

NEWENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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I hereby give notice that a meeting of NEWENDEN PARISH COUNCIL will take place on TUESDAY 7 July 2026 at 7pm in St Peter's church when the business detailed in this agenda will be considered. All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend.

Dated this day – 1 July 2026

Lauren Dobson – Parish Clerk

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of interest whether personal or pecuniary regarding matters on the agenda.**

The Meeting will be adjourned for:

- 3. Public Questions** – an opportunity for members of the public to address or ask questions to the Parish Council in respect of any item on this agenda or request items for discussion at a future meeting (maximum 10 mins).

When the meeting re-starts, the public are very welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting but are reminded that they cannot take part unless specifically invited to do so by a Member of the Council.

- 4. To consider and approve** the minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2026
- 5. Matters arising** from the minutes/ action points from 12th May 2026 (*not covered elsewhere on agenda*)
 - Review of byelaws
 - Shared village action plan
- 6. Verbal Reports from Council members**
 - i. **Highways**
 - a. Lossenham lane – planned closure 3-13th August
 - b. Proposal that double white lines be installed between the pub and the bridge, to dissuade drivers from overtaking (request from resident for Council to consider).
 - ii. **Drains**
 - a. Recent sewage on the Queen's Field
 - iii. **Resilience**
 - iv. **Playground**
 - a. Installation of existing baby swing - update

- 7. Finance and Governance**

- i. Authorisation of accounts – to approve payments and note receipts since 1st May 2026.
- ii. To review budget vs. spend to end of Q1
- iii. To consider the request for a donation from Kent ACRE for their Supporting Rural Communities to Thrive project.
- iv. To resolve whether to accept quote from Local Council Consultancy (LCC) for internal auditor service for 26/27 financial year at a cost of £255 + VAT.
- v. Website and email – to update on recent issues and the move to new provider.

- 8. Planning** – to consider any planning applications received from Ashford Borough Council and any other planning matters.
- a) Response from ABC to letter of concern regarding PA/2025/2282
- 9. To review and resolve whether to adopt / re-adopt:**
- a) Draft IT policy
 - b) Safeguarding policy
 - c) Health and Safety policy
- 10. Matters for consideration** as an agenda item for the next meeting.
- 11. Date of future meetings** – 15th September 2026, 17th November 2026, 8th December 2026 (budget setting), 19th January 2027, 17th March 2027 (tbc), 18th May 2027 (annual statutory meeting).