



Neasham Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting – Tuesday 3rd February 2025

Held at 6:30 p.m. in Neasham Reading Room

1. Present

K. Sandick, B. Crossen, C. Bayes, M. Hannaford, P. Dunn, L. Tostevin, P. Walters, E. Miller, J. Chapple and J. Turner (Clerk).

2. Apologies for Absence

None.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Risk Management

4.1 Defibrillator maintenance

M Hannaford has changed the pads. Machine is functioning as expected.

5. PACT Meeting

5.1 Feedback from previous meeting

L Tostevin confirmed nothing was mentioned in relation to Neasham. Although made aware of cases of theft in the surrounding area and issues with Quadbikes (damage to land and fences).

6. Ward Councillor Matters

6.1 Reports from Ward Councillors.

P Walters shared upcoming events including

11th Feb – Jobs Fair – Market Hall

21st Feb – Town Centre – Chinese New Year

27th Feb – Dolphin Centre - 1pm to 4pm – Crazy Creatures at £8 per head.

Potholes reported – P Walters has chased and they are in the process of been repaired.

Recycling of food waste will be introduced end of March.



6.2 Boundary Changes

NPC submitted a response to support the current arrangements with no need of changes, accepted and understand the possibility of expansion. However, it is believed this will only impact the ward councillors and not the Parish Council. P Walters to confirm any changes it might have on Neasham Parish Council.

6.3 Signage

Signs around Neasham look worse for wear as pointed out by Parishioner. Ward Councillors will enquire with DBC as to how these can be replaced.

7. Roads and Footpaths

7.1 Speed sign replacements

Speed signs have been installed by DBC and now working as expected.

The speed signs also collate data which allows us to monitor average speeds, top speeds, number of vehicles and times when vehicles travel through the village. This will be beneficial should we need to escalate the issue of speeding or in providing evidence for any incidents which may lead to accidents.

7.2 Dropped kerbs

DBC are in the process of completing work to the dropped kerbs in the village. The work will lower the kerbs to a level much more equal to the road. The result of this will be increased accessibility for those in wheelchairs and Motability Scooters who up until now have had to use parts of the road rather than the paths. NPC wants to ensure all paths are accessible and usable to all.

Thanks to those in the Village who raised the question and have supported us in the process. Also, DBC for great communication, quick turnaround and understanding of the query.

8. Finance

8.1 Payments previously approved and made in December and January

Adam Crute	Website Maintenance	140.00
P Dunn	J Middlemiss Receipt	7.55
R Heward	Plantcare	250.00
PrintUk	Leaflets	138.00
Clerk	Salary - August to December 2025	1,398.60
Neasham Reading Room	Carols 2025	500.00



Hurworth Band	Carols 2025	100.00
SLCC	Membership	118.00
Parish Online	Annual Subscription	258.00
NALC	Membership	111.86

8.2 Online banking

Clerk now has access to online banking; this then means easier account reconciliation and also gives us the ability to make payments online rather than relying on cheques.

8.3 Asset Valuation

List of assets and assigned values to be reviewed.

8.4 Budget/Precept 2025/26

The previously set precept of £11,000 has been increased to £13,000. This is to keep up with the general increase of costs in line with inflation and to build a contingency reserve for unexpected costs.

9. Other Village Matters

9.1 Clerk ILCA Course

Agreed

9.2 Football Posts

Agreed to relocate the fallen posts and the one in tact remains for now.

9.3 G Crute Resignation

The Chair voiced his appreciation and thanks for the involvement of G Crute as a Councillor of Neasham over the last decade which has helped set solid foundations going forward. A gift of appreciation was agreed.

Process for replacement has begun and we will be able to Co-opt shortly.

9.4 Any other matters members wish to raise (not requiring formal notification)

K Sandick to check Lifebuoy Ring is still fit for purpose.

Question over signage re flooding – Will liaise with the EA and see if further warning signs are necessary.

Village tidy up discussed – Clerk to gather prices for skip hire.



10. Date of next Ordinary Parish Meeting

3rd of March 2026

Future meetings

7th of April 2026

5th of May 2026 (Annual Assembly)

2nd of June 2026

7th of July 2026

No meeting held in August

1st of September 2026

6th of October 2026

3rd of November 2026

1st of December 2026
