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MINUTES OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on

Monday 13 July 2026

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Phill Crutcher (Chair) Cllr Bill Kear (Vice Chair) Cllr William Harmsworth
Cllr James Kennett, Cllr Peter Perdue,
ALSO PRESENT: 16 members of the public
Clerk/RFO

037/26	**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Kirstie Havard Sarah Macdonald
038/26	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Bill Kear - MO/2026/00841
039/26	**ACCEPTANCE OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES** The Council resolved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 June 2026 and the minutes were duly signed.
040/26	**PUBLIC SESSION** No comments or questions from members of public at this time
041/26	**COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT** Parish Councils have been advised to follow the link www.surrey.police.uk/ To see crime matters in our area. However, the website has not been updated. *Clerk to email Surrey Police.* Surrey Police Tomi.Dunstan@surrey.police.uk to attend the Full Council meeting on 14 September 2026. *Councillors and residents can forward questions in advance – Clerk to collate.*
042/26	**CLERKS REPORT** • Litter pick & Reporting road safety to Police to be included for August. • Surrey ALC Cllrs forum – WH updated latest news re East Surrey. • Rural Housing Webinar – • GACC update zoom webinar – due to timings no Cllrs able to attend. • Surrey ALC training courses – *Cllrs to inform clerk of courses they wish to attend* • Cllrs approved recommendation from Finance Committee to continue to use Mulberrys for a three year engagement period (no financial commitment) but will ensure our audit prices will be fixed for the whole period. *Clerk to email Andy at Mulberrys.* • Making Effective Planning Comments – *Cllrs to inform Clerk if they wish to attend.* • Allotments – *Clerk to email holders, reminder of rules and action required.*

043/26 **COMMUNITY AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Highway safety in and around the village – HGV/speeding vehicles.
  Cllrs approved letter to be sent to Surrey Highways, Letter circulated to Cllrs – for approval.
- Presentation by Tina Callcut to Councillors and residents on the new formation of the 'Newdigate Community-Led Housing Group'. Members of the group are William Harmsworth (Chair), James Kennett, Peter Perdue, Tina Callcut (secretary).
- Property available in Mulberry Place managed by English Rural see website.
- Concerns re speeding motorbikes through Henfold Lane – Clerk will report to police and residents also encouraged to report via the link.
- Surrey Police to attend Full Council meeting on Monday 14 September 2026.
- Community litter pick led by PC – Saturday 19 September 2026 at 10.30am.
- DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETING (NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST)
  PLANNING COMMITTEE Monday 7 September 2026 at 7.30pm
  FULL COUNCIL MEETING Monday 14 September 2026 at 8pm

044/26 **FINANCE**

Full Council approved NatWest A/C balance as of 13 July 2026 of £30,329.82
Full Council approved Brickworks A/C bank balance as of 13 July 2026 of £2,260.00

- BK & PC verified the financial spreadsheet to NatWest bank account statement.
- Council resolved to acknowledge the following amounts received:

PAYER	DETAILS	AMOUNT
R A Hubbard	Allotment annual rent	£40.00
Sue Ward	Allotment annual rent	£20.00

- Council resolved to approve the following payments for July:

PAYER	DETAILS	AMOUNT
HMRC	Clerk Tax & NI July 2026 (month 4)	£315.50 BACS
Viking Litd	Printer Ink and office stationary	£72.00 BACS

045/26 **PLANNING**

- Ratification of Planning applications by the Council:
  a) MO/2026/00841 Link
  Location: LAND SOUT OF BLANKS LANE, NEWDIGATE, RH5 5ED
  Proposal: Prior Notification for the erection of an agricultural building of 10.5 metres by 18.5 metres for the storage of harvested hay, machinery, equipment or ancillary agricultural materials.
  Case Officer: Sue James
  Registration Date: 24/06/2026
  Parish/Area: Newdigate
  NPC Comment – No comment

	b) MO/2026/00849 Link Location: THATCH HOUSE, PARTRIDGE LANE, NEWDIGATE, RH5 5EE Proposal: Erection of fence to front boundary. Case Officer: Caroline Hall Registration Date: 24/06/2026 Parish/Area: Newdigate *NPC Comment – No comment*
046/26	• Council acknowledged the following Decisions. a) MO/2026/00553 Link Location: OAKLANDS PARK FARM PARTRIDGE LANE RH5 5BU Proposal: Change of use of 3 No. buildings and 3 No. areas of hardstanding from agricultural to mixed use. Decision: APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS Decision Date: 25-June-2026 Parish: Newdigate b) MO/2026/00640 Link Location: WOODCOTE MILL LANE NEWDIGATE RH5 5AL Proposal: Prior notification for the erection of a single storey rear extension of 8 metres deep and 2.7 metres high with a height to the eaves of 2.7 metres. Decision: PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED Decision Date: 24-June-2026 Parish: Newdigate
047/26	**PUBLIC SESSION** Q. A resident asked if planning permission was required for covering with brick etc the front garden of a property? *The Council was not aware of planning being required, however consideration must be taken into account of rain run-off and must not go out onto the highway. The Clerk will confirm this with the planning at MVDC.* Q. Residents concerned with congestion of vehicles around Bob's Shop in The Street. Cars often parking dangerously and blocking visibility to other users. *The Council noted the comments and recognise that this is an historical issue. This issue can be asked to our visiting Surrey Police Officer at our September meeting.* Q. A resident raised the safety on Parkgate Road – Recently having three road accident incidents. *The Council will raise this topic with our Surrey Police Officer at Sept meeting.*
048/26	**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION** Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Full Council approved the parish clerk's enrolment into the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). The Council formally agreed to act as the employing authority and authorised the necessary employer contributions as outlined in the Clerk's employment contract.

Meeting ended at 9.20pm

Chairman…… Dated……..