

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th June 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 Susan Del Mar, Cllr Olwen Sales and Cllr Alison Price.

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

408/01 Apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Apologies were received from Cllr Julian Cleford and Unitary Cllr David Davies.

408/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

408/03 Public Participation Session

There was one member of public present.

408/04 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th May 2026

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th May 2026 be ADOPTED as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

408/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Environmental Maintenance Grant

The application for this year's grant was acknowledged and is being progressed to the final stages of the process.

Trees across river near Pike Common

Having contacted Unitary Cllr Davies for help he has facilitated a response from Shropshire Council's Drainage Team. Mark Holmes, Land Drainage Officer, has since made contact and will look into the riverbank issues between Walfords and Papermills Bridges. Cllr Tomkinson added that he has checked the river above Papermills Bridge and the blockage is serious.

Road closure notification

The road between Chilton and Old School House will be closed from 18th – 28th August for BT works to dig out a 375m trench (part in verge and part in road) and install cabling as well as installing a structure in the verge.

ii) CrimeWatchNeenSavage WhatsApp Group Report – Cllr Sales

There had been no suspicious activity reports from the parish since the last meeting but a manitou which had been reported stolen from Milson was quickly found near Bewdley.

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 Committee has been awarded a £15,438 grant from the National Lottery to go towards a new kitchen for the Hall.

v) Pike Common Report – Cllr Ratcliff

Cllr Ratcliff has mown the grass at Pike Common.

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408/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council confirmed there were no conflicts of interest with PKF Littlejohn LLP.
- ii) Council received and noted the Internal Auditor's reports.
- iii) Council considered and RESOLVED to approve AGAR Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26.
- iv) Council considered and RESOLVED to approve the accounts and bank reconciliation for the year ending 31st March 2026.
- v) Council considered and RESOLVED to approve AGAR Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025/26.
- vi) Council RESOLVED to certify the Parish Council's exemption from a limited assurance review.

All sections of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return were completed and signed.

408/07 Payments

- a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
 - i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (June) - £270.40 (Cheque)
 - ii) HMRC – PAYE (June) - £67.60 (Direct Debit)
 - iii) Mrs M Wood – Internal audit fee - £100.00 (Cheque)

408/08 Planning Matters

- a) New Planning Application:
 - i) Reference: 26/02152/FUL (validated: 16/06/2026)
Address: New House Farm, Baveney Wood, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8JB
Proposal: The extension and Alteration of an Existing Detached Dwelling
Applicant: Mr Simon Jenner (New House Farm, Baveney Wood, DY14 8JB)
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to support this application.

408/09 Unitary Councillor's Report

The Unitary Councillor's June report had been circulated. Whilst there have been no updates directly from Highways and a number of serious road defects have still not been addressed, the Parish Council expressed their gratitude for all Cllr Davies' efforts to progress these matters.

408/10 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) A resident asked the Parish Council to remove a tree which has fallen across the river from Parish Council land. Due to the steep bank on the Parish Council side, the resident can provide access from the west side to facilitate the tree's removal. It was agreed that this tree should be removed within the next few months. Cllr Sales will ask the Parish Hall Committee for support so that the tree could be removed jointly between the Parish Council and the Parish Hall Committee.
- ii) The Ford depth gauges have yet to be checked for accuracy.
- iii) There were no new highway issues raised.

408/11 Future Agenda Items

No other items were raised.

408/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd July 2026, 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.33pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 409/04) that these minutes are a true record of the Meeting.

Arthur Ratcliff

22nd July 2026

Signed.....Chairman

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