



Minutes of Agenda 289

Tuesday, 31st March at 7.30pm
Newton Regis Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Cox (DC) Chair
Cllr M Ruston (MR) Vice Chair
Cllr S Wilson (SW)
Cllr D Clarke (DCC)
Cllr R Thirlby (RT)
Cllr R Scully (RS)

Mrs B Cox (BC) Clerk

Borough Cllr D Humphreys (DH),
5 Residents

1. **Apologies for Absence:** County Cllr. S Shaw
2. **Police Items** – no police present but the beat report had been circulated,
3. **Public Participation:** *the meeting was adjourned to allow public participation*
 - a) a resident of NMH raised the issue regarding potholes. DH advised that it should be reported on the County Council's website. There had been no update on the missing directional signs or the new waste bin at NMH. The clerk will chase this.
ACTION: BC
 - b) There was no update regarding residents having access to tennis at NR. DC will speak to the club.
ACTION: DC
DC met with S Wagstaff about the play area and there will be further discussions.
4. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Scully declared an interest in – Planning Application PAP/2025/0077 item 7, a., i
5. **Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting – 10 February 2026**– agreed and signed by the chair.
6. **Matters Arising**

The internal auditor for 2025/26 was appointed and had agreed to do the audit.
The clerk is still to ask for public liability insurance for the contractors - A Passey and G Johnson,
ACTION: BC
Appleby cricket club has confirmed they wish to use the field for the new season.
The lottery funding has been extended until July 2027
Arborcare has done the required work to the Willow trees at the pond.
Further litter picks are planned for 27th June and 24th October
7. **Planning matters: proposed development sites, recent decisions**
 - a) **Applications**
 - i) PAP/2026/0077 – 9 Austrey Lane, NR two storey side extension.
NO COMMENTS
 - b) **Decisions-** none

8. Financial Matters.

The clerk advised the meeting of the bank balances as shown below and the financial statement was circulated at the meeting.

a) Bank Balances as at 30/03/2026 (adjusted for cheques not yet presented)				
			£	
	General Account		114.15	
	Deposit Account		7,357.59	
	Reserve Account		26,171.51	
	Total		33,643.25	
	total includes reserves :-		17,250.00	Earmarked for car park
			2,500.00	Earmarked for trees and repairs
b) Payments Made Since Last Meeting				
			£	
	10/02/2026		150.00	S Wilson - duckfood/ maint.
	12/02/2026		45.00	NMH Village Hall - room hire
	27/02/2026		308.32	Clerk's salary
	12/02/2026		77.00	HMRC PAYE
	17/02/2026		4.75	Lloyds - bank charges
	16/02/2026		100.00	News & Views -grant
	16/02/2026		11.99	Hugo Fox - website
	03/03/2026		14.99	Hugo Fox - emails
	05/03/2026		25.00	DVLA - V5 replacement
	06/03/2026		235.00	A Passey - hedge maint.
	06/03/2026		59.22	Clerk- ink & travel
	16/03/2026		6.80	Clerk - postage
	16/03/2026		96.00	WALC - training
	16/03/2026		77.00	HMRC PAYE
	30/03/2026		308.32	Clerk's salary
	17/03/2026		4.25	Lloyds - bank charges
	17/03/2026		11.99	Hugo Fox - website
	30/03/2026		576.00	Arborecare- tree surgery to Willow
	30/03/2026		11.99	Hugo Fox - emails
	30/03/2026		2.99	Hugo Fox - emails
			2,126.61	
Income received since last meeting				
			£	
	09/02/2026		8.52	interest - Deposit Account
	09/02/2026		6.62	interest - Reserve Account
	09/03/2026		3.14	interest - Deposit Account
	09/03/2026		9.72	interest - Reserve Account
	Total		28.00	

9. **To Adopt IT Policy** – the new policy had been circulated, and it was formally adopted.

10. Village Issues

a) Newton Regis

- i) Car Park – the Parish Council are waiting for a revised quote for the works to the car park which will include drainage and pathway. The Parish Council confirmed, to a representative from the Village Hall, that the Parish Council does have Public Liability Insurance. DC asked the representative from the Village Hall to advise if the paved area outside the Village Hall is the responsibility of the Village Hall
- ii) Play Area – DC is having ongoing discussions with Stef Wagstaff regarding funding possibilities.
- iii) Cricket – DC and SW had met with Ansley Cricket Club who want to hold matches on 1st, 15th and 29th August. They have Public Liability Insurance and will prepare the field. Consideration will need to be given to making the paved area at the Village Hall safe should there be bookings which clash with the dates of the matches. The Parish Council will consider this further.
- iv) Car Park Light – it was agreed that the light should be replaced. Cllr Thirlby will arrange this.

ACTION: RT

RS advised that there may be funding available for goal posts and nets for the field. This item is to be added to the next agenda.

b) No Man’s Heath - none

c) Seckington – there had been another accident at the junction of Hangman’s Lane and Ashby Road.

11. Urgent Items - None

12. Correspondence – all correspondence circulated by email

13. Date of next meeting – **19th May 2026 at Newton Regis Village Hall at 7.30pm to include the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chair Cllr **Date**.....
D Cox