

NEWBROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th January 2026

05-01-01 Present

Cllr MW Gibson (Chair), JR Orde, and HA Walton, and KE Bell. Clerk, R Macfarlane and County Councillor Antonia Azócar-Nevin and two members of the public.

05-01-02 Apologies

Cllrs AR Smith, J Annan and MD Newson.

05-01-03 Declaration of Interest

Cllr MW Gibson - NCC Consultation 25-02869-RENE

05-01-04 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of Newbrough PC, which was held on 5th November 2025, were approved by the Council, then signed by the Chairman.

05-01-05 Matters Arising

Solar Panel Farm – Sub-committee comprising Cllr Smith and Walton, and Clerk had a meeting with Development Manager of Mespil Energy.

05-01-06 Public First Focus

Issues raised by members of the public included - The War Memorial, A69 & C234 Junction, Go-Ahead bus service, Trailer and Quad Bike thefts.

05-01-07 Communications

CAN Newsletter, Nalc e-news, NCC Elections, SLCC Magazine, Tynedale Hospice newsletter, Great North Air Ambulance Association, Tynedale Hospice at Home, RBL Poppy Appeal, RVI Sick Children's Trust and PCC Warden and Newbrough, The Joint Town & Parish Council Spring Conference, Thursday 5th March, County Hall, Morpeth

05-01-08 Planning

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

25/04318/LBC Listed Building Consent for single storey extension to South East gable of existing dwelling, including demolition of section of wall beneath existing window to create access into main dwelling, and replacement of existing southern canopy with porch Bridge House Newbrough NE47 5AR The Council has no objection to the application but are concerned with parking and highway issues.

Planning Ref: 25/04209/PRUTPO Tree Preservation Order: Laburnum - two branches require lopping and others slightly reduced to remove weight from trunk and make safe. Location 2 Home Farm Newbrough NE47 5HF Council supports the application.

05-01-09 **Reports**

War Memorial - Town Hall Management Committee offered to look after the flower containers in front of the memorial.

N&W Sportsfield Association - verbal report, Cllr Walton.

The AGM is to be held this week and the Charity Commission has received the annual accounts.

Newbrough CofE Primary School

Cllr Bell reported on school activities and the close integration with Wark School.

Northumberland County Council

Brief résumé of the Comprehensive Report from County Councillor Antonia Azócar-Nevin

Local Transport Plan.

Newbrough CofE Primary School Footway.

Three options were suggested by Highways Programme officers and the County Councillor arranged for A3 size plans for the Council to look at.

It was agreed to invitation to R McKenzie, Senior Programmes Officer, Highways & Transport, NCC, to a site meeting at Newbrough School, with a Council sub-committee.

05-01-10 **Sidgate Play Area**

County Councillor Azócar-Nevin has been involved in ongoing issues over litter around the Play Area site in Sidgate. She has liaised with Karbon Homes and Neighbourhood Services and we are optimistic for a positive solution.

05-01-11 **Roads**

Winter Services Preparedness and Resilience Report

Document produced by the County Council. "The County Council continues to deliver winter services in full compliance with its statutory obligations under the Highways Act 1980."

Highways – Grit stores - During the present ice and snowy conditions there was an awareness of lack of grit in some areas for roads. Residents and public are advised to report similar issues on the NCC website using FixMyStreet.

Clerk to report lack of grit up the North Road and Whistlecock & Settlingstones (101010086698)

02-01-12 **Remembrance Sunday – 9th November**

Cllr JR Orde laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish. The Service was conducted by Reverend Michael Holland, Tynedale Methodist Circuit. (The format may change in future years).

02-01-13 **Environment Act 2021**

Update on the recent legislation. The Council resolved to establish and strengthen links to organisations providing information and to work closely with these organisations including Northumberland County Council and Climate Action Newbrough & Fourstones. The Council will support residents and local organisation activities to enhance and promote initiatives.

02-01-14 **Finances**

Bank Accounts 7th Jan 2026 BMM £26,654.1 & Community £2,504.49

Payments by S/O Part Salary SCP30, HMRC, Meeting Room Rental £30,

Income Precept £12,000, vat £104.33

Payments Approved Council Expenses £44.90, IONIS Website Inv Dec £27.18 & Nov £86.58, Crow Wood/Network Rail Public seat £363.25.

Assets Council Assets total £15,664.

02-01-15 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Newbrough Parish Council will be held at 7.00 pm, provisionally on Wednesday 4th March 2026.

The Meeting was closed at 8.55 pm.