

NEWBROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th March 2026

06-03-01 Present

Cllr HA Walton (Chair), Cllrs JR Orde, MW Gibson, J Annan, and AR Smith.
In attendance, Clerk, R Macfarlane and County Councillor Antonia Azócar-Nevin and one member of the public.

06-03-02 Apologies

Cllrs MD Newson and KE Bell

06-03-03 Declaration of Interest

Cllr MW Gibson - NCC Consultation 25-02869-RENE

06-03-04 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of Newbrough PC, which was held on 7th January 2026, were approved by the Council, then signed by the Chairman.

06-03-05 Matters Arising

The new web site (Newbroughparishcouncil.gov.uk) is in situ and there will need to be a transitional period to acquaint and direct users from the old site.

06-03-06 Public First Focus

Issues raised – Parking on Stanegate, Solar Panel Farms, Tree felling at Frankham and Waste Bins at Sidgate.

Issues with traffic travelling too fast in Settlingstones. The need for a skip in Settlingstones.

06-03-07 Communications

Tynedale Sport, GNAA & Tynedale Hospice, Community Governance Review - Public Consultation on existing parish boundaries, Public Spaces Protection Orders Consultation (Dogs), SAAA project to make the AGAR submission digital trial Town & Parish Council Conference, Northumberland Libraries, Northumberland National Park Special Meeting, CANNY News, Community Resilience, Letters from residents and public.

06-03-08 Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2025-2026

Footpaths – Proposed new school footway. Cllrs Gibson, Newson, Bell, Orde, Walton, the Clerk, and County Cllr Azócar-Nevin took part in a site meeting at the lay-by outside School House. Cllr Azócar-Nevin will liaise with R McKenzie, Senior Programmes Officer, Highways & Transport, NCC. The addition of a traffic calming pinch-point outside of School House was another suggested option.

06-03-09 **Reports**

Sportsfield Association – Cllr Walton reported on the progress for renewing the lease, solar panels, hedges and grass cutting. The Cricket team is looking forward to next season and are enjoying “nets” with an excellent turn out. The Charity Commission Annual Return has been completed.

Newbrough CofE Primary School – No report

Town Hall – No report

NCC Report – Brief resume. County Councillor Antonia Azócar-Nevin provided an insight to NCC policy on precepts and the new council tax bandings.

06-03-10 **Planning**

Planning Consultations

25/04209/PRUTPO 2 Home Farm NE47 5HF - NCC has No objection

25/04318/LBC Bridge House NE47 5AR - NCC Granted permission 23rd January 2026

06-03-11 **East Sidgate flooding**

Present at the site meeting, Steven Robson NWL, Michael Rowe NCC, County Cllr Antonia Azócar-Nevin and Cllr Justin Orde PC.

One conclusion was that there was too much pressure on the drainage system when it rains a lot. Moving forward Steve Robson has said he would do some investigation and report back, hopefully with another face to face meeting so progressions can be discussed efficiently.

There was also mention of looking at the surface run off from the land to the north of Sidgate, however the investigations into the piping below Sidgate will be looked at first to see if this can rectify the current issues.

Other Drainage Issues.

The backing-up of drains has been reported in the area around the beginning of North Road and Red Lion Inn. A contributing factor seems to be the plastic lining inserted into the clay drains, where the joining lips restricts the drainage.

06-03-12 **Finances**

Bank Accounts 1st March 2026 Deposit £26,654.19 and Current £1085.12

Income Precept £12,500 and vat £126.94 and Bank Interest Dec £106.87

Payments by S/O Clerk's Salary, HMRC, IONOS Website and Meeting Room Rent

Payments Approved Council Expenses £43.15, IONOS Jan £27.18 (vat 4.53), IONOS Feb £86.58 (vat £14.43), P&P MacDonald & Sons, Hedge Cutting Inv 3178 £182.40 (inc 30.40 vat).

S137 Expenditure 2026/27

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has confirmed the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for parish and town councils in England for the financial year 2026/27. The new limit will be £11.60 per elector, which represents an increase from the 2025/26 figure of £11.10. For Newbrough Parish the appropriate sum will be £6,316.90.

06-03-13 **Council Assets**

Council Assets total £16,027 (this includes Nework Rail Allerwash seat)

06-03-14 **Policy Review**

It was RESOLVED to update the Council's Standing Orders and they will be duly published on the council's website.

06-03-15 **Freeman Policy**

It was RESOLVED to adopt the Freeman Policy Document presented to the Council.

06-03-16 **Exclusion of public and press**

'Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2)' (discussion prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for some other reason specifically stated in the resolution).

The Council RESOLVED that the meeting would continue in private

It was RESOLVED to accept the report from the Council Suib-committee held on 6th February. Cllr Smith proposed, and Cllr Walton seconded a suitable nomination for Freeman of the Parish. This will be considered at an extra ordinary meeting of the Council.

06-03-17 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Newbrough Parish Council will hold consecutive meetings starting 7.00 pm on Wednesday 6th May 2026

Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Annual Meeting of Parish Residents

Newbrough Parish Council Annual Meeting.

The Meeting was closed at 8.55 pm.