

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29th April 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 April meeting.

406/01 Apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

There were no apologies.

406/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Price declared an interest in Agenda item 406/08 (b) (i) – Planning and took no part in this item.

406/03 Public Participation Session

There were two members of public and Unitary Cllrs David and Pamela Davies present.

406/04 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th March 2026

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th March 2026 be ADOPTED as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

406/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Highways

Fix My Street have notified the Clerk that the work to fix the issues with the depth gauges at the Ford has been completed. Council commented that two new gauges have been installed but appear to be incorrectly set. Additionally, signs purchased and installed by the Parish Council last year have been moved; 'Check depth before entering' signs have been placed at other locations whilst the 'Deep Water' signs have disappeared. Cllr Tomkinson has asked the Surveyor for our signs to be returned. The proposed resurfacing work at Goesland is on Shropshire Council's plan for 2026-27. Council hopes this will go ahead but more urgently, the replacement safety barrier needs installing.

WI fund-raising for female silhouettes 'Women in War'

Neen Savage WI has raised enough money for two silhouettes and would like to donate money to the Parish Council to purchase them. Council confirmed they were happy with this proposal and supported the purchase of two silhouettes at £175 each plus VAT.

ii) CrimeWatchNeenSavage WhatsApp Group Report – Cllr Sales

There have been no reports of any rural crime or suspicious activity in the past month. PC Nock has messaged to encourage people to sign up to Neighbourhood Matters for newsletters by email.

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

The motion sensor lights have been fitted. £500 was raised at the Big Breakfast on 5th April and plans are underway for Applefest on 12th September. The new notice board has been installed.

v) Pike Common Report – Cllr Ratcliff

Cllrs Ratcliff, Tomkinson and Hardy's work party cleared a fallen willow tree from the riverbank and a maple tree growing out of Walford's Bridge.

Initials.....**AJR**.....

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406/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council reviewed and confirmed the updated Asset Register.
- ii) Council reviewed and confirmed the updated Risk Assessments.
- iii) Council confirmed the Environmental Maintenance Grant in 2025-26 was spent in accordance with the grant terms.
- iv) Council approved the Environmental Maintenance Grant application for 2026-27.

406/07 Payments

- a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
 - i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (April) - £270.40 (Cheque)
 - ii) HMRC – PAYE (April) - £67.60 (Direct Debit)
 - iii) Mrs D McBride – Clerk's quarterly admin expenses - £156.81 (Cheque)

406/08 Planning Matters

- a) Planning Decision:
 - i) Reference: 26/00542/FUL (validated: 12/02/2026)
Address: Proposed Agricultural Building North of an Existing Building, Cleobury Mortimer.
Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural building for the storage of machinery, fodder/straw/hay, and occasional livestock housing
Decision: Grant Permission.

At 7.55pm Cllr Price left the meeting for the following item:

- b) Local Connection qualification for planning:
 - i) Council considered the request to confirm 'Strong Local Connection' for Mr J Price for the 'Build Your Own' Affordable Housing Scheme. Council confirmed that Mr Price met four criteria through family, residency, education and employment and will confirm this in writing.

At 7.58pm Cllr Price rejoined the meeting.

406/09 Unitary Councillor's Report

The Unitary Councillor's May report will be out soon. Cllr Davies will chase up the required work at Goesland with emphasis on the replacement safety barrier. Cllr Tomkinson asked about the Road Ranger scheme. Cllr P Davies has been chasing this up with Andy Wilde and Alex Wagner. It was noticed that Church Preen have been selected to take part in this trial, yet Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council have already been trained to undertake road repairs. Neen Savage Parish Council is keen to be involved in this Scheme to be able to undertake additional highways work.

406/10 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) There were no new parish matters.
- ii) It has been reported that there is a large hole in Blackberry Lane near the culvert from the Business Park. This will be checked and reported to the relevant parties. There has been a lot of patching work on local roads but there are concerns with Neen Lane (from the Ford to Six Ashes), Baveney Lane, B4201, a hole on Detton Bank which has still not been filled and the safety railings on the south-east side of the Ford which have not been replaced yet.
- iii) Council confirmed the arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 20th May.

406/11 Future Agenda Items

The Action Log will be reviewed at the next meeting.

406/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th May 2026, 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 407/06) that these minutes are a true record of the Meeting.

Signed.....*Arthur Ratcliff*.....Chairman Date.....27th May 2026.....