



Newport Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 13th May 2025

Venue: Newport Primary School

All Local Government Electors registered to vote in the Civil Parish of Newport are invited to attend.

Chair: Cllr S Mansell – Chairman of Newport Parish Council

Minutes: A Barker – Clerk to Newport Parish Council

Present: 6 members of the public and 7 Newport Parish Cllrs attended (in addition to the Chair and Clerk).

Minute	Discussion and agreement
2024/05/01	Acceptance of apologies for absence
	S Clarke / C Benstead – Newport Village Hall, Cllr Shields, Cllr Lamming, Cllr Preston, ERYC Cllr Aitken

2024/05/02	Newport Parish Council Chairs Annual Report 2024 – 2025
	Sharron Mansell presented the report on behalf of the Council. See appendix 1 below.

2024/05/03	Unitary Councils report – ERYC Cllr
	No Cllrs in attendance.

2024/05/04	Humberside Police Report
	Emily Clements , ERYC Safe Communities Officer - Anti Social Behaviour attended and provided an update with regards to Anti-Social incidents in Newport. An Environment and Visual Audit is to be completed at the Motorway Pond. PC B England & PCSO S Chandler provided further information with regards to actions taken following recent incidents and investigation at the Brickyard Play Area and the Motorway Pond.

2024/05/05	Reports from the Groups and Clubs of the Parish
	Newport Village Hall (S Clarke – By Email) . The last year has been quite tough for NVH. We have lost regular bookings by the Pilates class and Aerial is down to one night a week from two. However, Pre-School are using the premises for more hours and have used grant money to improve their area for which we thank them. A new agreement has been reached with the Pre-school management to the satisfaction of both parties. The Community team have repainted the main hall, the fence outside and cleared the area east of the building - thanks to Debbie for organising this and Colin for overseeing it. Following Colin and myself making the decision to stand down from positions of responsibility, we have had some interest in joining the Volunteer Group. Debbie and the group from school have offered their services. Neil has agreed to give maintenance support and Jo is in the process of taking over Paula's responsibilities, but we still need someone to take over the running of the Defibrillator. Rhonda and Paula organised a successful first afternoon meet-up for villagers in late March and the next one is on May 23rd. We continue to get fairly regular weekend bookings for parties, mainly for children.

Our monthly quizzes continue to bring in money, thanks to loyal regulars, and our last quiz raised almost £150. Prize Bingos no longer seem to be popular. So overall, although we made another loss in the financial year 2024-25, it was not as big as in the previous year. My main concern is getting potential volunteers actually agreeing to take over the roles of Secretary, Chair, Treasurer, Caretaking and first response to maintenance issues. I would like this to happen well before we stand down in November so the handover can be as smooth as possible.

Thanks to all the volunteers who 'do their bit' in whatever way, Amy and her team of cleaners and to our regular hirers for their ongoing support.

Further information is available by contacting the secretary of the Volunteer Group via the following email address and telephone number secnvhey@gmail.com or 07748823984.

Newport Cricket Club – No update received.

St Stephens Church (C Newsome). Gilberdyke, Newport and surrounding villages are one Parish. The church is shared. Since November 2024 a new team is in place at St Stephen's with Chris taking on the role of church warden, regular attendance is up from 4 people to 19. The Quinquennial inspection has been completed and repairs to the church are required. Rev Little will be retiring next year, and it is planned for a new vicar and trainee to be recruited.

Wallingfen Methodist Church (N Wright). Naomi thanked Newport Parish Council for the support provided to automate and regulate the WW1 memorial clock with the support of the Community Ownership Fund provided by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. A plaque is to be installed. The church continues to have weekly and monthly fundraising events. More members of the church and volunteers are required. The buildings are in need of restoration work following the recent quinquennial inspection. Keyboard and singing lessons take place at the Methodist Centre. A Music event is taking place on the 24th May at 7.30pm and a wedding exhibition is booked. Further information is available via the following links. All are welcome.

<https://www.hullcentreandwest.org.uk/churches/wallingfen.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/862889153741791/>

Market Weighton Canal Trail (G Shields – By Email). The Heritage Fund - Market Weighton Canal Trail Evaluation Report has previously been shared with Cllrs. All activities are now complete, and Gordon and the team would like to thank all supporters of the project for their generous support and the many contributions made throughout. The website will be regularly updated. Please send Gordon any suggestions/photos/or related content you would like to be added. <https://www.mwct.org.uk/>

Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (P Arnett). The Rapid Relief Team provide support for people with care and compassion. Projects include Emergency Disaster relief, Homelessness and Poverty, Youth including disadvantaged children, Fundraising including supporting the Lighthouse Community. Details provided of the meals and food boxes provided in 2024. Paul agreed to feedback with regards to support for the agriculture community in particular due to the already high suicide rate and concerns of these numbers rising due to the new tax imposed on family farms. Information with regards to the Rapid Relief Team is available via the following link. <https://rrtglobal.org/gb/>

Newport and Gilberdyke Women's Institute – No update received due to the meeting coinciding with the WI monthly meeting. Further information is available via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Gilberdykewi> or email gilberdykewi@eastyorkshirewi.org.uk

Newport Neighbourhood Watch – No update received.

Newport Primary School and Newport Preschool (D O'Connell) – The Pre School is now able to provide places for babies accommodating up to 6. Summer Clubs are planned. The

	Preschool is opening earlier and closing later. Newport Primary can accept a maximum of 25 children in reception. There are currently circa 140 pupils at Newport Primary with numbers increasing. We have a proactive team and excel in Sport and Science, whilst delivering an international curriculum. Debbie thanked Newport Parish Council for the support provided for the VE80 Day evacuee project on the 9th May 2025. Gilberdyke and Newport Men in Sheds (C Newsome). Further updates will be provided as the project progresses. Hull and District Angling Association. No update received
2024/05/06	Community Events
	Updates provided with regards to various Community events in the Newport Newsletter. Festive Planning for Christmas 2025 is progressing with plans to enhance the lighting display in place. The Main Road Play Area Development will commence on the 2nd June 2025 and will include accessible and inclusive play equipment.
2023/05/07	Chairman's Closing Comments
	- S Mansell thanked all the presenters and attendees for their attendance and input to the meeting, noting that it is great to be working with the Gilberdyke Parish Council team.
	Next Annual Parish Meeting – 12 th May 2026

Appendix 1 – Newport Parish Council Chairs Annual Report 2024-2025

Good evening and thank you all for attending.

I'm pleased to report that the Parish Council remains fully constituted, and we've maintained good continuity with our team of councillors. All scheduled Parish Council meetings have taken place over the past year, with full council meetings held bi-monthly.

Alan, our Parish Clerk, continues to provide excellent support by circulating weekly updates to councillors, including any planning matters. Alan ensures the required notice for our meetings is published via the parish noticeboard (near Londis) and our website.

Since May 2024, we have been consulted on 15 planning applications. The Parish Council objected to 2, approved 13.

Our monthly finances are audited by one of our parish councillors, who works professionally in finance (thank you Councillor Preston), and are signed off by me as Chair on a bi-monthly basis. In addition, they are subject to internal and external audit annually to ensure full compliance. This year, we have invested parish funds in several areas including dog bin consumables, festive lights, bus shelter maintenance, Christmas trees, and Remembrance Day.

During 2024/25, we awarded grants to several local organisations, including Newport Primary School to purchase materials for the work being completed by the Community Payback team and the Goole Go Far bus service to support the work of this essential bus service.

The work on the Methodist Church Memorial Clock has been completed thanks to the grant from the Community Ownership Fund. Thank you to Councillor Bates for overseeing the work.

For VE 80 day, we secured a small grant from ERYC to support commemorative activities. A flag has been raised in the village and Newport Primary School held an Evacuee Event last week, with the staff and children dressing in red, white and blue colours and serving afternoon tea. A huge thank you to Councillor O'Connell for organising this event.

Due to careful financial planning, for the third year running, the Parish Council did not increase its precept, in recognition of the pressures on household finances. Unfortunately, East Riding Council has continued to increase its portion of council tax to meet its costs. We are excited to see what our new Mayor Luke Campbell will bring to the combined authorities of East Riding and Hull through the devolution deal.

A key long-term focus remains the improvement of the Main Road Play Area. As confirmed in the last Parish update the land is now wholly owned by Newport Parish Council. For 2025/26, around £50,000 (Plus VAT) has been allocated to install new equipment, funded by Newport Parish Council and grants from the FCC Communities Fund and ERYC Do it for East Yorkshire. To clarify the money secured via grants is specifically for the development of an expanded inclusive play space and cannot legally be spent any other way. On social media a small number of parishioners suggested the whole amount should be donated to Goole Hospital, however, this is not an option for the grant funding, and we are pleased to be contributing to developing safe places for our local children to play and thrive.

Grass cutting around the village and churchyard has continued, and we are proud to support our environment through regular maintenance. We were also pleased to welcome again the services of the Community Payback team, who carried out valuable painting and general maintenance work in the village.

The Parish Council also continues to work with the Market Weighton Canal Trail project and is committed to maintaining the information boards, fingerposts, and picnic table as part of our contribution to this valued local amenity.

We continue to communicate messages on the Parish board (near Londis), through our website, social media and our door-to-door newsletters. Thank you to Councillor Cressey and Councillor Pettit for your support in organising these communications, and to Councillors for posting the newsletters especially to Councillors Lamming and Councillor Robinson who must have walked miles!

As always, I want to thank all our councillors for their continued commitment, our Councillors are all volunteers, who give their time freely and are committed to supporting our community. In addition, the Councillors would like to publicly thank Alan, whose dedication behind the scenes keeps everything running smoothly.

Finally, I would like to encourage more residents to attend our Parish Council meetings, even if only for the open session. It's a valuable opportunity to share your ideas and aspirations for a better village, and we would welcome your voices.

Meeting started 6pm and closed 6.50pm

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To be completed by the person presiding at the meeting where the minutes are adopted.

Signed: 

Print Name: H. Robinson

Print Position: VICE CHAIR

Date: 8/7/25