

Newbold Pacey & Ashorne Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held on
Wednesday 2nd July 2025 in Ashorne Village Hall

Meeting commenced 19:35 hrs

1. Record of Members Present

Cllrs Robinson, Darnell, Marshall, and Mrs J Chapman (Clerk)

2. Apologies for Absence

None

3. Acceptance of Apologies

None

4. Declaration of Interest

Councillors are reminded that they **MUST** act solely in the public interests and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person to act or gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, a friend, or close associate.

Cllr Darnell – Community Benefit Application Village Hut

Cllr Marshall - Community Benefit Application Trustee of Village Hall

5. Dispensations

None

6. Open Forum (15 mins)

Three members of the public attended the meeting. The condition of the allotments was raised, see Agenda item 11.

Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100.

The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meeting) ACT 196 and the Local Government 1972 ss100 allows for the press and public to attend meetings of a local council. They can be excluded only by resolution if publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Many councils set aside a set period of time to enable members of the public present to ask questions or make statements. It is however important that such a session does not become a debate with the Council or individual councillors and that members of the public do not intervene in the meeting at any other time (Arnold Baker on Local Council Administration 13th edition page 42)

WCC / SDC Representatives Reports

Warwickshire County Cllr

County Cllr Cowcher was not in attendance, however, he had sent a report which had been circulated to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. The report is available to view on the Parish Councils website (<https://www.newboldpaceyashorne-pc.gov.uk> – County Cllr Reports.

Stratford District Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry joined the meeting at 20.18 hrs. Cllr Parry gave a brief update, her report having been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting, The report is available to view on the Parish Councils website (<https://www.newboldpaceyashorne-pc.gov.uk> – District Cllr Report.

7. Minutes

- 7.1 The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 7th May 2025 were agreed as being a true and complete record.
- 7.2 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th May 2025 were agreed as being a true and complete record once the date of the meeting on the heading of the minutes was corrected to read 7th May 2025.

8.0 Planning

- 8.1 No planning applications have been received since the last meeting held on 7th May 2025.
- 8.2 No planning decisions have been received since the last meeting held on 7th May 2025.

8.3 Appeals

None.

9. Financial Reports

- 9.1 The financial reports for the period 01.03.25 – 30.06.25 were noted.
- 9.2 The bank statement and bank reconciliation for the period 01.06.25 – 30.06.25 were noted and Cllr Marshall signed the bank reconciliations as being correct.

9.3 Direct Debit payments made since the meeting held on 7th May 2025

Name	£
Hugofox Ltd 19.05.25	11.99
Clerk May 2025 salary due to be paid 02.05.25	
Clerk June 2025 salary due to be paid 02.06.25	
HMRC monthly payment paid on 02.06.25	

9.4 Payments made since 7th May 2025

Name	£
Zurich Municipal Insurance Renewal	264.00

9.5 Payments for authorisation

Name	£
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for land and property search	7.00

It was proposed by Cllr Darnell, seconded by Cllr Robinson and **RESOLVED** all payments be approved.

10. Social Media Policy

Cllrs discussed the need for a Social Media Policy and felt it was not appropriate. Whilst the Parish Council does have a website (as it is an obligatory requirement) the Parish Council does not use any form of social media. If this changes in the future this will be reviewed.

11. Discussion re future use of the allotments

The Parish Council were saddened to note no allotment holders were in attendance at the meeting. The Parish Council noted comments from members of the public regarding the poor state of the allotments and undertook to contact all of the allotment holders. The Parish Council will also arrange for the public right of way crossing the allotments to be strimmed.

The Clerk to ask the WI if the Parish Council can join in their coffee morning on 4th October 2025 to enable residents to ask Parish Councillors about the allotments and provide their thoughts on the future of the allotments.

Cllr Parry to ask Thomas Fox, contractor, to provide a price for clearing the allotments and to provide ideas for the area. Cllr Parry or Cllr Darnell agreed to be present whilst Thomas Fox attend site.

12. Solar Farm Community Benefit applications – closing date

Closing date for applications confirmed as 31st May 2025. A separate meeting will be held to discuss the applications on 28th July 2025.

13. Items for next Agenda

Annual Governance and Accountability Return, Allotments, Grants and Social Media Policy.

14. Date of Next Meeting 28th July 2025

Meeting closed 21:00 hrs

Signed

Date