

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th May 2026 at Neen Savage Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting Chairman: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

Present: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff, Cllr Michael Tomkinson, Cllr Chris Hardy, Cllr Julian Cleford, Cllr Susan Del Mar, Cllr Olwen Sales and Cllr Alison Price.

The Chairman, Cllr Arthur Ratcliff welcomed everyone to the May meeting.

407/01 Election of Chair and receive signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Arthur Ratcliff was elected Chair (proposed Cllr Sales, seconded Cllr Del Mar). Cllr Ratcliff signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

407/02 Election of Vice-Chair and receive signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Julian Cleford was elected Vice-Chair (proposed Cllr Sales, seconded Cllr Del Mar). Cllr Cleford signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

407/03 Apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Apologies were received from Unitary Cllr David Davies.

407/04 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

407/05 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present.

407/06 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29th April 2026

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29th April 2026 be ADOPTED as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

407/07 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Environmental Maintenance Grant

The Grant Report for 25-26 has been submitted together with this year's application.

Action Log Review

Ford - No response to previous chasers regarding replacement safety railings, ditch and culvert work.

Cllr Tomkinson will chase again. The new depth gauges at the Ford will be assessed for accuracy.

Land Registry – Due to incomplete information received from Land Registry, the Clerk will purchase the title details to establish what has been done by Land Registry following our applications.

Website – The website manager will be asked for the latest invoice. The website is functioning well but may need to have the software upgraded to be compliant with a “.gov.uk” domain.

Six Ashes – Cllr Tomkinson has planted oaks to replace the ash trees which had been removed. The planters by the car park will need watering in this hot dry weather.

Broadband to Parish Hall – the Clerk will keep chasing BT to upgrade the supply to fibre broadband.

Goesland barrier and road repairs – there has been no response from highways on dates for repairs.

Police – attended the Annual Parish Meeting and will be invited to future meetings if any local issues.

Highway issues generally – no response to emails but drain cover on Baveney Lane was replaced.

Pike Common – grass will be cut next month. There are ongoing concerns of trees and debris in river especially the amount of debris backing up at Papermills Bridge.

Welcome Packs – Cllr Del Mar has more Neen Savage books to be given out to new residents.

Online banking – councillor signatories need to get access to the accounts through business banking.

Land below Melbury – Shropshire Council has been asked to ensure the unauthorised caravan is removed and the land reinstated.

New Notice Board at Parish Hall car park entrance has been installed. The invoice is awaited.

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- ii) CrimeWatchNeenSavage WhatsApp Group Report – Cllr Sales
There have been two suspicious vehicle reports in the past month. A reminder will be put on the Group chat reminding users to only report suspicious activities, not general parish news.
- iii) Environmental Maintenance Report – Cllr Tomkinson/Cllr Ratcliff
There has been no further Environmental Maintenance work since the last meeting.
- iv) Parish Hall Report – Cllr Sales
There was nothing new to report since the last meeting.

407/08 Annual Review of Council Appointments, Policies and Procedures

- i) Council reviewed roles, appointments to committees and outside bodies which were agreed as follows:-

Councillor Duties and Parish Roles

Chair	Cllr Arthur Ratcliff
Vice-Chair	Cllr Julian Clelford
Employment Sub-Committee	Cllrs Olwen Sales, Chris Hardy and Sue Del Mar
Highways Sub-Committee	Cllrs Arthur Ratcliff, Michael Tomkinson and Julian Clelford
Flood Wardens	Highways Sub-Committee
Communications Sub-Committee	Cllrs Olwen Sales, Arthur Ratcliff and Sue Del Mar
Emergency Planning Officer	Cllr Alison Price
Pike Common	Cllr Arthur Ratcliff
Baveney Common	Cllr Michael Tomkinson

Appointments to Committees outside the Parish Council

Parish Hall Committee representative	Cllr Olwen Sales
SALC representatives	Cllrs Michael Tomkinson and Chris Hardy

Non-Councillor appointments to Parish Roles

Snow Warden	Mr George Haywood
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Non-Councillor appointments to Parish Charity

Edwards & Hinckesman's Foundation	Mrs Emma Haywood (re-appointed May 2025 – four-year term)
	Mr Charles Whitworth (re-appointed May 2025 – four-year term)

- ii) Council RESOLVED to set the dates for the Parish Council meetings for the forthcoming year as follows:

<u>Date of Meeting</u>
Wednesday 24 th June 2026
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026
Wednesday 23 rd September 2026
Wednesday 28 th October 2026
Wednesday 25 th November 2026
Wednesday 16 th December 2026
Wednesday 27 th January 2027
Wednesday 24 th February 2027
Wednesday 24 th March 2027
Wednesday 28 th April 2027
Wednesday 26 th May 2027

407/09 Financial Matters

- i) Council noted receipt of the Precept - £9,900.00.
- ii) Council noted receipt of Neighbourhood Fund income - £249.52.

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407/10 Payments

a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

- i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (May) - £270.40 (Cheque)
- ii) HMRC – PAYE (May) - £67.60 (Direct Debit)
- iii) SALC – Affiliation Fees - £261.36 (Cheque)
- iv) Came and Co – Annual Insurance premium - £556.93 (for three-year fixed-rate agreement).

407/11 Unitary Councillor's Report

The Unitary Councillor's May report had been circulated. With regards to Shropshire Council seeking support from parish councils to take over some of their work, the Parish Council will ask Cllr Davies to establish what work Shropshire Council does in Neen Savage so that the Parish Council could then consider what it could help with.

407/12 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) Cllr Sales asked about tidying overgrown road signs on the A4117. These should be done by Shropshire Council but any overgrown signs that are safely accessible from pavements or on minor roads can be trimmed by residents or done under the Environmental Maintenance Scheme.
- ii) All other ongoing parish and highway issues had been covered earlier in the meeting under the Action Log review.

407/13 Future Agenda Items

No other items were raised.

407/14 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th June 2026, 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 408/04) that these minutes are a true record of the Meeting.

24th June 2026

Signed.....Chairman Date.....