Minutes of the meeting of Newton Longville Parish Council held on 29th June 2026 at Free Church, Bletchley Road.

Present: Cllrs Chapman (chair), d'Albertanson, Collinge, Cookman, Gibson, Hunter and Whipp.
In attendance: Mike Galloway (Clerk to the Council), Linda Fensom (Deputy Clerk)
4 members of the public in person.

62/26 Apologies

Cllr Coeshall
Ward Cllr Jordan

63/26 Disclosures of interest

None.

64/26 Announcements

Councillor Barry Hardwick resigned on 19th of June. Cllr Chapman recorded thanks to Barry for his services since the election in May last year. In particular, his work on the Berry Way and Green Way, liaising with residents and contractors, together with his work on the allotments, and also working with Paul Hartley to get the replacement bench in Hammond Park.

There is proposal for a 35 house development behind Westbrook End. We've approached the developer's agent Black Box Planning but not heard back from them.

A brief summary was provided on the East West Rail proposal for the train maintenance depot with further details being provided on three potential layout options. EWR had asked for the parish council to state its preferred option. Concern was expressed that EWR had not taken into account the feedback during their consultation exercise which ended in March, and with all three options having significant negative impacts, the parish council will continue to oppose this development, in liaison with Mursley and Whaddon parish along with Buckinghamshire Council to ensure a united approach.

Roadworks have commenced on Green Way and Berry Way. The works are being monitored by Cllrs Whipp and Chapman.

Cllr Gibson reported that there had been reports of noise from the landfill site. He has raised with FCC. It appears contractors working on creating a permissive footpath and a wildlife area but were working at the weekend without approval.

65/26 Minutes:

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings on 18th May and 15th June be signed, as previously circulated, as correct records.

66/26 Update on actions arising from meeting on 15th June. Actions closed:

191/25 Cleaning; 301/25 Check invoices and correct BCR if required for burial ground fee receipts; 436/25 Submission of response to Local Plan consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy CIL); 444/25 Follow-up on aged debt queries.

67/26 To consider amendments to Financial Regulations to clarify what is included in the Asset Register.

It was resolved to accept the recommendation and add a new paragraph 1.117 (and renumber subsequent paragraphs):

"1.117 Any item purchased with a value less that £200 will not be added to the Asset Register. Any consumable will not be added to the Asset Register."

Public Involvement

68/26 Sue Sparling announced that on August 16th, it will be 20 years since the Free Church opened. To mark the parish council's involvement with the very first service, council members are invited to attend the event.

Clarification was requested on whether a resident who regularly carries out research and acts as a subject matter expert on matters impacting on the village is representing the parish council when comments are made on social media and at meetings. It was confirmed that he does so independently except where specifically arranged.

Finance

69/26 **Budget v actual v forecast.**

Accounts approved. Payments made between meetings noted.

70/26 **To consider updated budget following discussions with Buckinghamshire Council**

No update.

71/26 **To note report from Internal Auditor and confirm appointment for 2026/2027.**

Resolved to note report from Internal Auditor.

Resolved to appoint Tom Rimmer as Internal Auditor for current year.

72/26 **To agree Asset Register as at 31 March 2026.**

Resolved to approve Asset Register.

73/26 **To approve the Annual Governance Statement in 2025/2026 Annual Governance & Accountability return**

Approved.

74/76 **To approve the Accounting Statements in 2025/2026 Annual Governance & Accountability return.**

Approved.

75/76 **To authorise the Chair to sign Annual Return and Balance Sheet for 2026/2027.**

Approved and chair authorised to sign.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 19:55.

Signed: _____ Date: _____