Newnham
Nately Scures & Water End
Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 21 JULY 2026, 7PM, NEWNHAM CLUBROOM

Present: Parish Councillors – Paul Gaskell (Chairman), Pauline Hedges, Susan Symons, Nick Walker; Clerk Susan Turner; Guest, Revd Debbie Veel.

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies from Matthew Morris.

2 PUBLIC SESSION No members of the public present.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, AGM of 19 MAY, agreed and signed.

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

5 REPORTS TO MEETING

6 REVIEW OF PARISH ASSEMBLY

Modest turnout but as expected following well promoted and well attended meeting with BDBC Council Leaders in March. Assembly topics covered

i Report from PCSO Andy Jones
- Detailed the wide area police have to cover with few resources. Increased house building, new communities, all adds further pressure. Mixed tenure developments can be a policing problem as only needs one difficult household to cause major disruption for the whole community.
- For Newnham Parish, figures for reported crime currently low.
- Issues raised from Parish Council / public re flytipping; also burning waste and smoke nuisance; night-time / early house use of the Green Lane BOAT (Byway - Open to all Traffic) from A30 Water End to Crown Lane.
- Message from police as always, report every incident, every time. If happening there and then call 999. For fly tipping, burning waste report to borough council.

ii Presentation from Cllr Cubitt featuring Devolution, Local Government Reorganisation, Local Plan and Water Infrastructure.

iii Recap of Newnham 901 event

iv Owens Farm planning application.

7 NEWNHAM 901 REVIEW AND THANKS

TO RECORD THANKS to all on the N-901 team for a successful and much-appreciated event.

A majority Newnham turn-out, though not for want of trying to reach all parts of the Parish. Noted little apparent appetite in Nately Scures for joining a Newnham event.

AGREED Importance of supporting St Swithun's / Nately Scures / Water End events as the opportunity arises.

8 PLANNING

.1 Parish planning and tree applications see **APPENDIX I**

26/01391/HSE (Validated 07 July) 9 Kingsbridge Copse. Replacement roof and windows to garden room and part single storey extension. Alterations to fenestration.

Parish Council, no objection

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.2 Oak tree, Land east of Keepers, outcome of TPO request for Oak Tree adjacent to construction entrance and marked on application drawings for retention.
- Planning enforcement officer confirmed no breach of planning due to approval of Construction Method; thus root protection zone cannon be enforced.
- Tree Officer confirmed will not pursue TPO due to long term poor condition of tree.

.3 **Land at Water End** (*Update PH*)

i Hard standing surface created at field entrance, plus commercial containers moved into the field 23 January 2026 **APPENDIX II** are still there. Note from Planning Enforcement that

'Land owners have indicated the storage containers are empty (as noted on site as well) and are not planned to be used. They are aware it is a breach matter but we are in discussions. No immediate notices are considered warranted at this stage, but will be monitored.

ii Enforcement have indicated that a planning application is anticipated. Ward Councillors, Head of Planning all aware. Working group on behalf of Water End residents is reporting all activity. Owner now has security at the field to protect against Travellers. The whole field is in EA Flood Zones 2 and 3.

iii Park residents very concerned as to plans for the field and the pub. The pub is designated local residents' safe place in the Emergency Plan as registered with BDBC.

iv Natural Basingstoke (Gill Smallman, Alan Wilkinson) made a site visit 22 April. Note below from site visit report:.

Slow Worms – Two males and one female found **APPENDIX III**. One was on the edge of the park and two were on the boundary by the railway line, suggesting that they could be quite widespread. Slow Worms are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – sadly protection is limited but a developer would need to commission their own survey and work out what to do about ensuring the species was not injured etc.

Potential next steps

- Seek records for the area from the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) – though noting that generally so little resident wildlife actually gets recorded.
- Commission a formal ecological survey.

v From HBIC records supplied 29 April – Costs incurred funded with thanks by BDBC. Broad habitats map at **APPENDIX IV.**

.4 **Update on Assets of Community Value legislation**

i BDBC advised of new legislation governing ACVs.

English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026

- Asset of Community Value (ACV) legislation has been updated by the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 (received Royal Assent on 29 April 2026) superseding provisions of the Localism Act 2011.
- Now a broader definition of 'community value', comprising economic wellbeing as well as social value and considers past value to the community over the lifetime of the asset rather than the 'recent' past. (Definition of 'recent past' had been previously open to challenge.) The requirement for a realistic prospect of the ACV's future viability remains.
- Once allocated, the ACV is in place for 10 years rather than five and, importantly, the old 'Community Right to Bid' is now, under the new legislation, a 'Community Right to Buy'.

ii All the above very positive. However BDBC subsequently advised that the provisions won't be brought in force until probably next year (date tbc), awaiting Regulations.

iii The ACV status as a material planning consideration (once in place) continues unchanged.

.5 **Local Plan Update** – Email received from Cllr Andy Konieczko, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure, following Cabinet meeting of 09 July, to confirm that, as the Local Plan process continues on hold due to water infrastructure issues, BDBC cannot meet the timeline for December 2026 submission under the current Local Plan / NPPF system. Will now be required to proceed as per Government's new 30-month plan-making system **APPENDIX V**.

.6 **New NPPF** was expected to be published prior to Parliament recess, but undergoing further review (not to mention new Prime Minister); now expected late summer.

.7 **Land at Owens Farm, Hook**

Application ongoing, latest agreed expiry date now 18 September

- A massive amount of work and hours put in – and documents submitted – by the team, including from Hook civil engineer Suzanne Scobie and neighbouring Newnham landowner.

TO RECORD thanks to Hannah Green for her contribution in terms of time, local knowledge and research, and reports submitted.

- Newnham Parish Council
  - Commissioned topographical survey from Greenhatch Group for Newnham Road Hook, east of Seton Drive, to provide accurate data for civil engineer's reports.
  - Commissioned Flood Risk and Drainage Report from Archon Environmental - submitted to Hart – case officer forwarded to LLFA, EA and NE.
    Subsequent site visit – awaiting follow-up report.
- Following up with HIWWT re impact on their watercourses and ponds (College Copse).
- Main issue continues to be the road – Further reports submitted re road and pavement widths based on the topographical survey commissioned; also on flood risk and drainage issues relating to proposals to culvert ditches.
- Additional paper submitted on structure and loading of the bridge.

9 WATER ABSTRACTION LICENCE AT GREYWELL

Detailed studies of the impact on Greywell Fen 2010 to 2015 and onwards led to expectation that South East Water's licence would be revoked in 2020. However SEW applied for various licence extensions relating to lack of alternative supply; the latest for up to 31/03/2025; the EA has finally refused this further extension request.

Text below from EA refusal notice APPENDIX VI.

'Refusing the application represents a cost to the SEW through the cost of the refused application and the need to deliver options for the treatment and transfer of existing or alternative water supplies due to the demonstrated supply deficit in the area.

'We have also had regard to the benefits of refusal, including the avoidance of continued environmental harm to Greywell Fen SSSI, the recovery of a nationally significant groundwater-dependent ecosystem, and the contribution refusal makes to achieving statutory Water Framework Directive objectives for the Basingstoke Chalk groundwater body and connected waters.'

'We have considered our duties to consider the reasonable requirements to water, and we are satisfied that the benefits of refusing this application outweigh the costs.

SE Water has appealed and so can continue to abstract until the Appeal is decided.

NOTE re letter from Council Leader Paul Harvey to SE Water Chief Exec **APPENDIX VII**.

10 HIGHWAYS & MAINTENANCE

.1 **Lengthsman tasks to date** have included strimming verges, sightlines and public footpaths. Including Newnham Green sightlines and verges; Newnham traffic calming buildouts; Kingsbride triangle and Barracks track/ Old School Road sightlines; vicinity of Baredown bus shelter and layby; public footpaths – Newnham FP3 Church path, including paths onwards to Hook and to Newnham Road/Old School Road junction.

.2 **A30 pavements** restricted width and uneven surface – because of restricted pavement width those waiting at the bus stop too close to the traffic. Logged HCC website: enquiry ref 21905870; considered too major a task for Lengthsman.

.3 **Water End planters** Recently replanted but attracted attention of the local deer. Noting the sleepers rotten and will require replacing.

.4 **Water End bus shelter** Broken window to be removed and then replaced at the same time as construction of new shelters.

.5 **Replacement bus shelters** in production (ref Government grant funding via HCC). The Andwell Lane shelter to be replaced first, followed by Blackstocks Lane.

11 NEWNHAM GREEN

Proposal from Sue Symons that all of the Green be mown more frequently an all areas kept short as befits a Village Green.

The Clerk noted that management and the mowing schedules prioritises community events as per the Village Green status. Also to consider

- the management requirements for a SINC, contrary to which routine regular mowing and leaving grass cuttings has in the past decreased the diversity of of plant species;

- the Parish Council's legal duty within its remit to conserve and enhance biodiversity; as per the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, section 40, as amended (and reinforced) by Environment Act 2021, section 102. The strengthened duty came into force on 1 January 2023. It requires parish councils to consider how they can conserve and enhance biodiversity, establish appropriate policies and specific objectives, and take action to deliver them. Section 40(2A) also requires regard to relevant Local Nature Recovery Strategies and applicable species conservation or protected site strategies.
- Included within above is collaboration with HIWARG over recent years to enhance provision for amphibians and reptiles including the large population of Great Crested Newts (GCN).
- Legislation for GCN:
  - The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, as amended. Great Crested Newts are a European protected species under these Regulations.
  - The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended, particularly section 9.
- Guidance: for GCN
  - Objective to maintain healthy breeding pond(s) and surrounding terrestrial habitat.
  - Great Crested Newts spend much of the year on land. They use grassland, scrub, woodland edges, log piles, gaps beneath roots and other sheltered places for feeding, dispersal and overwintering.
  - Retain a buffer of longer vegetation beside the pond and ditches, with its width informed by the site conditions and ecological advice.
  - Cut vegetation around the pond selectively; retain some taller vegetation and undisturbed margins. Avoid cutting every margin simultaneously; retain refuges and connected strips of suitable vegetation.
  - For ditches – maintain the ditches' drainage function without destroying ecological function. Ditches are particularly important because they offer routes through which newts move around the site. Natural England's technical guidance recognises ditches as potential Great Crested Newt habitat, particularly where they hold standing water. Thus, protect the banks – avoid excavators, heavy machinery and soil disturbance where possible.
  - Retain varied vegetation and habitat – a mixture of open water, aquatic plants, marginal vegetation and nearby undisturbed grassland. Avoid disturbing log piles, stones, roots, anthills and other potential refuges. Use suitable machinery and cutting heights to reduce the risk of injuring animals concealed in vegetation.
  - Keep essential public access routes and seating areas mown, but avoid extending amenity mowing into conservation margins unnecessarily.

AGREED to hold a meeting on the Green to further discuss.

12 FINANCE

.1 **Internal audit 2025/26** – Completed 14 July. AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountancy Return) forms submitted to external auditor 14 July. Notice of Public Rights and publication of unaudited accounts posted to website 23 June.

.2 **Accounts 2026/27 to date** **APPENDIX VIII**. Bank reconciliation at 20 July = £68,548.32.

Payments since last meeting (incl VAT where applicable).

11	Zurich Online – Insurance 2025/26	£300.00
12	Silent Disco UK – N901 - Silent disco	£391.00
	Silent Disco UK – N901 - Deposit refund	-£158.20
13	Clerk – Salary	£432.00
14	Screwfix – AA batteries for festoon lights	£8.79
15	Amazon.co.uk – Amazon light sticks	£19.98
16	PGGM-3562 – Green cut & drop	£180.00
17	Canopy Crewe – N901 Marquee balance	£560.00
18	Bespoke Gdn Furnit – Information board	£864.00
19a	Venus Packaging Solns – N901-Table covers	£53.98
19b	Venus Packaging Solns – N901-Table covers	£18.99

19c	Amazon.co.uk – N901-Napkins	£30.90 = £103.87
20	Sainsbury's – Candles	£13.00
21a	PCC Newnham/NatelySc Stripe fees	£67.10
21b	PCC Newnham/NatelySc Ticket taylor fees	£30.90
21c	PCC Newnham/NatelySc Berro Kitchen	£99.00 = £197.00
22	Lloyds – Bank service charge	£4.25
23	PGGM-3612 – Green cut & drop	£180.00
24	Clerk – Salary	£172.80
25	HMRC – PAYE-Apr-May-June	£259.20 = £432.00
26	HMRC – NI-Emp contrib-Apr-May-June	£6.75
27	Tesco – Assembly wine	£20.75
28	Peter Brown – Internal audit	£100.00

Invoices of note expected: Greenhatch £925 for Topographical Survey; Archon Environmental £1,600 for Flood Risk and Drainage report.

Income of note since last meeting:Ward Cllr Community grant £716.00; HCC Bus Shelter Grant £40,864.00.

.3 Budget update APPENDIX IX.

Latest estimate continues as agreed Budget (as per March 2026).

13 FURTHER UPDATES / REPORTS

.1 Villager

TO RECORD thanks from the Parish Council, and on behalf of the Parishs, to Lorna Cuthill from Mapledurwell for her many years as principal distributor and delivery coordinator for the *Villager*, and also as treasurer. As Lorna is now stepping down from these roles, further thanks to Sue Smart (Mapledurwell) for taking them on.

14 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

To be rescheduled

Meeting close 9.30pm with thanks to all

APPENDIX I PARISH PLANNING UPDATE 20 JULY

APPLICATIONS NEW SINCE LAST MEETING OF 19 MAY

26/01391/HSE (Validated 07 July) 9 Kingsbridge Copse. Replacement roof and windows to garden room and part single storey extension to square off south-west corner. Alterations to fenestration

26/01274/HSE (Validated 03 July) Hunters, Newnham Lane. Erection of a single-storey side and rear extension with associated rooflights, roof lantern and external alterations

APPLICATIONS RECENTLY DECIDED

T/00210/26/TCA (Approve 01 June, Validated 08 May) Hunters Newnham Lane, T1 Silver Birch - Fell

26/00595/HSE (Grant 21 May, Validated 27 March) Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. Single storey kitchen extension to rear elevation with balcony above.

26/00144/LBC (Grant 12 June) (Validated 02 Feb) and 26/00151/ROC (Validated 03 Feb) Newnham House Ridge Lane. Variation of condition 1 of 24/02797/FUL to amend drawing numbers to allow for various alterations to scheme [re Coachhouse]

OWENS FARM – HOOK PARISH

25/02564/OUT (Pending, Validated 15 Jan) Owens Farm Newnham Road. Outline application for up to 415 dwellings, landscaping, open space, SANG, SuDS, and associated works with access from Newnham Road (principle and access to be considered).

OLD BASING APPLICATIONS – MOTO

20/03130/FUL (Pending, withdrawn from DC 11 March 2026), Land At M3 J6 from J5 off slip. Construction of temporary access road to enable construction of Basingstoke Motorway Service Area.

25/00754/OUT (Pending, withdrawn from DC 11 March 2026, Validated 25 March 2025) Land Adjacent To J6 M3. Outline application (with access to be determined, all other matters reserved) for development of a new Motorway Service Area (MSA) and associated landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works.

CLIDDESDEN APPLICATION - UPPER SWALLICK

26/00802/OUT (Pending, Validated 20 April) Land At Upper Swallick, Alton Road

Outline Planning Application for development comprising residential dwellings (Use Class C3), elderly living units (Use Class C2), serviced Gypsy and Traveller pitches (sui generis), a village centre and neighbourhood hubs comprising a mix of commercial and business uses (Use Class E), community uses (Use Class F2(B)), the expansion of Cliddesden Primary School and provision of a new primary school (Use Class F1), and associated infrastructure including the formation of sustainable urban drainage systems, public open space, allotments and sports pitches with facilities.

All matters reserved, save for the formation of new accesses from the A339 and Woods Lane, and the alteration of accesses from Northgate Lane and Farleigh Road

APPENDIX II –WATER END FIELD

HARDSTANDING ACCESS PLUS CONTAINERS DELIVERED, INSTALLED IN FIELD







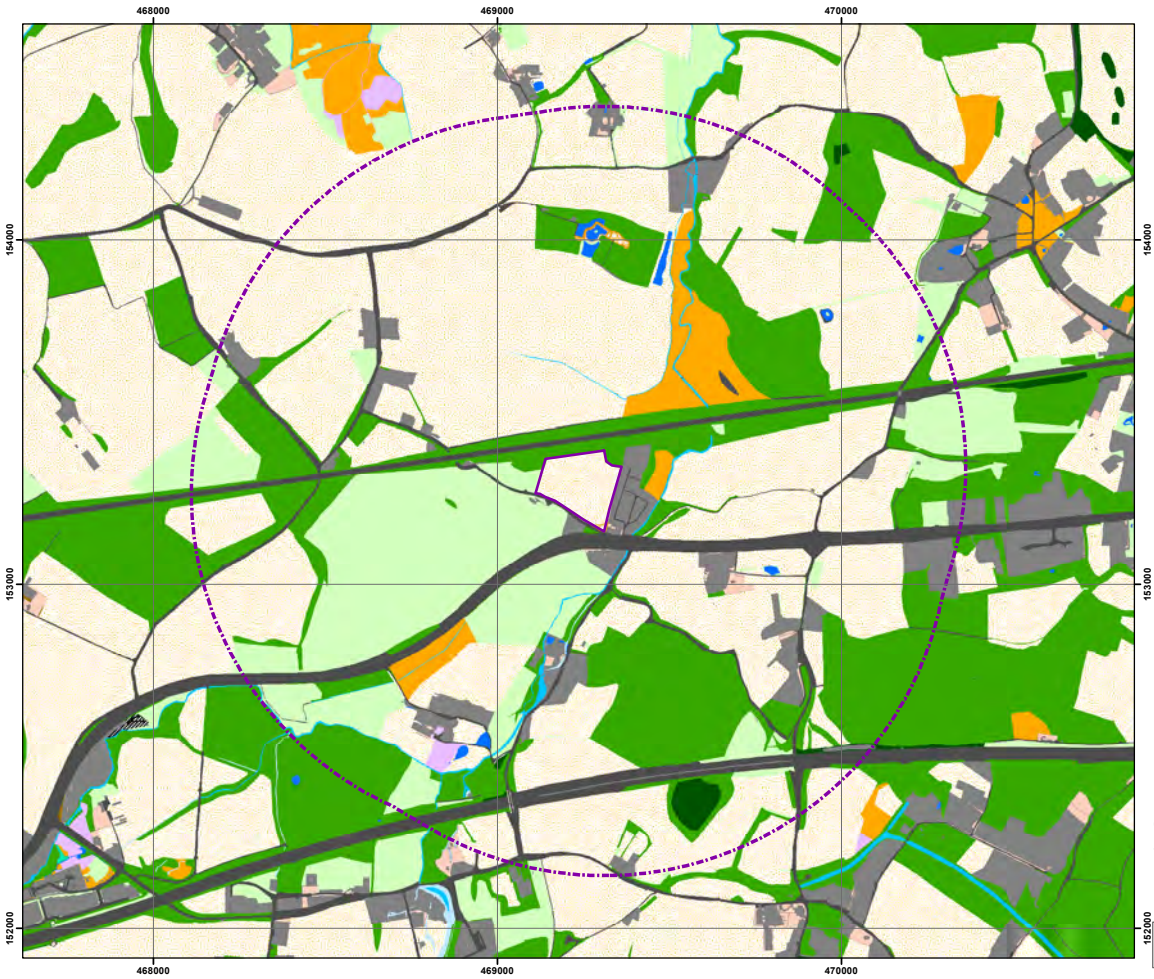
APPENDIX III – FROM NATURAL BASINGSTOKE SITE VISIT APRIL 2026
WATER END FIELD – SLOW WORMS







APPENDIX IV – FROM HBIC RECORDS



Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre

HBIC Ref: 14439

Broad habitats within 1km of Newnham Field (SU692532):

Some Habitats may overlap. Please see 'UK Broad Habitats Legend' for full Legend, there is a link to this within your covering letter

(see explanatory note for details of the origin and accuracy of this data)

Legend

1km Search Area

Site Boundary

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Scale at A3: 1:10,000

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APPENDIX V – LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

RE BDBC Extraordinary Cabinet meeting of Thursday 09 July

Email from From: Cllr Andy Konieczko Date: 9 July 2026 at 19:21:30 BST

Dear all, Earlier this evening at the Borough Council's Cabinet meeting, I provided an update on the work that we're undertaking with the Local Plan.

You might recall that, back in March, I announced at the Council meeting that our latest water cycle study and subsequent Regulation 18 public consultation had raised serious questions about the future water supply in our area. We'd discovered that South East Water couldn't guarantee that it could provide a resilient supply of fresh water for the new houses that we're being asked by the government to build. In short, South East Water couldn't tell us with any confidence that residents would have access to the fresh water that's essential for drinking, washing and flushing toilets. This is primarily because South East Water has failed to deliver a transfer pipeline from the Surrey Hills to our area on time.

The fact that we don't have enough infrastructure to support future growth in our Borough didn't come as a surprise; for decades now, we've suffered from a serious lack of investment and, as a result, our creaking infrastructure can no longer cope with growing demand. That's something that many of our residents, town and parish Councils, and Borough Councillors have been questioning for years. But, for the first time, it felt like our concerns were finally being taken seriously; we were, at long last, being listened to by the regulators and the government.

Since I made the announcement, our officer team has been working hard behind the scenes – leading a group also comprising the Environment Agency, Natural England, affected neighbouring councils and the government – to try to get to the bottom of the issue and understand exactly how much capacity South East Water has left in its system.

It's now been over four months since the work started, yet South East Water has still not been able to give us a definitive answer to this vital question or provide us with the assurances we need about future water supply - despite us and the other parties involved constantly challenging them. We've secured a meeting with South East Water's new Chief Executive next month, which we hope will finally give us the answers that we've all been seeking for so long.

In the meantime, we've continued to progress with the Local Plan as best we can - but we've reached a point where we can't realistically do any more without having a clear picture on future water supply. As a result, we won't now be able to keep to the published timetable and consult on the next draft of the Local Plan this summer and then submit our document to examination by the end of 2026, as the government requires us to do if we want to finish the Plan under the current planning system.

This is hugely frustrating - and it has significant implications for us all.

As we won't now be able to meet the December 2026 cut off, it means that we need to restart the Local Plan making process once again; this time, under the government's new system. That, in turn, will result in us not having a new Local Plan in place until autumn 2029 at the earliest. And, of course, that means that we remain at risk from speculative development for at least another three years.

We've raised this injustice with our Local MPs, and have requested a meeting with Ministers. We have to secure the planning protection that our Borough needs while we're forced to go back to the beginning with our Local Plan once again.

It's not right that our Borough should be exposed to speculative development because all of us here have done our jobs properly. Residents, town and parish Councils and Borough Councillors have asked difficult questions. The Cabinet and officers have been diligent and thorough in trying to answer those questions. And in doing so, we've uncovered potentially serious issues with vital infrastructure. We, as a Borough, shouldn't be penalised for the repeated failings of South East Water.

We're still waiting to hear back from government. However, it was encouraging to hear Steve Reed, the Housing Secretary, say publicly a few weeks ago that "we cannot have a new home built if you turn on a tap and nothing comes out" and that the government would "absolutely make sure that all the infrastructure is in place to support new housebuilding". This is exactly what we're asking the government to do - and we hope that it backs up its words with meaningful actions.

We will, of course, continue to keep you informed of progress. Our aim is to share the revised timetable for the Local Plan the next time that Cabinet meets, which is in September.

We need to continue to push forward and find the right solution for our borough. It's essential that we all have assurance that the homes we're being asked to plan for – both for now and well into the future - have sufficient infrastructure in place to serve them. That, after all, is exactly why Local Plans exist.

When we became an administration, we made producing the best possible Local Plan one of our main areas of focus. Despite multiple rewrites of the national planning rules, increases in housing targets, ministerial changes, and the swapping of governments and Prime Ministers, we've never once given up fighting for the best interests of our Borough. And we won't stop fighting now. Cllr Andy Konieczko

APPENDIX VI EA REFUSAL NOTICE – GREYWELL PUMPING STATION – ABSTRACTION

(ABSTRACTION / IMPOUNDMENT LICENCE APPLICATION(S))

South East Water Limited
Application number: NPS/WR/043914
Licence number: 28/39/24/0108/R02

EA Area: Thames West
Date of Application: 27/03/2025
Applicant details: South East Water Limited, Rocfort Road, Snodland, Kent ME6 5AH

Summary of the proposal:

South East Water (SEW) abstract from wells and boreholes from a chalk aquifer for public water supply from their Greywell Pumping Station at Greywell, Hook, Hampshire.

The licence had an expiry date of 31/03/2025 and SEW applied on 27/03/2025 to renew the expiring licence on the same terms.

Initially, they indicated they needed the licence for a further two years, until 31/03/2027, but later confirmed that until 31/03/2031 is actually required. Limited Extension of Validity (LEV) has been granted to the application, meaning SEW can continue to abstract under the terms and conditions of the expired licence until the Agency makes a decision on the renewal application.

We have assessed the proposed replacement licence against the three tests for renewal:

- environmental sustainability
- justification of need and
- water efficiency).

We have concluded the test for environmental sustainability was not met –
prevention under the Water Framework Directive (WFD) to achieve WFD Quantitative Status objectives –

and so we have decided to refuse the application, meaning the licence expires, (is cancelled.)

Source of supply:

Underground strata comprising Chalk at Greywell Pumping Station, Hampshire.

Point of abstraction and quantities:

National Grid Reference: SU 72 51.

477.34 cubic metres of water (m3) per hour,
6,819.14 m3/day,
2,495,806 m3/year.

Means of abstraction

- Two wells not exceeding 52 metres in depth and 2.5 metres in diameter with adits and pumps.
- Two boreholes not exceeding 46 metres in depth and 462 millimetres in diameter, each with a pump.
- Purpose of abstraction (abstraction only): Public water supply.
- Abstraction period (abstraction only): All year.

Case history:

The expectation, following the assessment and conclusion of the Restoring Sustainable Abstraction (RSA) programme and a series of National Environment Programme investigations and an Options Appraisal in Assessment Management Period 5 (AMP 5) from 2010-2015 **was that abstraction under the Greywell Licence would cease (be revoked) in 2020** due to the impact it was having on Greywell Fen Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

However, the infrastructure required to replace Greywell as a supply was not in place by 2020, as originally intended.

The Agency agreed an extension for the infrastructure works to be completed, and, as part of this, the Greywell Licence was amended to include an expiry date of 31/03/2023.

In 2023, SEW applied to renew the licence rather than letting it expire as expected. At this time, SEW confirmed that the infrastructure was in place to replace abstraction from Greywell. SEW set out a case in 2023 for completing some Covid-delayed investigations on the likely impacts and/or future management of the Greywell Fen SSSI when abstraction

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ceased. This was agreed and the Greywell Licence re-issued with an expiry date of 31/03/2025 for when abstraction would finally cease.

(Note: though requested a number of times, the findings and conclusions of SEW's Greywell Fen investigation have not been provided to the Agency or used to support the 2025 renewal.)

In 2025, SEW applied to renew the licence rather than letting it expire as expected. The licence renewal was requested due to recent nitrate-related groundwater quality issues, particularly at West Ham and Cookham treatment works, reducing the supply of water in SEW's Water Resources Zone 4 (WRZ4) area. While a solution was put in place, SEW needed to continue abstraction at Greywell to maintain supply and offset further supply reductions caused by a reduction in licence quantity at Lasham (for environmental protection reasons) and the delay in installing the Surrey Hills to Greywell main pipeline infrastructure.

A SEW Options Appraisal showed an existing and worsening water supply versus water demand shortfall, especially under drought conditions, with the Greywell abstraction identified as a necessary part of the solution. As a result of these issues, the licence renewal period was extended from two to five years, until 30/03/2031.

Justification of quantities

The applicant provided information to support continued need for the abstraction licence at the time of application. The maximum annual abstraction over the last five years (2020/21 – 2024/25 - the period when this licence was expected to be revoked) was 1,719,761 m3 (69% of the maximum annual quantity), with an average annual over the same period of 1,645,055 m3 (66% of the maximum annual.) SEW confirmed that no growth in recent actual abstraction quantities was proposed and late in the process they offered to remove the licence headroom with a reduction to 6,000 m3/day and 2,028,000 m3/year.

The Agency does not dispute that recent actual quantities are required for public water supply, **but from 2020 on it was expected this would not be from the Greywell source to prevent WFD failures and impact on Greywell Fen SSSI.**

Impact assessment of proposal:

The Greywell abstraction is directly linked to the quantitative failure of the Basingstoke Chalk groundwater body. Continued abstraction prevents the groundwater body from achieving 'Good' for Quantitative Status by 2027 through the impact it has on the supporting Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems (GWDTE) element achieving its individual objective of 'Good' status by 2027, as required by WFD objectives and as set out in the 2019 River Basin Management Plan (RBMP).

This WFD failure is specifically tied to the ongoing impact the Greywell abstraction has on the Greywell Fen Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), which is also a GWDTE, as evidenced through previous Restoring Sustainable Abstraction (RSA) and Water Industry National Environment Programme (WINEP) investigations.

Statutory consultation:

The Agency consulted Natural England under the regulations using an Appendix 4 assessment with a 'minded to' decision to refuse the application due to likely damage to a SSSI (Greywell Fen).

Natural England responded; **Natural England supports the overarching conclusion of the Appendix 4 document, which states within section 13, that continuing this abstraction will likely cause damage to Greywell Fen SSSI.**

We agree this operation should not be permitted. The ongoing damage and likely deterioration caused by this abstraction threatens the long-term function, processes and integrity of the alkaline fen, and the rare and / or notable groundwater-dependent species (such as within M9 and M22 plant communities) of which it supports. This SSSI is one of the largest remaining examples of alkaline fen in Southern England.

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Natural England Conclusion: Agreement with the Agency that this permission should not be permitted (refused).

We sent the same Appendix 4 assessment to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIOWWT) for comment and they confirmed receipt. No further response has been received.

External representations: The application had a statutory exemption from advertising. However, the Whitewater Valley Conservation Society (WVCS) sent a letter to the Agency's Chairman detailing their interest in and concerns for the River Whitewater, adjacent to Greywell pumping station. We replied that we were unable to treat their letter or any further comments or information that might be provided as a formal representation. However, we recognised the local interest and concern that they represented and said that we would appropriately consider any further relevant points they may raise and which they duly presented as a series of questions or options. **Refusal of the application meets one of WVCS's options**. Out of courtesy, we agreed to inform WVCS of our decision on the application, when it was made.

Protected rights:

We carried out an assessment of protected rights when the original licence was granted, therefore no further assessment is required. We have not identified any existing lawful uses within the area affected by this proposal.

Conservation issues:

Greywell Fen SSSI is adversely impacted by abstraction, with evidence of species loss and extinction. Continued abstraction would delay recovery and further risk deterioration of the SSSI and associated habitats. Natural England and the Agency agree that 'Favourable Condition' cannot be achieved or maintained under any ongoing abstraction regime, even if reduced.

Costs/ Benefits:

Refusing the application represents a cost to the SEW through the cost of the refused application and the need to deliver options for the treatment and transfer of existing or alternative water supplies due to the demonstrated supply deficit in the area.

We have also had regard to the benefits of refusal, including the avoidance of continued environmental harm to Greywell Fen SSSI, the recovery of a nationally significant groundwater-dependent ecosystem, and the contribution refusal makes to achieving statutory Water Framework Directive objectives for the Basingstoke Chalk groundwater body and connected waters.

However, we have considered our duties to consider the reasonable requirements to water, and we are satisfied that the benefits of refusing this application outweigh the costs.

Conclusion and recommendation:

Granting a renewed licence for Greywell would not meet the Agency's duties under Regulation 13 of The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017 as doing so would contribute significantly to ongoing WFD Basingstoke Chalk groundwater body failures and would be incompatible with achieving WFD objectives for the Basingstoke Chalk groundwater body.

We therefore refuse the application to renew and re-issue the Greywell licence. **This decision means that abstraction from Greywell under Limited Extension of Validity shall cease at the end of the statutory period to appeal this decision**.

Contact the Environment Agency

Water Resources Team, 99 Parkway Avenue, Sheffield, S9 4WF

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Our ref: PH/AK/AR 12 June 2026

Dear Mr Hinton

RE: THE GREYWELL WATER CRISIS — A FAILURE OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ITS IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY

We are writing to you today, 12 June 2026, the day after South East Water lodged a formal appeal with the Planning Inspectorate against the Environment Agency's refusal to extend your abstraction licence at Greywell. We are interested in accountability, so we will be direct.

You have brought this upon yourselves. And the people of Basingstoke are now paying the price.

Your company's communication of 11 June has left us in shock. It makes it clear that if the appeal being made against the Environment Agency's (EA) decision to rescind the licence for the continued abstraction of water is refused, there will be a "severe and immediate impact for thousands of residents in the Borough."

We must seek assurance from you, as a matter of urgency, as to what measures will be put in place should the appeal be refused. These measures must be set out urgently in writing and published publicly so that everyone can see what you plan to do about the crisis you have created.

1. You Have Been Killing Greywell Fen for Years

Let us be clear about what the Greywell groundwater abstraction crisis means to our community. Your negligence over many years not to invest in the needed infrastructure now means you have to seek the Planning Inspectorate's intervention to continue the abstraction of the aquifer. You have created this crisis. Communities in our borough will feel angry and rightly be asking searching questions of what this means to them. You

Chief Executive Russell O'Keefe
Deputy Chief Executive Rebecca Emmett

Director of Resident Services Fiona Darby
Director of Regeneration Sarah Longthorpe
Director of Customers, Digital and Improvement Katy Sallis

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are singularly responsible for this crisis and failure to meet the water supply needs of Basingstoke.

Natural England (NE), in its formal response to the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation in January 2026, stated in unambiguous terms that South East Water's continued abstraction at Greywell is causing 'significant environmental impacts' that are 'harming and further deteriorating the condition of Greywell Fen SSSI.'

The EA is clear in its response to the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan that the Greywell Fen is not an ordinary piece of land. It is one of the largest remaining alkaline fens in southern England, internationally recognised. It is listed under Annex I of the EU Habitats Directive. Its current condition is classified, by the EA, as 'Unfavourable Declining.'

Your own Water Resources Management Plan, published in October 2024, sets out a pathway to cease abstraction from Greywell by 2025. You knew this was coming. Natural England knew it. The Environment Agency knew it. Yet the abstraction continued and South East Water failed to invest in alternative infrastructure in time.

Let that sink in: you set your own deadline to stop damaging a protected Site of Special Scientific Interest, then missed it. And now you are appealing the regulator's decision to enforce what your own plan committed you to do.

2. The Pipeline That Was Never Built

The solution to Basingstoke's water supply resilience has been known for years: a strategic transfer pipeline from Surrey Hills Service Reservoir to Basingstoke. This infrastructure would have enabled you to cease the environmentally damaging Greywell abstraction, address the supply-demand imbalance in your WRZ4 (Basingstoke) water resource zone, and futureproof the region against the Government unrealistic imposed housing targets.

In your own formal response to the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan consultation in January 2026, South East Water acknowledged that this pipeline is essential to the area's water security and 'is expected to be delivered in the early 2030s' and is 'currently subject to a review to identify the most suitable pipeline route.' The route has not even been confirmed. The project has not been built. And the reason?

You told Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council directly: Ofwat has 'disallowed funding' for the scheme, and you are 'currently underfunded to deliver' it. South East Water is appealing that regulatory decision. So while the pipeline sits on paper, while the route remains unconfirmed, while the funding battle drags through the Competition and Markets Authority, the people of north Hampshire have no alternative water source and Greywell Fen continues to be drained.

This is not bad luck. It is the predictable consequence of a water industry model in which infrastructure investment is perpetually deferred, fought over by regulators and companies, and ultimately sacrificed on the altar of financial returns. For years, water companies, including South East Water, have been criticised for paying interest on enormous debts and dividends to shareholders while underinvesting in the pipes,

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treatment works and reservoirs that customers actually need. Successive national governments should have addressed this. Basingstoke is now living with the consequences.

3. The Crisis You Have Created

Your own stakeholder communication acknowledges that 'an immediate cessation of abstraction at Greywell would cause a severe and immediate water shortage for thousands of local residents and businesses.'

The communication of the 11 June follows your company's response to the recent Regulation 18 consultation on the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan draft spatial strategy, which advised that there is currently insufficient water supply capacity to support the required levels of additional housing growth the government has demanded in our borough. This is also relevant to non-residential development, which is important to the future prosperity of the area.

You describe lodging this appeal as something you 'do not take lightly.' We suggest you should have done your job and invested rather more heavily in the infrastructure that would have prevented this situation arising at all, instead of lining major shareholders' and executives' pockets.

The EA's refusal is not an act of bureaucratic obstruction. It is the consequence of your failure to deliver the alternative infrastructure that would have allowed you to stop abstracting from a protected and environmentally degraded site. The agency is simply enforcing what the science, the law, and your own management plan have been pointing to for years.

Meanwhile, the Water Cycle Study underpinning the Draft Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan reveals further systemic failures: Basingstoke Sewage Treatment Works is operating under a Maximum Daily Volume permit rather than a standard Dry Weather Flow permit; Southern Water's Whitchurch works have exceeded their permitted discharge limits; and multiple treatment works will need substantial upgrades simply to accommodate the housing growth already committed to. Infrastructure failure is not an isolated incident, it is a pattern of failure in the water industry.

4. What We Expect From You

Although we acknowledge your team's engagement with council officers to date, the pace of your progress is a matter of serious concern, and it is clear that this issue now requires an immediate and significantly enhanced response by you. The work necessary to resolve these water supply constraints must be treated as an urgent priority and we would welcome your support in this matter.

It is essential to establish a clear, robust, and well-evidenced position now, that both protects our waterways and environmental assets and also ensures a suitable way forward that is acceptable to all parties. We would urge a robust assessment of all options to be completed as soon as possible. Only then will the council be able to effectively plan for growth in our area. We ask for your written assurance that this essential work is a top priority and is suitably resourced by your organisation.

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We are writing to demand the following:

First, a public commitment, with a fixed, legally binding timeline, to deliver the Surrey Hills to Basingstoke transfer pipeline. Not a review of route options. Not a provisional aspiration. A commitment, with dates.

Second, a transparent account of how South East Water intends to fund this infrastructure, and what representations you are making to Ofwat and the CMA to secure that funding, published in full, for public scrutiny.

Third, a funded and independently monitored environmental remediation plan for Greywell Fen SSSI, setting out how South East Water intends to contribute to the restoration of a habitat your company has helped to degrade.

Fourth, an honest public communication to the 70,000 customers at risk - not the careful corporate messaging of yesterday's stakeholder update, but a frank explanation of how South East Water's failure to invest in infrastructure has created a situation in which an appeal to a public inquiry is now the only thing standing between them and the risk of taps running dry. The public deserves a full and unreserved public apology and admission of liability from your organisation.

The people of Basingstoke did not create this crisis. They did not choose to abstract water from a protected fen beyond the point of sustainability. They did not fail to build the pipeline. They did not fight Ofwat's funding decisions while the environment deteriorated. They pay their water bills, and they deserve better than to be told, in measured and apologetic corporate prose, that their taps may run dry if South East Water's appeal is refused.

Make no mistake: the successive national governments that allowed South East Water to get away with this are also culpable; you have been allowed to get away with not investing properly in much needed infrastructure for too long.

Basingstoke residents find themselves in an unenviable position caused by your company's failings: either they risk running out of water, or they watch as South East Water's continued abstraction at Greywell threatens the future of a precious local habitat. This is not a scenario that anyone should face. It is unacceptable that your customers should be saddled with the consequences of your mistakes.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Paul Harvey
Leader of the Council

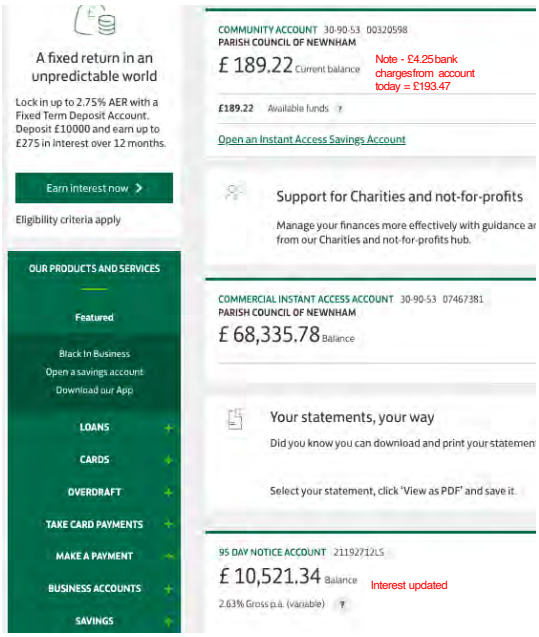
Councillor Andy Konieczko
Cabinet Member for
Strategic Planning & Infrastructure

APPENDIX VIII – ACCOUNTS TO DATE

NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL INCOME 2026/27 - 20 JULY

Balance brought forward 1st April 2026										£22,985.63
Date	Item	Precept	BDBC Grass cutting grant	BDBC S106 for Green	Grants other	HCC Bus shelter grant	Vat PC	Vat (LM) 2024/25	Bank Interest	Total Receipts
02/04/2026	BDBC S106 funding for Green			£1,870.17						£1,870.17
27/04/2026	Parish Precept 6 months	£7,147.50								£7,147.50
27/04/2026	BDBC Grass Cutting Grant		£351.93							£351.93
08/06/2026	Ward Cllr Community grant				£716.00					£716.00
20/07/2026	HCC Bus Shelter Grant					£40,864.00				£40,864.00
	VAT reclaim PC- 2025/26									
2026-27	Bank Interest								£112.56	£112.56
	Total	£7,147.50	£351.93	£1,870.17	£716.00	£40,864.00	£0.00	£0.00	£112.56	£51,062.16
										£51,062.16

	RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY			
	Bal brought forward 01 April 2025	£22,985.63		
	Plus income	£51,062.16		
	Minus expenditure	£5,499.47		
	Balance	**£68,548.32**		
	BANK RECONCILIATION			
	Business instant access			
	Community account	£193.47		
	95-day notice account	£10,436.77		
	Interest on 95-day notice account	£82.30		
	Less LM funding remaining	£11,250.00		
	Plus LM VAT to reclaim	£750.00		
	Balance	**£68,548.32**		
	PC VAT to reclaim 2025/26	£135.27		
	LM Vat to reclaim 2025/26	£750.00		
	90-day notice account to date	£10,519.07	£0.00	



NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL - EXPENDITURE 2026/27 - 20 July

No	Inv date	Date paid	Supplier	Description	Admin / Governance	Salary	N1 Employer	Assembly expenses	Villager	Owens Farm	Maintn general	Green Maintenance	Green project	NEWNHAM 901	VAT	Total
1	02/04/2026	03/04/2026	PGGM-3497	Green mow x 1 (ride on-drop)								£150.00			£30.00	£180.00
2	07/04/2026	13/04/2026	HALC 8103	HALC/NALC subs	£327.00											£327.00
3	17/04/2026	17/04/2026	Lloyds	Bank service charge	£4.25											£4.25
4	24/04/2025	24/04/2026	Canopy Crewe events	N901 Marquee deposit										£200.00		£200.00
5	24/04/2025	24/04/2026	Lights4fun.co.uk	Marquee battery festoonlights										£139.95	£27.99	£167.94
6	31/05/2025	27/04/2026	Loos-for-doos-IN-01691	N901 - portaloo balance										£157.50	£31.50	£189.00
7	APRIL	04/05/2026	Clerk	Salary		£432.00										£432.00
8	04/05/2026	04/05/2026	PGGM-3532	Sleepers for ditch crossing								£133.20			£26.64	£159.84
9	18/05/2026	18/05/2026	PGGM-3544	Green mow x 1 (ride on-drop)								£150.00			£30.00	£180.00
10	18/05/2026	18/05/2026	Lloyds	Bank service charge	£4.25											£4.25
11	25/05/2026	25/05/2026	Zurich	Online Insurance 2025/26	£300.00											£300.00
12	10/03/2026	25/05/2026	Silent Disco UK	N901 - Silent disco										£391.00		£391.00
														-£158.20		£158.20
13	MAY	25/05/2026	Clerk	Salary		£432.00										£432.00
14	27/05/2026	27/05/2026	Screwfix	AA batteries for festoon lights										£7.33	£1.46	£8.79
15	27/05/2026	27/05/2026	Amazon.co.uk	Amazon light sticks										£16.65	£3.33	£19.98
16	27/05/2026	27/05/2026	PGGM-3562	Green mow x 1 (ride on-drop)								£150.00			£30.00	£180.00
17	31/05/2026	31/05/2026	Canopy Crewe events	N901 Marquee balance										£560.00		£560.00
18	01/06/2026	01/06/2026	Bespoke Gdn Furnit	Information board-PC101									£720.00		£144.00	£864.00
19a	30/03/2026	01/06/2026	VenusPackaginSolutions	N901-Pink-banquet-table covers										£44.98	£9.00	
19b	09/04/2026	01/06/2026	VenusPackaginSolutions	N901-Pink-banquet-table covers										£15.82	£3.17	
19c	31/03/2026	01/06/2026	Amazon.co.uk	N901-Dark pink napkins										£25.74	£5.16	£103.87
20	May	01/06/2026	Sainsbury's	Candles										£13.00		£13.00
21a	June	05/06/2026	PCC Newnham/NatelySc	Stripe fees										£67.10		
21b	June	05/06/2026	PCC Newnham/NatelySc	Ticket taylor fees										£30.90		
21c	June	05/06/2026	PCC Newnham/NatelySc	Berro Kitchen top up payment										£99.00		£197.00
22	16/06/2026	16/06/2026	Lloyds	Bank service charge	£4.25											£4.25
23	02/06/2026	04/06/2026	PGGM-3612	Green mow x 1 (ride on-drop)								£150.00			£30.00	£180.00
24	JUNE	05/07/2026	Clerk	Salary		£172.80										
25	AMJ	05/07/2026	HMRC	PAYE-Apr-May-June		£259.20										£432.00
26	AMJ	05/07/2026	HMRC	NI-Emp contrib-Apr-May-June			£6.75									£6.75
27	09/06/2026	16/07/2026	Tesco	Assembly wine				£17.29							£3.46	£20.75
28	16/07/2026	16/07/2026	Peter Brown	Internal audit	£100.00											£100.00
				TOTALS	**£739.75**	**£1,296.00**	**£6.75**	**£17.29**				**£733.20**	**£720.00**	**£1,610.77**	**£375.71**	**£5,499.47**
	Inv date	**Date paid**	Supplier	**Description**	**Admin / Governance**	**Salary**	**N1 Employer**	**Assembly expenses**	**Villager / information**	**Owens Farm**	**Maintn general**	**Green Maintenance**	**Green project**	**NEWNHAM 901**	**VAT**	**Total**
																£5,499.47

APPENDIX IX – BUDGET UPDATE 2026/27

YEAR END COMPARISON		NEWNHAM	2026/27 TO DATE	2026/27 LATEST ESTIMATE	2026/27 BUDGET MARCH 2026
2024/25 Year End	2025/26 Year End	20 JULY 2026			
£13,416.00	£13,614.00	Precept	£7,147.50	£14,295.00	£14,295.00
		County Bus shelter grant	£40,864.00	£40,864.00	£40,864.00
£351.93	£351.93	Grass cutting grant	£351.93	£351.93	£351.93
£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Grant CountyCllr-Green			
£541.00		WardCll-grants-Green	£716.00	£716.00	£716.00
		S106-board/benches/bridge/sign	£1,870.17	£1,870.17	£1,870.17
£260.76	£585.67	Bank interest	£112.56	£112.56	
	£143.86	Refunds HugoFox			
	£4,346.00	N-900-income/refund			
	£750.00	Grant CountyCllr N901			
£210.00					
£827.53	£40.50	VAT reclaim (PC) last yr		£135.27	£135.27
	£1,931.25	VAT reclaim (PC) this yr		£375.71	
£3,250.00	£250.00	VAT reclaim(LM) last yr		£750.00	£750.00
£19,857.22	£23,013.21	**Total Income**	£51,062.16	£59,470.64	£58,982.37
£324.00	£324.00	Clerk allowance		£324.00	£324.00
		Assembly Expenses	£17.29	£150.00	£150.00
£1,209.25	£1,122.88	Admin/Governance	£739.75	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
		Training		£200.00	£200.00
£4,320.00	£5,184.00	Salary	£1,296.00	£5,443.20	£5,443.20
		Staff costs ERS NI	£6.75	£27.00	
£644.04	£690.40	Maintenance-general		£800.00	£800.00
£365.00	£2,410.20	Green Maintenance	£733.20	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
£899.45	£1,065.01	Villager		£1,250.00	£1,250.00
£111.73	£52.50	Community		£500.00	£500.00
£7,873.47	£10,848.99	Precept budget expend	£2,792.99	£12,694.20	£12,667.20
		PROJECTS'			
		Water End / A30		£12,500.00	£12,500.00
	£9,676.00	Newnham 900/901	£1,610.77	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
		N901 (CountyCllr)		£697.50	£697.50
	£3,643.00	Green project	£720.00	£716.00	£716.00
		Green project		£180.70	£180.70
		Bus shelter replacement		£40,864.00	£40,864.00
£1,488.49	£399.83	Owens Farm		£4,600.17	£4,600.17
£652.44	£2,816.52	VAT	£375.71	£375.71	
£10,014.40	£27,384.34	**Total Expenditure**	£5,499.47	£73,628.28	£73,225.57
£7,873.47		Precept budget expend	£2,792.99		
£2,140.93		**Project+VAT expend**	£2,706.48		
£9,842.82	£4,371.13	**SURPLUS/DEFICIT**	£45,562.69	£14,157.64	£14,243.20
£27,356.76	£22,985.63	BALANCE	£68,548.32	£8,827.99	£8,742.43
24/25 Year	2025/26 YEAR END	**NEWNHAM**	2026/27 TO DATE	2026/27 BUDGET MAR 2026	2026/27 BUDGET MAR 2026

APPENDIX IV PLANNING UPDATE 19 OCTOBER

APPLICATIONS NEW SINCE LAST MEETING OF 08 SEPTEMBER

No new planning applications

APPLICATIONS PENDING OR RECENTLY DECIDED

26/01232/CA (Approve 15 September, Validated 23 July) The Memorial Hall, Church Lane. T1 - Species unknown - Remove; T2 - Laurel - Remove; T3 - Cypress - Remove; T4 - Yew - Crown reduce by 3m back to suitable growth points, lift crown to 3m above ground level, reduce radius to shape the crown by up to 4m back to suitable growth points; T5 - Leylandi - Remove

26/01195/LBC (Grant 15 Oct, Validated 29 July) The Memorial Hall, Church Lane.
Works to well house - repair or replacement of clay tiles - renovation, re-painting and re-instatement of weather vane - replacement of lead flashing - replacement of battens; and - re-pointing of brickwork with lime based mortar
Works to front wall to the left of the entrance - Partial demolition and re-erection and partial repair accommodating the roots of the Yew tree - Re-alignment and re-pointing of gate pillar.

26/01071/**PREAPP** (Opinion issued 28 Sept, validated 25 June) Land At Mill Lane, Riseley. Option of utilising the entire field, creating an additional 22 acre SANG extension.
Conclusion – Overall, I would regard the proposed SANG extension as an acceptable form of development in principle in this location and would be a logical extension to an existing SANG. Based on the information submitted, the proposal would increase the overall SANG area to approximately 20.3ha, thereby potentially enabling a 5km catchment.

26/00243/LBC (Withdrawn, 04 September, Validated 17 February) The Memorial Hall, Church Lane. Remove existing wire fence and gate at the rear of the hall and replace with a close board wooden fence.

CROSS BOUNDARY / RISELEY APPLICATION Application from the Wellington Estate.

26/00541/OUT (For Committee Wed 21 October, Validated 13 April) Land At Sun Lane, Basingstoke Road, Heckfield. Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the construction of up to 44 dwellings, including affordable housing together with access, landscaping and associated infrastructure (cross boundary application)
Described as 'cross boundary'. All the application site is in Riseley (Wokingham BC). But the application includes some S278 works to the Highway - Sun Lane where it meets the B3349 is just in Heckfield.
Public comments Received-35; Objections-34; Supporting-1.