

Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council held on Thursday 5th June 2025 at Newborough Village Hall, Guntons Road, Newborough, PE6 7RT.

Present: Cllr Ormston (in the chair), Kevin Angrave, William Cave, Angela Babb, Richard Cawley, John Rowell, Jon Hill, Kim Hill and Vicki Coleman.

Also in attendance: Irene Healiss (Clerk).

Four (4) members of the public.

Public Participation

- A resident commented that a recent BBC radio programme failed to mention issues surrounding the bus service in Newborough. It was suggested for the Clerk to invite Mr Bristow to a discussion surrounding this matter at a future PC meeting.

1987/6-25 Receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllrs John and Judy Fox were noted as absent.

City Cllrs Ray and Allen offered apologies.

1988/6-25 Disclosable Interests Declarations.

Members of the Council are subject to the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) Regulations 2012. All dispensation requests must be made to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

- Cllr Cawley declared an interest in matters concerning the cemetery.
- Cllr Cave declared an interest in matters concerning the village hall.

1989/6-25 Approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th May 2025

It was proposed by Cllr Coleman, seconded by Cllr Cawley and unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.

1990/4-25 Information and reports

1. Report from City Councillors.

City Cllr Ormston reported that there has been a huge amount of fly tipped rubbish in the village over a short period of time- it is important for residents to keep PCC updated. A working party task force has been appointed to deal with this issue under PCC.

Councillors raised the following concerns: -

- The saltbox on Bridgehill Road corner has been smashed.
- When turning onto St Martins Road (at the corner) the grass area off the B1443 has not been cut by PCC contractors, and overgrown branches have now reduced visibility.

2. Expressions of interest for the appointment of Parish Councillors onto the PCC Scrutiny committee as co-opted members. (Nominations due by noon on 12/6/25.)

Cllr Jon Hill expressed interest; the Clerk will forward him the relevant information.

3. Note the disqualification of Cllr Lee Ariss from the Parish Council, following his failure to attend meetings for a period of six (6) consecutive months (s85 of the Local Government Act, 1972.)

Noted by Councillors. A notice of casual vacancy will be displayed following the meeting.

4. Update regarding comments for the Peterborough draft Local Plan.

Cllr Babb updated that the draft plan is prioritising urban extensions. Newborough and Borough Fen have no designated allocations as there is no suitable land available e.g. due to flood risk. The steering group (SG) considered proposing two (2) areas of land as part of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) process, although both were rejected in the recent Local Plan allocations due to flood risk. As such, there are no sites in the village that currently comply with the NPPF and PCC Local Plan. Windfall and infill development will still go through the usual planning process. The NP can offer influence through policy, which includes i.e. the look, feel and design of the village. Once drafted, a community meeting will be held to gather feedback. Policies will then be revised accordingly, and the NP will be presented to PCC which if approved, will be subject to Regulation 14 (the official public consultation.) The SG's next meeting date is yet to be scheduled.

5. Update from the HR Committee meeting held on 2/6/25

The Committee discussed the Clerks study and training. It was suggested that the Community and Public Relations Committee arrange to meet.

6. Review the Unreasonably Persistent or Vexatious Complaints Policy (adopted 6/7/23)

It was proposed by Cllr Angrave, seconded by Cllr Cawley and unanimously **resolved** to accept the policy.

7. Agree the September meeting date as Thursday 18th September at 7pm.

Noted and agreed by Councillors.

1991/6-25 Finance

(s150, s111 LGA 1972)

1. Approve accounts for payment.

It was proposed by Cllr Angrave, seconded by Cllr Coleman and unanimously **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment.

2. Approve the Clerk's expenditure.

It was proposed by Cllr Coleman, seconded by Cllr Babb and unanimously **resolved** to approve the Clerk's expenditure.

3. Monthly bank reconciliations (May)

It was proposed by Cllr Coleman, seconded by Cllr K Hill and unanimously **resolved** to approve the Unity Trust bank reconciliation as correct. The CCLA statement has not yet been received – this will be provided for the next meeting.

4. Agree the quote supplied for data breach and cyber security insurance cover at £410.25

It was proposed by Cllr Ormston, seconded by Cllr Angrave and unanimously **resolved** to agree the quote for data breach and cyber security insurance through Clear at £410.25

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June Payments

Payroll	BACS	Salary, NI, tax and superannuation	£2158.89
Clerk's expenses	BACS	Home as office	£26.00
		Giff Gaff (work phone account)	£6.00
		Postage	£18.14
IONOS by 1&1	D/D	Website domain	£26.54
JJ Trees	BACS	Tree Report (cemetery)	£330.00
For Goodness Cake	BACS	VE day cupcakes	£100.00
Clear Insurance	BACS	Insurance	£1392.02
ID Mercer	BACS	Parish Maintenance	£726.94
Newborough village hall	BACS	Hall hire (Neighbourhood Plan)	£11.00

1993/6-25 Village and Community.

1. Discuss restorative work to the original Newborough village sign.

It was proposed by Cllr Angrave, seconded by Cllr Coleman and unanimously **resolved** for the sign to be kept by Cllr Angrave, to preserve it as a future mould for when the PC decide to replace the temporary sign at Crown Garden.

2. Approve the Transport Working Party recommendations to PCC regarding speeding mitigation options on Thorney Road

The working party recommended four (4) speed cushions to be located either end of Thorney Road (entering the village), with updated SIDs (speed indicator devices) located approximately 100 yards further down from the cushions. This recommendation was proposed by Cllr Ormston and seconded by Cllr Cave with two (2) votes in favour.

It was proposed by Cllr Angrave, seconded by Cllr Coleman and **resolved** for the Clerk to request the total figure for seven (7) SIDs from PCC, with four (4) votes in favour.

The Clerk will report back in due course.

1994/6-25 Allotments.

None

1995/6-25 Burial Authority.

Agree remedial work to the cemetery fence (new section.) Three (3) quotes received – disseminated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting pending further investigation.

1996/6-25 Planning Applications.

None received.

Permitted/Refused/Withdrawn.

25/00267/HHFUL

Single storey rear extension at Red Maples, Thorney Road, Newborough, PE6 7QP. Permitted on 7/5/25

25/00350/PRIOR

Change of use of agricultural barn to B8 storage at Firs Farm, Bridgehill Road, Newborough. Permitted – prior approval on 6/5/25.

Planning Correspondence.

None.

1997/6-25 Matters as agenda items for future consideration (decisions cannot be made under this item.)
Official skate ramp opening, family fun day, fencing at the cemetery, road being used without permission at the allotments, school have requested the planters, flytipping, Thorney Road update.

1998/6-25 Correspondence.

- Correspondence received regarding possible dog exercise area at Fernie Close Park.
This matter has previously been discussed by the PC at great length, and it was agreed that the park will remain as agreed in October - to continue advising residents not to allow dogs onto Fernie Close Park.
- Thanks offered from the Good Neighbours Scheme for cupcakes supplied by the Parish Council at their VE Day event. Noted.
- Donation of £1000 received from the Foresters Friendly Society towards the skate ramp - letter of thanks sent on behalf of the Parish council. Noted.

The date for next full Council meeting is Thursday 10th July 2025 in the community hub room at the Village Hall.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:42 pm.