Neasham Parish Council - November 2026

Parish Councillors are hereby summoned to an Ordinary Meeting of Neasham Parish Council on Tuesday 3rd November 2026, 6:30PM, in Neasham Reading Room to transact the business listed in the agenda below.

Members of the public are entitled to attend Parish Council Meetings as non-participating attendees (unless confidential matters are under discussion) but may speak only at the invitation of the Chair. Those wishing to speak must give the Clerk or Chair at least two days' written notice, including brief details.

Agenda

1. **Chair's welcome and apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**
3. **Approval of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 6th October 2026**
4. **Public Rights of Way**

4.1 Welcome to Geoffrey McCarthy, Darlington Borough Council Public Rights of Way Officer - explanation of recorded routes which have changed over time, their position on the ground and the historic context. Questions and clarification.

5. **Ward Councillor Matters**

5.1 Reports from Ward Councillors.

6. **Planning Matters**

6.1 Planning Appeal - Land off Sockburn Lane - appeal 6012201 relating to application 24/01208/OUT – 'Awaiting site visit'.

7. **Village Improvement Plans 26/27**

7.1 Christmas Lights - delivery, installation and switch-on arrangements.

7.2 Village Bulb Planting

8. **Finance**

8.1 2027/28 Parish Council Precept - submission arrangements for the £13,390 precept agreed at the October meeting (deadline: 8th January 2027).

8.2 Parish Council laptop - discuss utilising the set reserves towards a new laptop. Previous Laptop purchased 2018.

9. **Other Village Matters**

9.1 Remembrance Sunday - final arrangements for 8th November; Matt Vickers MP or a representative is expected to attend and lay a wreath.

9.2 Albert Johnston Memorial Seat - the family has confirmed that the alternative location suggested by the Clerk is acceptable. Consider and agree the next steps, including the final location and arrangements for the seat.

9.3 Defibrillator - existing unit now approximately eight years old; recommended replacement between 8 and 10 years. Review replacement options with improved functionality, Wi-Fi/4G remote status and fault alerts, subscription monitoring, annual maintenance and managed The Circuit updates; consider costs and next steps.

9.4 Neasham Christmas Gathering - planning and arrangements with the Reading Room.

9.5 Any other matters members wish to raise (not requiring formal notification or a decision).

10. **Date of next Ordinary Parish Meeting**

Tuesday 1st December 2026, 6:30PM, in Neasham Reading Room.