

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th February 2026 at Neen Savage Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting Chairman: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

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

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

404/01 Apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Apologies were received from Cllr Del Mar, Cllr Tomkinson and Unitary Cllr David Davies.

404/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

404/03 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present.

404/04 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th January 2026

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th January 2026 be ADOPTED as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

404/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Highways

The Clerk reported the Asda Van incident in the river to Shropshire Council and asked that the Ford riverbank and Walford's Bridge are checked for structural integrity. There has been no response. BT have notified us that there will be a road closure on 6th May 2026 between 9.30am and 3pm as they need to reattend a site near The Pound due to access issues on their previous visit in January. The work involves overhead cabling works from outside the Pound, to opposite the corner with the Granary.

Shropshire Council is planning work for the next financial year (2026-2027) and as part of their improved engagement process, they are making us aware of essential maintenance work that is programmed to take place on the Baveney Culvert. To ensure the safety of both road users and their workforce, a road closure will be in place during the works. The works are currently scheduled for July 2026, and Shropshire Council will share exact dates and timings once they are confirmed.

Pike Common

Following site visits before and after the latest flood, it is noted that there are two trees fully across the river from the Rose Hill side which will need removing. A letter has been dropped off to the landowner and he has responded promptly and positively about removing the trees. Cllr Tomkinson and Cllr Ratcliff will also arrange a work party to tidy up the trees on the Pike Common riverbank.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting booking for Wednesday 20th May 2026 has been confirmed.

The usual format will prevail and the local police officers will be invited to speak about local issues.

ii) CrimeWatchNeenSavage WhatsApp Group Report – Cllr Sales

There have been no reports of any rural crime or suspicious activity in the past month.

iii) Environmental Maintenance Report – Cllr Tomkinson/Cllr Ratcliff

Cllr Tomkinson has chased up Jason Davis about the culvert near Old School House. This culvert needs cleaning out again but there is no update on the promised grid to help keep debris out of the drainage pipes.

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iv) Parish Hall Report – Cllr Sales

The new car park light activated by a sensor at the main gate has been fitted but the timer is not yet working. A smaller, sensor-activated light overlooking the main gate is still to be installed. The new Notice Board is almost ready for installation.

404/06 Financial Matters

- i) The Chairman signed the 2026-27 Budget. A copy will be published on the Council's website.

404/07 Payments

- a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

- i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (February) - £270.40 (Cheque)
ii) HMRC – PAYE (February) - £67.60 (Direct Debit)
iii) Neen Savage Parish Hall – Room Hire 2024-25 - £165.00 (Cheque)

404/08 Planning Matters

- a) Council considered the following new Planning Application:

- i) Reference: 26/00542/FUL (validated: 12/02/2026)
Address: Proposed Agricultural Building North of Detton Cottage, Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of a general-purpose agricultural building for the storage of machinery, fodder/straw/hay, and occasional livestock housing.
Applicant: Mr Geoff Jordan (Detton Cottage, Neen Savage, Shropshire, DY14 8LW)
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to support the proposal.

- b) Council noted the following Planning Decision:

- i) Reference: 25/04558/FUL (validated: 10/12/2025)
Address: Proposed Industrial Unit, Old Station Business Park, Cleobury Mortimer
Proposal: Erection of Industrial Unit for any use within Class B2, B8 or E(g)
Decision: Grant Permission.

404/09 Unitary Councillor's Report

The Unitary Councillor's report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting.

404/10 Policies and Procedures

- i) Council RESOLVED to adopt the updated Code of Conduct.
ii) Council RESOLVED to adopt the updated Financial Regulations.

404/11 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) It was noted that Belle Vue Garage is opening a second site at Mawley Oak which should help resolve the issue of all the cars parked on the B4201.
ii) Council expressed its concerns regarding the Asda vehicle which was swept away from the Ford in a recent flood and the huge rescue effort that ensued. Some potholes have been filled on the B4201. Cllr Davies will be asked to press Shropshire Council for more repairs.

404/12 Future Agenda Items

There were no items raised.

404/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th March 2026, 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.16pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 405/04) that these minutes are a true record of the Meeting.

Arthur Ratcliff

25th March 2026

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