

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd July 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 Susan Del Mar, Cllr Julian Cleftord and Cllr Alison Price.

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

409/01 Apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Apologies were received from Cllr Olwen Sales and Cllr Michael Tomkinson.

409/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

409/03 Public Participation Session

There was one member of public and Unitary Cllr David Davies present.

409/04 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th June 2026

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th June 2026 be ADOPTED as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

409/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Environmental Maintenance Grant

We have received a £1,000 grant for this year. As such, Council can review the budget to match-fund this amount as per the grant conditions - see Agenda item 409/06.

Accounts and Audit 2025-26

All audit and end-of-year work has been completed and submitted to the external auditor and for publishing on the website.

Women in War silhouettes

We have been notified of the receipt of £350 from Neen Savage WI as a donation towards the purchase of two 'Women In War' Silhouettes. Council confirmed that the two silhouettes can now be purchased.

ii) CrimeWatchNeenSavage WhatsApp Group Report – Cllr Sales

There have been no suspicious activity reports from the parish since the last meeting.

iii) Environmental Maintenance Report – Cllr Tomkinson/Cllr Ratcliff

There has been no further Environmental Maintenance work since the last meeting.

Cllr Tomkinson has reported that Highways have carried out a lot of patching on northern end of Baveney Lane and on the B4201.

Cllr Ratcliff reported a work party had cut up branches and debris in the river upstream of Papermills Bridge.

The Ford depth gauges were measured by laser; one was found to be one inch out and the other was seven inches out of alignment and as such the gauges were reset to the correct height. There is room at the top of the posts to add a safety notice.

iv) Parish Hall Report – Cllr Sales

There is no update from the Parish Hall but the Cllr Ratcliff noted that the Committee are meeting next week and will discuss the removal of the fallen tree in the river.

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409/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council resolved to increase the projected budget spend for Environmental Maintenance from £1,500 to £2,000 following the increased grant funding received. Council resolved to approve the quarterly budget review and bank reconciliation to 30th June 2026.
- ii) Council noted receipt of the Environmental Maintenance Grant - £1,000.00.
- iii) Council noted that the external auditor (PKF Littlejohn) has received and logged the notification of exempt status for the year ended 31 March 2026. There is no review to be performed and no auditor certificate and report, or any other closure documentation to be issued for this reporting year.

409/07 Payments

- a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
 - i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (July) - £270.40 (Cheque)
 - ii) HMRC – PAYE (July) - £67.60 (Direct Debit)
 - iii) Mrs D McBride – Clerk's quarterly admin expenses - £95.00 (Cheque)
 - iv) James Barrett – Third share of new notice board at Parish hall - £250.00 (Cheque).

409/08 Planning Matters

- a) Planning Decision (For Information Only):
 - i) Reference: 25/04659/FUL (validated: 19/12/2025)
Address: Station House, Bridgnorth Road, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8SZ
Proposal: Erection of detached double garage and vehicular access
Decision: Grant Permission.

409/09 Unitary Councillor's Report

The Unitary Councillor's July report had been circulated. Cllr Davies had seen Jason Davis who confirmed the Ford works is due to be carried out. The poor financial situation of Shropshire Council was highlighted and it has been confirmed that the Shirehall is to be sold. There will be a parish meeting with Tanya Miles CEO of Shropshire Council this autumn for Clerks and Chairs to attend. Local business owners will meet her at Hopton Wafers on the same day.

409/10 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) Cllr Del Mar asked when the church would receive its grant from the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that there has been no written request this year but as soon as one is submitted it will be put to the Council.
- ii) Cllr Price has received an update from Highways regarding the unauthorized access which was made into a field below Melbury. The landowner needs to formally apply for permission but concerns remain regarding the blocked ditch and visibility splays.
- iii) There have been a number of potholes marked up for repair. Everyone is encouraged to keep reporting issues on Fix My Street. The pothole on Detton Bank is getting worse.

409/11 Future Agenda Items

The Action Log will be reviewed in September.

409/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd September 2026, 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.03pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 410/04) that these minutes are a true record of the Meeting.

Signed.....**Arthur Ratcliff**.....Chairman Date.....**23rd September 2026**.....