



**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 8th May 2025 at
6:00 pm in the Village Hall, Guntons Road, Newborough, PE6 7RT.
Held under the Chairmanship of Cllr Ormston of Newborough and Borough Fen
Parish Council**

Clerk: -

Irene Healiss

clerk@newboroughandboroughfen-pc.gov.uk

Present: -

Cllr Ormston, Cllr Coleman, Cllr Rowell, Cllr Cawley, Cllr Cave, Cllr Angrave, Mrs Brenda Vessey (Bowls Club), Mrs Shirley Cawley (St Bartholomew's Church), Mrs Wendy Sayer (Good Neighbours), Mrs Margaret Cave (Village Hall Trustees), Mrs Jen Paterson (Principal of Newborough C of E Primary School), City Cllr Allen, Mrs Irene Healiss (Clerk) and three (3) additional members of the public.

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Babb, Cllr Kim Hill, Cllr Jon Hill, Cllr John Fox, Cllr Judy Fox, Mrs Marianne Lawton (Cricket Club/ Coronation Field trustees), Mrs Debbie Gunns (Newborough playgroup), Ms Michele Mathews (Rural Good Neighbours Scheme), Mr John Wright (Neighbourhood Village Watch), City Councillor Rylan Ray.

2. Minutes of meeting held 9th May 2024

It was proposed by Cllr Coleman, seconded by Cllr Cawley and **resolved** that the minutes are a true record. The minutes were signed by Cllr Ormston.

3. Parish Council Report by Chairman

(Appendix 1)

4. Responsible Financial Officer Report 2025

(Appendix 2)

5. To receive reports from Local Organisations:

- Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council - allotment report (Appendix 3)
- Bowls Club (Appendix 4)
- Good Neighbourhood Scheme (GNS Trustee Report) (Appendix 5)
- Newborough Playgroup (Appendix 6)
- Newborough Women's Institute (WI) No Report
- Newborough C of E School (Appendix 7)
- Neighbourhood Village Watch (Appendix 8)
- Newborough Village Hall trustees (Appendix 9)
- Cricket Club/ Coronation Field trustees (Appendix 10)
- St Batholomew's Church (Appendix 11)

6. To receive update from the local Ward Councillors.

(Appendix 12)



7. Village matters and public forum - discuss the general affairs of the Parish and to pass any resolutions thereon.

Mrs Paterson queried if the young leaders at the school are permitted to put posters up on School Road to detract people from parking irresponsibly. It was confirmed that this is a matter for the City Council and will be raised by City Cllrs Ormston and Allen to the relevant department. The Clerk offered an update regarding possibly extending the yellow lines on School Road as per communication received from the Network and Traffic manager at PCC. Current parking opportunity at 'The Bull' car park was also queried.

The meeting closed at 6:51 pm

Signed
The Chairman

Please see the below appendices for Reports.

Appendix 1

Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council

Chair's Annual Report 2024/25

Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council has had another busy year. Highlights for me included the Christmas tree light switch-on event, (complete with Mr and Mrs Claus), Santa's sleigh and refreshments held at the church after the light switch on, and the big steps forward concerning the Skateramp. A project not without its controversy, however, the decision was made before I and many other current Parish Councillors joined the Parish Council. It was time to complete the project and look forward to seeing the ramp completed in the first half of 2025/26.

Within my last report I mentioned that I was hoping for stability in personnel within the Parish Council. I am truly pleased to say that this was achieved last year, and I truly believe this stability supports the Parish Council and the community as a whole. I sincerely hope this will continue in the coming year.



Parish Councils are not everywhere, and being a City Councillor has enabled me to see areas of the city with no Parish Council and in areas that do, they all run ever so slightly differently. I can say hand on heart that

Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council has a huge amount of community engagement when compared to others and is, for the most part, at one with the community. This is exactly what I would hope for any and all Parish Councils, and I am proud that Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council can be seen in such a positive light.

This was my first full year as Chair and who knows if I will get another! With this in mind, it feels only right to formally thank each Parish Councillor for their time, work and commitment to the Parish Council and the community this past year. It is a voluntary role, and everyone's efforts are very much appreciated.

A huge thank you to our Clerk. Irene is invaluable to our Parish Council and on behalf of us all, I wish to thank her for all her hard work and guidance this past year. Her enthusiasm, experience, and desire to push herself and the Parish Council forward is inspiring.

Last but by no means least, I wish to thank the residents of Newborough and Borough Fen. Their engagement with the Parish Council and the community as a whole is a shining example of how communities and Parish Councils should engage and work together.

Thank you for a memorable year filled with positive steps forward.

Mark Ormston
Chair of Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council

Appendix 2

Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council

Annual report from the Responsible Financial Officer 2024-2025

(Figures have been rounded up to the nearest £ as per the annual return, where necessary.)

The financial year 2024-25 saw the Council receive £134,397 in income which was made up mostly of precept, grants and s106 funding received. (£40,238.24 was received in s106 money, and £15,000 from Sport England towards the Fernie Close skate ramp project.) With reserves and careful management of an annual spend of £66,001, the Parish Council were able to carry forward £146,962 as of 31st March 2025, with £94,416.88 held in ear marked reserves.



This was made up as of 31st March 2025: -

- £45,464.46 in a CCLA investment account and a further
 - £101,497.26 in the Unity Trust bank accounts.
- Total £146,962 (to the nearest £)

The Council currently hold £107,273 in fixed assets.

Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council continues to remain financially stable moving forward, with earmarked reserves being accounted for future projects, including: -

| Account | Opening Balance | Net Transfers | Closing Balance |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 320 EMR - Training | 2,000.00 | -480.00 | 1,520.00 |
| 321 EMR - Legal Fees | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 |
| 322 EMR - Doctors Income Reserve | 2,500.00 | | 2,500.00 |
| 323 EMR - Playpark Maintenance | 3,000.00 | | 3,000.00 |
| 324 EMR - Elections | 6,000.00 | | 6,000.00 |
| 325 EMR - Trees (Church) | 6,000.00 | -1,050.00 | 4,950.00 |
| 326 EMR - Skate Ramp | 11,256.14 | 52,690.74 | 63,946.88 |
| 327 EMR - White Gates | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| 328 EMR - Village Sign | 2,000.00 | | 2,000.00 |
| 329 EMR - Church Pathways | 8,500.00 | | 8,500.00 |
| | 43,256.14 | 51,160.74 | 94,416.88 |

The Parish Council held another successful family fun day over the summer, with plans already in place for another this August. Vivacity and the Coronation Field Trustees have again offered their support for this event.

The annual Christmas light switch on took place in December, which included special guests Father and Mrs Christmas making an appearance in their sleigh, MP Andrew Pakes who switched the lights on with a young representative of the village, and the church wardens who supported the PC event with light refreshments and music.

The skate ramp project will be completed soon, with this new facility being offered to village residents in the next few months through CANVAS, the PC's contractor.

The Neighbourhood Plan is now well underway, with an active steering group driving the process forward. A community event will take place on the 28th June at the village hall 2-4pm to consider allocating sites as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Village Tribune continues to be regularly distributed around Newborough and Borough Fen, keeping residents updated with Parish Council news.

A new maintenance contractor has been employed for the next financial year, with work now started to keep the village tidy and presentable.

The accounts are managed through a software programme called Rialtas, along with the allotments and cemetery management, offering continuity and further accuracy as per the council's risk management policy.

An ongoing reconciliation of funds is offered by the RFO to the Council regularly to assist with decision-making processes, with quarterly and year end budgets prepared and offered for review.



Appendix 3

Allotment Report 2024-2025

The council currently rent 70 plots as allotment gardens and an additional 5 'plots' to local farmers, through land leased from the church commissioners for agricultural purposes. One plot is allocated for community use.

There are currently 6 plots available for tenancy at the allotments on Peterborough Road. The fields at Werrington Bridge Rd and Peterborough Rd have all been productively rented for a further year, with a new farmer tenant at Peterborough Road.

The allotments are checked monthly as part of the PC's risk management process.

The prospect of self-managed allotments through an organised allotment association is still ongoing, although there has not been much interest in this scheme by tenants despite the PC promoting the scheme.

Rental costs of the plots have risen slightly by £2.50 per plot after remaining stagnant for many years, further to a slight increase in services.

A new allotment deposit system has seen £450 being held by the PC from tenants taking on new plots, to ensure plots are returned to the PC in a clean and tidy condition following tenancy.

Of income received, £1824 was generated from the agricultural plots to farmers which is offered as alternative use of the land until allotment demand increases.

In the last financial year, the allotments generated:

1st April 2024- 31st March 2025

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| Income from garden allotments | £1434.07 |
| Income from farming tenancies | £1824.00 |
| TOTAL | £3258.07 |
| | £1990 (rent paid) |
| | £209.93 |
| | (Drainage) |
| | £500.45 |
| Expenditure (water) | |
| Additional Costs | Regular grass cutting/ maintenance costs. |



Appendix 4

NEWBOROUGH AND BOROUGH FEN INDOOR CARPET BOWLS

This year has seen the number of able-bodied members decrease.

The majority of our players are over 70 years of age and we are now down to 2 fit players to get the Bowls carpets out.

We have advertised again in the Village Tribune and in various other locations. The Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council have been trying to help us and we are very grateful for your assistance.

Hopefully the Bowls Club will be able to continue in the future if we are successful in interesting new and able bodied members.

Appendix 5



Good Neighbours - Rural Peterborough (GNRP) Connecting rural communities

Report for Newborough Parish Council 8th May 2025

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| Name of Parish Council | Newborough Parish Council |
| Commencement of Associate Membership | 2021/22 |
| Area - GP Surgery | Dr Laliwala & Partners |
| Nominated Trustee | Derek Skingle |
| Lead Volunteer | Moved to central for client support, Teas organised and run by volunteers |
| Annual Membership Fee | £FREE 22/23 & 24/25 - £1056.25 25/26 |
| Households | 845 |
| Number of current Registered Volunteers | 15 |
| 2024: <u>Overall support</u> across 15 parish members | 1600 support hours, fulfilling over 1200 support sessions, the most frequent being for |

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| | befriending and transport to medical appointments and shopping. |
| Newborough **data from 2 systems, and under review - estimated for the purpose of this report. | Across 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 registered clients (excludes those attending TEAs only) • 81 occasions of 121 support. • Social occasions/Teas delivered by volunteers:16 • Average attendance: 30 per event |
| Activity 2025/26 | |
| <p>The focus of this coming year is to extend the support we can give in member parishes, in both 121 support in the home, transport to medical and social isolation.</p> <p>In Newborough we are taking over the ‘lead volunteer’ role, so that the co-ordination of support is done centrally.</p> <p>We also aim to work with each parish to identify needs in the community, and how GNRP might support those.</p> | |

Overview:

Good Neighbours - Rural Peterborough, was set up as a charity in October 2020, with the objective of relieving the needs of the poor, sick, elderly, and disabled residents of the rural areas of Peterborough. Our primary aim is to keep people well and safe in their own home for longer. The Charity is now operational in 15 Parish Council areas in the rural areas of Peterborough.

Rural communities often face unique challenges, including isolation, limited access to services, and a lack of social opportunities. Good Neighbours Rural Peterborough (GNRP) is a local initiative dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for rural Peterborough residents by promoting community support and volunteering. Working in partnership with parishes, and health providers, the non-emergency, community-led charity enriches the lives of vulnerable, lonely, or isolated individuals in the rural areas of Peterborough.

The Charity objectives focus upon reducing social isolation and loneliness and improving health and wellbeing to support continued independence. Our main activities include:

1. **Organisational Development.** GNRP is a young organisation and work is ongoing to
 - publicise and promote the Charity’s activities across the rural communities of Peterborough.



- evaluate need and monitor impact of activities.
 - develop efficient communication with parish councils, volunteers, community members and partner organisations via our website and social media.
 - Provide administrative support for the wider Peterborough parish council network by hosting quarterly meetings and Working Group meetings.
2. Recruitment, training and support for community volunteers.
 3. Support activities provided by community volunteers to residents include befriending; supported leisure activities, such walking or access to Warm Hubs; sitting service for housebound residents, transport to medical appointments; short term/ one off household support such as basic DIY and shopping.
 4. Developing Partnerships to improve support provision. This includes working with statutory and voluntary sector organisations such as GP Practices and their social prescribers, NHS, Adult Social Services as well as British Red Cross, Dementia Care Services, Age UK and Carers and includes:
 - Signposting and referrals to ensure the most appropriate service provides support and avoids duplication.

We are hoping to achieve a well-known and respected organisation providing a quality service to those in need. Our achievements will relate to 4 key objectives:

- 1 Develop a sustainable organisation with a wide range of associate members
 - Increased understanding of the needs of people in rural Peterborough,
 - Increased awareness of GNRP within the rural parishes of Peterborough and understanding of the benefits of our support and achievements leading to an increase in the number of associate members. Parish councils feel well supported through administrative support provided and the new working group developing local priorities.



- Implementation of a new business plan and fundraising strategy with successful applications for further funding for the next 3 years made.

2 increased number and range of volunteers.

- Volunteering opportunities will have been promoted across parishes. Number of volunteers and skills available increased.
- Volunteers feel well trained and supported and are positively engaged with a good retention rate achieved.

3 Relieve the needs of the poor, sick, elderly or disabled residents of rural parishes

- Appropriate activities meeting the needs and wishes of local parish residents will have been offered and provided where needed.
- Clients will feel less lonely and less socially isolated and will show improvements in health and wellbeing.

4. Improved partnerships with statutory, voluntary and community services.

- Meetings and events attended developing a wider range of partnership opportunities.
- Increased number of referrals received from partner organisations as well as an increase in the number of referrals made from GNRP to local services.

Residents can access services by calling or emailing the central 'Help' team, who then work with the client, and/or family to register their requirements and liaise with local volunteers to secure support.

By working together, we can create a stronger, more connected rural community in Peterborough.

t: 07765 552073 e: help@goodneighboursrp.org.uk
www.goodneighboursrp.org.uk



Appendix 6

Newborough Pre-School continues to serve the local and wider community with high quality care and education! The children learn through lots of different experience and activities and are supported by a team of long serving staff.

We have had another successful time fundraising for the setting enabling us to replace and buy new resources for the children to enjoy and we thank everyone for their continued support and look forward to continued success.

Debbie Gunns
Setting Manager

Appendix 7



Newborough C of E Primary School APM Report for Newborough Fen Parish
Council – May 2025

Updates since last APM:

- Pupil Updates
- School Conversion
- Permanent Leadership
- Building Enhancements
- School Improvement

Pupil Updates:

Numbers on roll to date – 176 (PAN 210).

There was some movement during the last academic year of children throughout the school. This year we have seen an increase in children moving to Newborough and requesting school tours for in year transfers.



The low numbers is a typical picture across the city with children moving around schools more frequently.

Due a nationally low birth rate, there were only 9 children who joined Newborough in September into the EYFS.

Projected numbers for this year are 17 which is below the possible intake of school age children within catchment. Again, this is a national picture and is reflective of

the local picture in Peterborough with only a very small proportion of schools full for September. This continues to have potential impact of the school in future years. Where local schools are reaching capacity is where there has been an increase in housing developments, namely, Eye, Thorney and Crowland.

Behaviour in school continues to remain consistently improving with the children responding well to the updated behaviour policy. Ask any Newborough child what it means to be “clipped off” and they will tell you all about wearing their name peg with pride as they work towards star incentives.

There has been an increase of after school clubs being offered to children which many are participating in and there has also been an introduction of a ‘Young Leaders’ group who are keen to make the village of Newborough a strong community with the school.

We continue to have high numbers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities – some of which are extremely profound and require significant support throughout the day.

School Conversion:

As of December 2024, Newborough has become part of the Peterborough Diocese Education Trust (PDET) multi-academy trust (MAT). PDET had provided Newborough with Leadership support since July 2023 and through the academic year 2023-2024.

This allowed for more consistency within the school and is proving a positive move for the school. Being part of a Trust means that there has been significant CPD opportunities for staff, site support for building developments and overall a wider network of support for all parties of the school community. PDET is a well-established Trust with 36 schools as part of the family. All schools are Church Schools and share a clear vision for everyone which is for “every child within our trust to experience and excellent education and realise their God-given potential to flourish”. The trust believe in adults being able to flourish and be the best version of themselves in order to support the children being able to flourish and be the best version of themselves too.



Permanent Leadership:

Since joining PDET, the school have secured a permanent leadership structure in the form of a Principal, myself – Jen Paterson, and a Regional Principal, Darren Epton-Smith, who have formed the basis of the SLT. Terri Blyth continues to be the school SENCo and who is also part of the wider leadership team.

Moving forward, the school will be looking at the structure and continued development of the leadership team.

Building Enhancements:

As part of the conversion, there has been opportunities to re-evaluate the building works which have been required. The whole school has had updated LED lighting which has had a big impact on productivity and wellbeing.

Additionally, work has been completed on the playground to level out an uneven surface which had been a cause of concern and accidents for many years.

New classroom external doors have replaced the bi-folds which will provide a safe option for all and also increase the security measures of the school.

We continue to assess the needs of the school and prioritise the maintenance to ensure sustainability of the building.

School Improvement:

We have been working on the areas outlined in the Ofsted report of July 2023 and attainment and progress outcomes of the children to raise standards and provide an excellent education for the children. This has seen developments in curriculums, assessment methods and teaching and learning sequences. Regular monitoring takes places within school by Senior Leaders as well as from the wider Trust Partners. This is informed by a yearly improvement plan which is carefully monitored and broken down into manageable steps for prolonged success outcomes.





Appendix 8

To Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council.

This is a short update on the Newborough Neighbourhood Watch Group.

The group was first set up back in the early 90's, and more recently has carried on, but more in spirit than in action. We also set up a Facebook page some time ago, which currently has over 300 members, and which we use from time to time to update local residents on NhW issues. We have attempted to get more people involved, but like most other areas, there is little growth in support for NhW. In modern times, social media has all but replaced the original role of the coordinators, but we continue to monitor issues.

As such, I can report that although the group is still active, we have suspended activity so it will be ready to restart if it needs to be. With more people moving into the village, that situation may change, and we will continue to update the Parish Council as and when that happens.
On behalf of the Co-ordinators.

Kind Regards

John Wright



Appendix 9

Newborough Village Hall
Report for Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council
8th May 2025

Since my last report to you regarding the Village Hall, our new Community Hub has been completed and is now being used on a regular basis. The Trustees were pleased to thank the City Councillors for their donation towards the new tables and chairs, that have recently been purchased for the Hub.

The Community Hub can be used when the Main Hall is in use, as it is completely self-contained. On several weekdays, all the rooms are in use at the same time, for example on a Thursday morning - Main Hall - Pre School, Community Hub-Tiny Tots, Foresters Room - The Post Office, and then in the afternoon Bowls/Neighbourhood Tea in the Main Hall and Court 9399 Pride of Newborough Foresters Friendly Society in the Community Hub, followed by a dancing class or community meetings in the evening. The building is very well used.

All the groups mentioned in last year's report continue to regularly use the Hall along with a few new ones- Tiny Tots, Childrens activity week during the Autumn Half Term, Dancing.etc. Earlier this year the Community Hub was hired for six days by Papworth Hospital for research purposes. I think several village residents took part in the research they were carrying out.

Many parties are held at the Hall, usually in a satisfactory manner, but sometimes with repercussions for the Trustees and unfortunately our neighbours. The Trustees have had lengthy discussions, on how to address the various problems that present themselves, and hopefully the changes we have made will help.

The Post Office continues to come every Thursday, apart from the odd cancellation due to sickness, which is very pleasing.

Unfortunately, the doctor's surgery does not seem to be being used. I can assure Parish Councillors and village residents, the surgery is available for use at all times, and the Trustees would be only too pleased to see it being used on a regular basis. It is the choice of the NHS and Doctor Laliwala not to use the building.

Terry Palmer, our very long-standing caretaker retired at the end of January. This presented us with a challenge to find a new caretaker, happy to undertake the sometimes-unsociable hours involved, carry out instant repairs and generally make sure everything ran well. John Smith, a village resident agreed to accept the position, and all seems to be going extremely well.

The Trustees work hard to keep the outgoings as low as possible, undertaking a considerable amount of the maintenance and administration work themselves, often learning new skills to carry out the work, without any remuneration.

There are various events taking place at the Village Hall in the next few months, Quizzes, Bingo, Race Night, Picture display, and all the groups who use the Hall would be only too pleased to meet any village residents who would like to join their group.

Summer Fete

Hope to meet you at the Hall over the coming year.

Margaret Cave
Treasurer



Appendix 10

Coronation Playing Field

Back in August 2023 the playing fields committee along with assistance from local farmers renovated the outfield to bring it up to higher cricketing standards. This ensured the outfield was flatter and more even than the lumps and bumps we had before. This has continued to be worked on to improve it further.

The playing fields committee would like to thank the Parish Council again for choosing the field as the venue for the Family Fun Day in August in association with Vivacity. We hope this will be a successful event, like last year, for the families of the village.

As always, the pavilion is open for hire, subject to availability. Please contact Marieanne Lawton, Newborough CC Secretary for further information.

Newborough Cricket Club

The cricket club goes from strength to strength. Our Saturday Men's 1's and 2's are in the South Lincs and Border Championship and Division 2 respectively. Both had successful seasons in 2024 and look forward to 2025. We have a great mix of youth and experience across both teams with several of our juniors coming through the ranks to play weekend cricket for the 1st and 2nd teams. We have a new overseas player from Australia joining our 1st XI as a fast bowler/mid order batsman.

On Sunday's our 1st XI are playing in Rutland league 1, again with several of our junior members playing a big part in the games.

2024 saw the continued success of our junior section, with teams at U15, U13, U11 and U9 entered into the local leagues for the season. These teams had matches throughout the week and training on Friday nights. This continues into the 2025 season, with our first training session held on Good Friday, which considering it was not a great night weather wise lots of junior members turned up to train.

We hosted our 'All Stars' cricket at the club for children aged 4-8 years old. This is an initial introduction to cricket teaching the children basic bat and ball skills, including bowling, batting, and catching. Marianne, Nick and Josh Lawton will continue to look after and lead these children in the 2025 season. We will be having our annual band night on Saturday 12th July where we will play host to another local band, plus food and drink will be available.



We always welcome new members to our club from age 4 to 104, please get in touch if you would like to join, alternatively lots of information is posted across our social media pages.

And on a final note, the pavilion and bar are open every day we have a home match or junior training and with the pub being closed we are the only licenced premises in the village. All are welcome to come along and use the bar facilities.

Appendix 11

Hello, for those of you that do not know me, my name is Shirley Cawley and I am one of the Churchwardens at St. Bartholomew Church here in the village. I am presenting our annual report for last year 2024. As the year began we had a successful Advent and Christmas – our services were well attended and our fundraising events were well supported. As I reported last year - our vicar – the Revd. Colin Hurst – who had been with us for 16 years, retired May 2023. We were then in what is referred to as a vacancy – and the process to find a replacement can be very drawn out. We were asked to produce a – PROFILE – a job description for a new vicar – a joined document of the three parishes - which the hierarchy in the dioceses are required to approve. We then went on to see the position for a new Vicar advertised and on the appointment of a new vicar. In the meantime the CHURCHWARDENS took on most of the responsibilities for the day to day running of the Church. Along with members of the Church Parochial Council – and other church volunteers – which we are very grateful to. We also had the support of other villagers – FRIENDS OF NEWBOROUGH CHURCH - who very kindly gave their time to take on day-to-day maintenance and help with other events in the church year. All these people including the CHURCHWARDENS are volunteers and not paid - so we were very grateful for their time and energy. We continued to have a weekly Sunday service lead by a retired Vicar or a Lay Reader which the Churchwardens are responsible for finding!! We were and still are a completely self-funding CHURCH and responsible for ALL the day to day running costs of the church - which we raise from weekly collections during the services and donations at our fund raising events. You may also wish to know that we are also expected each year to give a donation to the Diocese known as the PARISH SHARE. During 2024 we failed to give the full amount expected – but we did our best. We continued to hold our fundraising events which include a monthly COFFEE SHOP in church. A SUMMER FETE. Two GRAND RAFFLES and stalls at the Village Hall Events. Along with weekly services and services for the different occasions in the church year including EASTER, HARVEST and CHRISTMAS. We were also still open for CHRISTENINGS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS when required. During November



2024 the interviews took place for our new vicar and I am very pleased to be able to report that The Revd. Hayley Hobbs was appointed. She joined the benefice in March.

2025 and although not able to be here this evening - sends her regards to you all. She can be contacted at the vicarage in Eye – and should you wish to speak with her I can give you her contact phone number. A final big THANK YOU to all who so willingly gave their time to our CHURCH during 2024. REPORT WRITTEN BY S.C. 28/04/2025.

Appendix 12

Report of Ward Cllrs; Civic Year 2024/2025

Following Council Elections in May 2024, Mark Ormston was elected as councillor for Eye Thorney and Newborough Ward succeeding Nigel Simons who did not stand for re-election. Although Cllr Ormston represents a different party, Cllr Ray and I have established a successful working relationship with Mark which has allowed residents' concerns and Ward issues to be dealt with in a cooperative and efficient manner. This sees all elected representatives working together in the best interests of Newborough.

Regular Residents surgeries have been arranged taking in all villages in the ward including those held at Newborough Village Hall. The surgeries allow us to hear from concerned residents who prefer a face-to-face meeting rather than the usual email and telephone interaction.

A continuing challenge has been the relentlessness of the fly tipping in the area. This impacts on roads, lanes, drainage dykes, fields and farm gateways. In addition to the Fix My Street app incidences are very often reported to us by residents and landowners and then passed to Peterborough Limited the City Councils contractors (trading as Aragon)

In fairness Aragon do pick the detritus without undue delay. The real concern is the criminality often involved in the activity which sees Newborough bearing the burden.



Every year we arrange a village litter pick in conjunction with The Great British Spring Clean - which is a Keep Britain Tidy initiative. This year the Newborough litter pick was held on Saturday 5th April. We had a fantastic turn out of residents and collected a record amount of litter and debris.

Special thanks to Kevin Angrave and Nick Harris who joined the litter pick, together with their vehicles and trailers, which enabled the retrieval of fly tipped items from the surrounding roads and lanes.

Allocation of Community Leadership Funding (CLF) of £3k for each Councillor was challenged for the civic year 2024/2025, with Councillors requested not to award unspent allocations. We arrived at an arrangement with the Finance Officer the whereby the funds promised at that stage were allowed to be released. In the circumstances the Newborough received payments of circa £500 each to the Village Hall trustees (Tables and chairs) and the Play Group (play equipment)

The local Plan is currently out for consultation. This gives the Ward Councillors, Parish Council and residents an opportunity to provide input to the plan and raise concerns where appropriate. As it stands there was little of concern to the Parish area in the initial draft, but as Councillors we will remain vigilant, and of course voice concerns against inappropriate planning development, as we did with the recent unsuccessful applications for St Martins Road and Werrington Bridge Road. As always, we will remain responsive to residents' concerns.

Cllr Steve Allen, Cllr Mark Ormston, Cllr Rylan Ray