Minutes of the Newborough Parish Council Meeting – Monday 7th September 2026

Present, Cllr N Clarke, Cllr Gould, Cllr Mainwaring, Cllr Rogers,
Also present: C Holmes; 2 Parishioners

1. **Councillor Co-option**

Agenda item added in error.

2. **Apologies for absence**

County Cllr Brown; Borough Cllr Hudson; Cllr Skipper; Cllr Sanders; Cllr Mousley

3. **Declarations of Interest**

None

4. **Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed councillors and parishioners to the meeting and extended a particular welcome to Cllr Rogers. He expressed his hope that she would enjoy her time on the Council, noting that she was a welcome addition to the team and that it was positive to see younger members of the parish becoming involved with the Council.

The Chairman hoped that everyone had enjoyed the school holidays and commented that it was lovely to see the children returning to school.

5. **Public Forum (10 mins allocated)**

It was agreed that a meeting on the longevity of All Saints Church would be held as part of the next parish council meeting on 5th October. This will be a presentation by the members of the church.

The river in 'Bob's Field' was discussed as a sandbank, and debris is currently blocking the flow over the river. It was agreed to discuss this with the current owner and look at having this cleared.

6. **County & Borough Cllr Reports**

The Government has paused and is reviewing Local Government Reorganisation, including the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent proposals, following updated legal advice. Details of the review and its implications are not yet known. Local elections in May 2027 are expected to proceed on existing council boundaries, with further announcements anticipated in the autumn as part of the Government's *Rewiring the State* White Paper.

7. Minutes of the Parish Council held on 27th July 2026

All agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

Action: Clerk to convert to upload to website

8. Matters arising from those minutes.

None

9. Review Planning Applications

Planning No:	Date	Premises	Planning requested	Council Actions	Decision
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/2026/00334	15.04.26	DOLESFOOT FARM DOLESFOOT LANE NEWBOROUGH DE13 8SP	Change of use of the land for siting of a mobile home and installation of package treatment plant (self-build)	No comments added by the council.	Registered
P/2026/00581	09.6.26	MILESTONE MARKER LICHFIELD ROAD SIX ROADS END DRAYCOTT IN THE CLAY	Listed Building Consent to repair and re-paint the damaged cast iron milepost	No comments added by the council.	Registered
P/2026/00623	11.06.26	NEWHALL FARM THORNEY LANES NEWBOROUGH DE13 8RZ	Repositioning of stable block and formation of equestrian menage.	No comments added by the council	Registered
P/2025/00476	16.06.26	Hillcott Duffield Lane Newborough Staffordshire DE13 8SH	Subdivision of planning unit and change of use of garage/outbuilding to separate dwelling house and associated curtilage	No comments added by the council	REFUSED

P/2026/00748	09.07.26	THE VILLA DUFFIELD LANE NEWBOROUGH DE13 8SH	Reduce height back to previous pollard points of nine Ash trees (T1), removal of dead stem of one Ash tree (T1), reduce heigh up to 50% and shape one Cypress tree (T3), reduce height by up to 50% to the nearest growth points of one Gingko tree (T5), reduce height by up to 6ft to nearest growth points and shape one Pine tree (T6) and reduce height by up to 6ft to nearest growth point and shape one Cedrous Deodara tree (T7)	No comments added by the council	No Objection
P/2026/00826	28.07.26	MEADOW VIEW YOXALL ROAD NEWBOROUGH DE13 8SU	Construction of single storey rear extension.		NEW
P/2026/00944	07.09.26	BRICK KILN FARM MOAT LANE NEWBOROUGH DE13 8SS	Erection of a first floor side extension and storm porch, installation of dormer windows to rear elevation, formation of brick plinth and alterations to fenestration		NEW
P/2026/00826 – No comments added by the council P/2026/00944 – No comments added by the council Action: Clerk to add comments to ESBC Planning Portal					

10. To consider the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association (SPCA) Call for Evidence regarding Local Government Reorganisation.

Due to recent news on the suspension of the Local Government Reorganisation this item is no longer required.

11. To review and approve the Social Media Policy 2026

The Social Media Policy was reviewed and approved.

Action: Clerk to update the website

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

- **<u>CORRESPONDENCE & ONGOING MATTERS</u>**

  Playpark inspection booked for October and meeting with the inspector to discuss playground improvements discussed with Wicksteed.

  Stones on Dolesfoot Lane reported to Staffs CC via MyStaffs App.

  The Fauld Liaison Committee received updates on British Gypsum's operations at Fauld Mine, including current mining activity, blasting procedures and vibration monitoring, with levels confirmed to be well within permitted limits. The County Council confirmed the site is operating satisfactorily, and planning matters are up to date, while future mining areas and the development of fertiliser products were also discussed. No major operational changes are anticipated over the next 12 months, and liaison meetings will continue annually, with councils notified of any significant changes.

The school was asked whether the Harvest Festival and Christingle services could be opened to parishioners and the wider community. The school welcomed the suggestion and confirmed that it would discuss what would be practical with Mr Baxter following the summer holidays. **It was agreed that the service would be open to parishioners but a separate service.**

Correspondence was received from a resident raising concerns that, following the change of operator to BusLink, the 403 service from Newborough to Burton no longer serves Queen's Hospital. The resident highlighted the impact on elderly passengers, who must now walk from Horninglow Road or change buses in Burton town centre, and asked whether the Parish Council could approach Staffordshire County Council to request reinstatement of the previous route. **It was agreed to contact Staffs County Council.**

Works completed on pothole on Thorney Lanes.

Quarterly financial check undertaken.

Wonky public footpath post reported to Staffs County Council on MyStaffs App.

Cllr Catherine Brown provided an update on the closure of Henhurst Road/Shobnall Road from 1 September for up to six weeks to allow new traffic lights, road layout changes and resurfacing works at the Acorn junction. SCC will seek to minimise disruption, particularly for school traffic, and reopen side roads as soon as safely possible, with completion planned ahead of Screamfest on 16 October.

Action: Clerk to contact Staffs CC regarding the bus service

- **FINANCE**

Date	Budget Category	Invoice Details	Invoice Amount		
			Net	VAT	Gross
03/08/2026	Clerks Salary	Salary	-£472.67		-£ 472.67
03/08/2026	Clerks Salary	HMRC	-£120.48		-£ 120.48
06/08/2026	Maintenance (inc inspections)	Planting of Trees	-£665.00	-£ 133.00	-£ 798.00
18/08/2026	Bank Interest	Charges	-£4.25		-£ 4.25
01/09/2026	Clerks Salary	Salary	-£472.67		-£ 472.67
01/09/2026	Clerks Salary	HMRC	-£104.40		-£ 104.40
01/09/2026	Clerks Salary	Pay Renumeration	-£156.00		-£ 156.00

All payments agreed by the council

- **Bank Balances as of 31st August 2026**

Current Account	64993563	£11,902.40
Savings Account	73882462	£15,896.98
Well Dressing Account	73880562	£1849.91
TOTAL		**£29,649.29**

13. Councillors Reports

The condition of gates and stiles on several local footpaths was discussed, with a number reported as damaged. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the relevant Footpaths Officer and the Duchy regarding overgrown areas. Cllrs Rogers and Gould will provide the Clerk with the relevant locations for reporting**.**

The damaged lock on the play park has been repaired by Cllr Mainwaring.

Dog poo was discussed as this is being left on Duffield Green & the bank outside Squirrels Corner.

Parking by customers visiting the pub was discussed, with concerns raised about vehicles obstructing footpaths and causing safety issues. The Council reiterated its support for the pub but agreed that pedestrian and highway safety must remain a priority.

The damaged kerbstone on the central reservation was discussed, as it is causing difficulties for larger vehicles when turning. It was agreed that the Clerk would report the issue to Staffordshire County Council.

It was noted that Jim had undertaken painting works throughout the village, including the village sign posts and fencing, Village Green posts and fencing, and the play park fencing, bridge and benches. The Council expressed its thanks for the work undertaken

It was noted that the SID is currently not operational. Cllr Clarke agreed to investigate the issue.

It was noted that the village distance marker is currently being restored. It has been painted white and is awaiting completion of the lettering.

It was noted that Cllr Clarke had cleared excess vegetation and weeds from the watercourse on the Village Green to help maintain water flow.

It was noted that Cllr Clarke had undertaken a litter pick around the village, collecting five bags of rubbish.

It was noted that the highway gullies on Duffield Lane were full and required clearing. The Clerk agreed to report the issue to Staffordshire County Council

It was noted that the 30mph speed limit sign on Hollybush Road was damaged. The Clerk agreed to report the issue to Staffordshire County Council.

Action: Clerk to report damaged stiles & gates to the footpath officer, Report broken curb stones to Staffs CC, Clerk to report gullies on Duffield Lane, Clerk to report broken 30mph sign on Hollybush Road

Meeting closed at 8.33pm
Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 5th October 2026

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Signed by Chairman

Name:

Signature:

Date: