed within the village.

It was agreed to explore opportunities for additional planting within the village. Further ideas for village enhancement, such as the installation of an information board or new sculptures, will form part of the Annual Parish Meeting, with parishioners encouraged to share their views on what they would like to see within the village and from the Parish Council

Action: To be added to the March agenda

11. To discuss an update on Councillor Responsibilities

The Newborough Parish Council Councillor Responsibilities were updated as follows:

Chairman:

Cllr. Nick Clarke

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Special responsibilities: Play Park, Village Maintenance, Grass Cutting, Christmas Lights

Vice Chairman:

Cllr Vicki Gould

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Special responsibilities: Highways, Banking Reconciliation

Councillors:

Cllr. Deanne Bell

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Special responsibilities: Well Dressing, School Liaison

Cllr Ron Skipper

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Special responsibilities: Public Footpath, Planning

Cllr Lee Mainwaring

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Special responsibilities: Community Grants, Asset Register

Cllr Nick Sanders

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Special responsibilities: Defibrillator, Christmas Lights, Public Footpath

Cllr Simon Mousley

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Special responsibilities: Village Maintenance, Riparian Rights, Christmas Lights

Action: Clerk to update website and add to noticeboard

12. To discuss the Village Clean Up 2026

It was agreed that a Litter Pick would take place on 21st March 2026.

Action: Clerk to create poster and advertise, Arrange bags and collection

13. To review and approve the Asset Register 2026

The Asset Register was reviewed and approved.

Action: Clerk to update the website

14. To review and approve Ear-marked funds for 2026/2027

The Ear-Marked Funds for 2026/2027 were reviewed and approved as of 31.01.26 as follows:

Amount held at 31 st January 2026	Purpose of reserve
£15,850.22	Traffic Calming as previously agreed/voted for by the Council
£2,390.51	Well Dressing as previously agreed/voted for by the Council/ Well Dressing Committee

Action: Clerk to update

15. Clerk's Report: to include banking changes, finance & correspondence.

- **CORRESPONDENCE & ONGOING MATTERS**

Register of Interests document to new Cllr, Simon Mousley. ESBC informed and training scheduled.

Costings obtained for some play park equipment

Meeting undertaken with Needwood School in relation to potential forest school options

SCC highways contacted in relation to the build out and issues raised. County Cllr Catherine Brown contacted for support.

SCC contacted in relation to planting by the welcome signs to ensure the beautification of the village. We were advised that only low-level plants would be allowed and that a license would need to be acquired.

Correspondence regarding the local government reorganisation consultation

Correspondence regarding the Sakura Cherry Tree Project

16. Councillors Reports

Bow Meadow Lane was described as “undriveable”, and it was agreed that this would be reported via the Staffordshire County Council Report It app.

The condition of potholes on Moat Lane was also raised, with parishioners describing them as particularly severe. It was agreed that this issue would likewise be reported.

Concerns were expressed regarding waste entering the Swarborne. It was agreed to arrange for the water to be tested prior to raising the matter with Environmental Health.

Reports were received of vehicles continuing to travel at speed along Hollybush Lane despite the current road closure.

Milestone signs were discussed, and Cllr Skipper and Cllr Sanders agreed to clean them and explore having them repainted.

Action: Clerk to report Bow Meadow Lane, Clerk to report potholes on Moat Lane, Cllr Sanders to test Swarbourne River, Cllr Sanders & Cllr Skipper to clean and repair milestone signs.

Meeting closed at 20.53pm

Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday February 2nd 2026

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Signed by Chairman

Name:

Signature:

Date: