



MINUTES OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on
Monday 12th January 2026

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Phill Crutcher (Chair) Cllr Bill Kear (Vice Chair) Cllr Ameeta Garga
 Cllr William Harmsworth, Cllr Kirstie Havard, Cllr James Kennett,
 Cllr Sarah Macdonald, Cllr Peter Perdue,
 ALSO PRESENT: Seven members of the public & Clerk/RFO Jackie Tyrrell

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE No apologies to note.		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None		
3.	ACCEPTANCE OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES The Full Council minutes for 8 th December 2025 were approved by all present and signed by the chair.		
4.	PUBLIC SESSION No comments/questions from residents.		
5.	COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT 10th Oct 25 – 31st Dec 25		
	LOCALITY	STREET	DATE
	Newdigate	Partridge Lane	22/12/2025
	Newdigate	Parkgate Road	20-21/12/2025
	Newdigate	Parkgate Road	17/12/2025
	Newdigate	Winfield Grove	11/12/2025
	Newdigate	Parkgate Road	6/12/2025
	Newdigate	Partridge Lane	15-16/11/2025
	Beare Green	Newdigate Road	12/11/2025
	Newdigate	Broad Lane	9/11/2025
			SUMMARY
			Victim has been punched. No injury caused. No witnesses or CCTV
			Car number plates stolen from two vehicle
			Vehicle driving without due care (driving at speed) and attention and failing to stop when asked. Notice of intended prosecution sent to registered keeper
			Assault on neighbour
			Barred customer has shouted and sworn at victim in front of other customers
			Theft of car number plates
			£10,000 of copper cabling stolen
			Male driver has driven dangerously towards horse riders before being verbally aggressive

Newdigate	Partridge Lane	8/11/2025	Locksmith has been assaulted (non injury) by a customer. Victim does not wish to prosecute
Newdigate	Darbyshire Road	2/11/2025	Neighbour dispute with one making threats
Newdigate	Kingsland	28/10/2025	Burglary whereby jewellery has been stolen
Newdigate	Winfield Grove	Various dates	Neighbour dispute

6. CLERKS REPORT

- 6.1 Essentials for New Councillors Course on 15th December – KH and JK attended. Useful introduction to the role, relations with the public etc. Positive experience and both keen to do further training. All councillors expressed an interest in attending training courses – clerk to circulate latest courses to all.
- 6.2 Informative and well attended Defibrillator and CPR training course, 15 attended. Interest shown in holding another course later in the year. Important to note, location of defibs in the parish – clerk to add information to the village mag.
- 6.3 Online engagement event with Cllr Kendrick, Leader of MVDC to be held on 12th December – AG and KH to attend and will feedback to council.
- 6.4 All councillors expressed in interest in attending the SALC forum to be held on Wed 21st January via MS Teams. Feedback at next meeting.
- 6.5 SALC clerk forum to be held 20th January – clerk to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNITY ITEMS

- 7.1 Workhouse Green – HC reported that the green does not belong to SCC or MVDC but is most likely manorial waste of Newdigate, ie belongs to the Manor of Newdigate or the Manor of Cudworth and the verge cutting team only cuts the edges with the ditch being the responsibility of the owners. I have also asked whether highways have any issues from a road safety point of view from residents putting a bench on the green and am waiting for a response. BK and Jane Lilley to investigate ownership further via historical records and in person.
- 7.2 Councillors discussed Christmas lighting in and around the village for 2026. A social media post highlighted the low number of festive lights in the parish by Resident/s. In the past BK and WH have placed lighting in the tree annually on the brocus but sadly the electric cables have been cut so are now unusable. Going forward the Surrey Oaks has pledged £200 towards new lighting and all Council agreed to match this amount. BK and WH will look into options for Christmas 2026 with support from all councillors. SM supported the option of a Competition for the best lights in the village and offered to donate the first prize

	<p>Of £50. Details will be further discussed next month.</p> <p>7.3 It was established that they were no grit bins in the village and no salt bags are delivered by MVDC for residents to use. KH will contact her source to ask if this was being addressed and if it would be provided for villages in the future.</p> <p>7.4 Post box in Hogspudding Lane – KH is liaising with the postman and residents And reiterating that this post box is important to locals, however it must also be used regularly or it may be at risk of not being replaced if the post office deems it low usage.</p>
8.	<p>FINANCE MATTERS</p> <p>8.1 Bank balance approved by councillors on 12th January 2026 for £35,132.67</p> <p>8.2 Bank balance approved by councillors on 12th January 2026 of £2,260.00</p> <p>8.3 The Precept figure for 20236/27 was submitted to MVDC on 6th January 2026.</p> <p>8.4 BK and PC verified and signed both financial spreadsheets to NatWest Bank Statement.</p> <p>8.5 Councillors approved the following bank transfer payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mulberry Limited £108.00 • HMRC – December 2025 Tax & NI..... £ tba • Clerk Home Allowances.....£26.00 • Village Hall Hire 1/9/25 – 8/12/25..... £214.00 • SLCC£150.00
9.	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>9.1 Planning applications, decisions or appeals to note week ending 9th January 2026</p> <p>a) MO/2026/00015 Link Location: THE SIX BELLS, VILLAGE STREET, NEWDIGATE, RH5 5DH Proposal: Nomination to have the Six Bells (PH) classified as an Asset of Community Value under the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012. Case Officer: Donna Bulbeck Registration Date: 06/01/2026 Applicant Name: Newdigate Parish Council Parish/Area: Newdigate <i>Newdigate PC – No comment</i></p> <p>b) MO/2026/00021 Link Location: THE OLD POST OFFICE, VILLAGE STREET, RH5 5DH Proposal: Discharge of Condition 3 of approved planning application MO/2025/0331 for the erection of single storey side and rear extension following demolition of rear extension, side porch and rear garage. Case Officer: Sue James Registration Date: 07/01/2026 Parish/Area: Newdigate <i>Newdigate PC – No comment</i></p>
10.	<p>HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC CALMING</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP will be consulting with members of the speed watch team as to whom would like to continue. They have played an important part of the speed reduction initiative in the village despite awful weather. • PP Is in discussions with Nigel Pond and Helyn Clack regarding invoice for VAS sign and various options for traffic calming opportunities in the village – no update to report as yet.
11.	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>Q. A resident raised Surrey Highways concerns over the entrance to the possible development behind the Six Bells by Thakeham homes. KH explained the planning process and the many elements which factor the committee's decision.</p>

Meeting ended 8.24pm

Chairman..... Dated.....