



Newport Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2026

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 6 Newport Parish Cllrs attended (in addition to the Chair and Clerk).

Minute	Discussion and agreement
2026/05/01	Acceptance of apologies for absence
	P Pettit, G Bate, J Preston
2026/05/02	Newport Parish Council Chairs Annual Report 2025 – 2026
	Sharron Mansell presented the report on behalf of the Council. See appendix 1 below. https://newportpc.org.uk/
2026/05/03	Unitary Councils report – ERYC Cllr
	Cllr V Aitken thanked the Parish Council for the amazing work completed on behalf of the Newport residents over the past 12 months. Cllr Aitken confirmed availability to help and support the Parish. ERYC finances are tough due to National funding reductions. Cllr Aitken sits on the ERYC cabinet with responsibilities for children’s services, which is one of the worst funded children’s services in the UK. On the board of the Ouse and Humber Drainage board. If the Parish Council or residents need help – please ask.
2026/05/04	Humberside Police Report
	PC Oliver Turner confirmed availability to attend future meetings (Along with PCSO Liz Johnson) and availability to meet with individuals as well as the Parish Council. Howdenshire Ward had 630 reported crimes in the past 12 month with Newport having a very low crime rate with only 15 reported incidents. A camera was installed in the vicinity of the Brickyard Play Area as a visible deterrent following a report of anti-social behaviour. Humberside Police have visited Newport Primary School and will be available to attend again in the future. Humberside Police will attend the Village Hall and Fair event on the 4 th July 2026. Available to attend the Christmas Lights event to engage with residents. https://www.humberside.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/
2026/05/05	Reports from the Groups and Clubs of the Parish
	Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (Paul Arnett) . The Rapid Relief Team provide support for people with care and compassion. Projects include Emergency Disaster relief and supporting displaced households in Gaza, supporting emergency service open and training days, the A & E appreciation week, supporting schools in deprived areas including supplying holiday packs and meals. Also support larger national events including the Los

Angeles fires and ensuring support gets to the right place. Information with regards to the Rapid Relief Team is available via the following link. <https://rrtglobal.org/gb/>

Newport Preschool (Tina Clark - Manager). Tina has been in role for 1 year during a period when there have been various staffing and village hall changes. The toilets are to be upgraded to be more accessible. Various fundraising events are planned to improve the furniture. Moving to the curiosity approach to learning. Constantly seeking to improve the preschool. Places are available from age 9 months. Open 5 days per week – Monday to Thursday 8am to 5.30pm and 8.45am to 3.15pm on Friday. A holiday club is also available. Cllr Aitken provided information with regards to the East Riding Togetherness Programme. <https://newportpre-school.co.uk/meet-the-team/>

St Stephens Church (L Cressey). Update provided with regards to the changes in staff at the church including the appointment of the new vicar. Awaiting written confirmation from York Diocese that the Wallingfen Free Church can use the church. This year has seen a significant increase in the number of baptisms and weddings at the church. There have been 9 funeral services in 2026. The roof repairs are going ahead. <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19177/>

Newport Village Hall (D O'Connell). The current 6 trustees have been active for the past 6 months meeting regularly. Numerous improvements have been made in this period. Current projects include safety, compliance, technology, finance, governance and safeguarding. New hire agreements which are more succinct and compliant have been introduced. New contracts have been introduced for cleaners, telephones and Wi-Fi. The CCTV has been updated along with a new alarm and door entry system is planned. Quotations are being sought for new windows to be funded by grants. New website and booking system with an online payment system. A wedding reception has been booked. Banking arrangements have been updated. Marketing is more streamlined and there is an increase in groups using the facilities. Consideration is being given to replacing the cricket pitch with 2 football pitches, with multiple groups expressing an interest in using the playing field. Improvements are being made to the boiler, lighting and smoke detectors. Building surveys have been completed. The Community Payback team attends monthly to complete maintenance of the grounds. G Shields is preparing grant applications to improve Eco efficiency. Plans are in place to redesign the ladies' toilets. The trustees are looking at options for the use of the cricket pavilion including using it as a community hub and for a youth group. The Village Hall will be 100 years old in July 2027 – a celebration event will be planned. <https://sites.google.com/view/newport-village-hall/about>

Market Weighton Canal Trail (G Shields). The project is now complete and a visual presentation completed. The trail use is increasing with learning available via the website. The trail links to the TransPennine Trail and Hudson Way. The signage indicates what is happening at the North Cave wetlands. Information shared with PC Turner with regards to the recent vandalism at Sod House Lock. The Conservation Volunteers completed excellent work in the Brickyard Area. <https://www.mwct.org.uk/>

Wallingfen Free Church (N Wright). Funding is being sought to set the group up as a corporate body and to purchase the Community Centre and Chapel. The group wish to maintain the Community Centre as a venue for music and drama. Seeking to raise awareness of the current impasse re the buildings and the Newport Memorial Clock and bell. The Parish Council were thanked for their support in registering the buildings as an asset of Community Value. The Methodist congregation is meeting at St Stephens Church

Gilberdyke and Newport Men in Sheds (L Cressey). Grant application pack provided as requested by C Newsome by telephone on the 5th of May. Information provided with regards to the grants obtained from the HWRA and National Lottery which are dependent on certain activities being completed by specific dates. The group plans to meet at 2

	<p>containers at the Ings View site in Gilberdyke, subject to planning permission being approved.</p> <p>Newport Primary School (D O’Connell). The school is going from strength to strength with pupil numbers increasing. New pupils are joining across all age groups. The Agri Rural Curriculum has been in place for the last 2 years with the school being used for a Dept of Education Case Study. The school has a happy and healthy community with a focus on Biodiversity and sustainability.</p> <p>No update received from the following groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Newport and Gilberdyke Women’s Institute ▪ Newport Neighbourhood Watch.
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2026/05/06	Community Events
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Due to time constraints this agenda item was included in the Annual Meeting of Newport Parish Council.

2026/05/07	Chairman’s Closing Comments
	S Mansell thanked all the presenters and attendees for their attendance and input to the meeting. The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

	Next Annual Parish Meeting – 11 th May 2027
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Appendix 1 – Newport Parish Council Chairs Annual Report 2025-2026

Good evening and thank you all for attending.

This report sets out how the Parish Council has supported and invested in our community over the past year, and the priorities we will continue to focus on moving forward.

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.

As a volunteer council, we remain committed to serving our community and using parish resources responsibly.

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 2025, we have been consulted on 5 planning applications. The Parish Council approved all the applications.

We have maintained strong financial oversight throughout the year, 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 including 2 Christmas trees, bus shelter maintenance, and Remembrance Day.

During 2025/26, we awarded grants to several local organisations, including Newport Village Hall to support the survey of works required and the Goole Go Far bus service to supporting this essential service for our community.

These grants help sustain services and facilities that are important to the day-to-day life of our community

For VE 80 day, a small grant was secured from ERYC to support commemorative activities. A flag was raised in the village and Newport Primary School held an Evacuee Event in May 2025, with the staff and children dressing in red, white and blue colours and serving afternoon tea to everyone who attended. A huge thank you to Councillor O'Connell for organising this event.

Due to careful financial planning, for the fourth year running, the Parish Council voted 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 including adult social care.

At the March 2026 meeting of the Council, Cllrs agreed to maintain the Cemetery fees charged at Newport Cemetery at the rates applicable since April 2025. Fees had previously been unchanged since 2018. Newport Parish Council continues to provide a subsidy of £2,500 per annum to allow Newport residents to receive subsidised Cemetery fees.

A key long-term focus remains the improvement of the Main Road Play Area. In 2025/26, grants totalling £51,757 were secured and allocated to install 3 new pieces of equipment including the accessible roundabout. The money secured via grants is specifically for the development of an expanded inclusive play space and cannot legally be spent any other way. We are pleased to be contributing to developing safe places for our local children to play and thrive. Newport Parish Council also replaced 2 old swing units in April 2026 at the Main Road site along with 2 old seats which have been removed and replaced with 2 new picnic benches. Repairs have been completed at both play areas following the annual play area inspection completed by Rospa Playsafety. This investment is helping us create a more inclusive, accessible space for all children in our community.

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, general maintenance work in the village and the painting of the street furniture installed by the Market Weighton Canal Trail project.

We continue to communicate messages on the Parish board (near Londis), through our website, social media and our door-to-door newsletters. The newsletter has been published in Autumn 2025 and Spring 2026. Thank you to Councillor Cressey and Councillor Pettit for your support in organising these communications.

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.

Looking ahead, we will continue to focus on maintaining services, securing funding where possible, and supporting initiatives that strengthen our community and improve our village.

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.

Your voice is important in shaping the future of our community.

Meeting started 6pm and closed 7.10pm

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

Signed:

Print Name:

Print Position:

Date: