Parish Council

To Parish Councillors, members of the public and press.

Members are hereby summoned and notice is given that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Newington Room at **Newington Village Hall** on **Tuesday 27 October 2026** at **19:00**, when it is proposed to transact the following business:

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and accept apologies for absence

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OR LOBBYING

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Newington Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

(i)The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. After declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must leave the meeting and not take part in the discussion or vote. This applies even if there is provision for public speaking.

3. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2026

i. To consider the minutes of the meeting and, if in order, sign as a true record
ii. Clerk's report
iii. Matters arising from the minutes

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

This is a concessionary short session and will be limited to fifteen minutes. Three minutes per person will be allowed initially and only if time permits will further comments be heard.

5. VISITORS

i. Borough Councillors
ii. County Councillor
iii. Police Officer

6. PLANNING

i. To receive an update
ii. Changes to Planning Decision-Making Arrangements
iii. Planning Applications from Swale Borough Council, including:

a. Application: 26/503578/FULL Hill Top View, Wardwell Lane, Lower Halstow ME9 7ER
   Proposal: Change of use of land for the stationing of one mobile home unit with associated utility block and parking, under Gypsy status.
b. Application: 26/503565/PNQCLA The Old Tractor Shed, Bull Lane, Newington ME9 7SJ
   Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of a building and any land within its curtilage from agricultural to 2no. dwelling houses and associated operational development.

7. FINANCE WORKING GROUP

i. Six-month review
ii. Projected spend for 2026/27, including ring-fenced funds and impact of unanticipated costs
iii. 2027/28 budget setting

8. FINANCE

i. Cheque list: to consider invoices for payment
ii. Expenses
iii. Finance report
iv. Update on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return
v. Any other finance matter received by Tuesday 27 October 2026

9. COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUPS MEMBERSHIP

To review existing memberships and agree any changes

10. HR WORKING GROUP

i. To consider the notes and any recommendations

11. AMENITIES COMMITTEE MATTERS

i. Draft minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 20 October 2026
ii. To consider any recommendations, including:
   a) Parish Bus Stop Shelter Grant application
   b) Quotes for streetlight survey
   c) Other amenities quotes received by Tuesday 27 October 2026

12. DEFIBRILLATORS

To review current need and agree replacement requirements and costs

13. VILLAGE VOICE AND MEDIA

i. To receive an update
ii. November 2026 Village Voice
iii. Requirements for printed Village Voice (December 2026)

14. VILLAGE FETE

i. Progress update, including outcome of meeting 13/10/26
ii. Review of budget and management requirements

15. EVENTS

i. Remembrance Day
ii. Christmas lights, including budget
iii. Christmas reception, including budget

iv. Autumn litter pick
v. Meeting dates for 2027
vi. Request: Mature Drivers and Passengers Presentation
vii. Request: Raising Awareness on Fraud Talk

16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION
To receive an update

17. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS
To receive reports from Members on KALC; Village Hall; School Governor; Speed Watch

18. CORRESPONDENCE
To receive report

19. LEGAL MATTERS
Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

i. Update on Employment Tribunal matters
ii. Update on settlement considerations
iii. Update on recreation ground legal proceedings
iv. Matters arising from ongoing legal proceedings

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

This is for information only and no decision can be made on items raised.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Amenities Committee: Tuesday 17 November 2026 at 19:00 in the Pavilion

Full Parish Council: Tuesday 24 November 2026 at 19:00 in the Village Hall



Maxine Owen, Clerk to Newington Parish Council 21/10/26

Legislation allows for meetings to be recorded by anyone attending. Persons intending to record or who have concerns about being recorded should please speak to the Clerk.