

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd September 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 Celford, Cllr Alison Price, Cllr Olwen Sales and Cllr Michael Tomkinson.

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

410/01 Apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

There were no apologies.

410/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

410/03 Public Participation Session

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

410/04 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd July 2026

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd July 2026 be ADOPTED as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

410/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Women in War silhouettes

Two 'Women In War' Silhouettes have been purchased and will be put out with the silent soldier in late October.

Vital Link

Editors of the Vital Link have asked if the Parish Council would contribute a few paragraphs to go in the next edition and ongoing in future editions. Council confirmed the Clerk's proposal to include the Parish Hall broadband issue, Women in War Silhouettes, the autumn litter pick and how to report highway issues in the next article. There will be a note to say the full minutes are on our website.

The Action Log was reviewed:

Ford – the depth gauges have been re-set. There is now room at the top of the posts for safety signage.

Land Registry - we have a copy of the deeds for the 'Parish Hall' land but Baveney Wood Common needs further investigation.

Website – quotes will be sought for a new web hosting service for discussion at the October meeting.

Six Ashes – the damaged car has now been removed but the large pothole has still not been fixed.

Broadband – the account has been cancelled due to non-supply to the Parish Hall. A fibre connection will be supplied on a new account.

Goesland – the safety barrier is due to be replaced this winter.

Highways – there has been a lot of patching on the B4201 this summer.

Pike Common – there has been no update from Shropshire Council Drainage since the initial enquiry regarding the river banks. Cllr Ratcliff has cut the grass again since the last meeting.

Welcome Packs - Cllr Del Mar continues to deliver welcome packs to new residents.

Banking – signatories struggling to get onto Online for Business will try a joint request.

Land adjacent to Melbury - the landowner needs to apply for permission for the highway access but concerns remain regarding the blocked ditch and visibility splays. The caravan has been removed.

The tree in the river (from the Parish Hall riverbank) has not yet been removed. Cllr Sales will remind the Committee next week about this matter.

ii) CrimeWatchNeenSavage WhatsApp Group Report – Cllr Sales

A property on Catherton Road was broken into on 31st July and there had been a report of a car stolen from Oreton on 17th September.

Initials.....

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- iii) Environmental Maintenance Report – Cllr Tomkinson/Cllr Ratcliff
There has been no further Environmental Maintenance work since the last meeting but Cllr Tomkinson will arrange for the contractor to help with cleaning out ditches this winter.
- iv) Parish Hall Report – Cllr Sales
The Committee met at the end of July and a working group is assessing the requirements for the new kitchen design. The Vintage Applefest on 12th September was well attended.
- v) Pike Common Report – Cllr Ratcliff
Cllr Ratcliff has cut the grass since the last Council meeting.

410/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council noted receipt of the donation from Neen Savage WI - £350 (for WWII silhouettes).

410/07 Payments

- a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
 - i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (August & September) - £540.80 (Cheque)
 - ii) HMRC – PAYE (August & September) - £135.20 (Direct Debit)
 - iii) Mrs D McBride – Reimbursement for Women In War Silhouettes – £350.00 (Cheque)
 - iv) Chris Bargman – Web hosting, domain registration and SSL - £89.00 (Cheque).

410/08 Planning Matters

- a) Planning Decision (For Information Only):
 - i) Reference: 26/02152/FUL (validated: 16/06/2026)
Address: New House Farm, Baveney Wood, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8JB
Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to east elevation and porch to north elevation, insertion of rooflights and dormer windows, fenestration changes
Decision: Grant Permission.

410/09 Unitary Councillor's Report

The Unitary Councillor's August and September reports had been circulated. Cllr Davies reminded the Chair about the meeting with Tanya Miles, Shropshire Council's new Chief Executive Officer on Friday 9th October at the Market Hall, Cleobury Mortimer. Cllr Davies noted that there has been no date confirmed for the work at the Ford but the contract has been issued. There is also no date for the work at Goesland but it should be carried out before winter. A temporary safety barrier has been requested until the permanent barrier is installed. Cllr Davies had seen the new JCB pothole machine. JCB have offered to do a free trial in Shropshire. Repairs are quoted as lasting ten years.

410/10 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) There were no new parish matters.
- ii) Highways had been discussed earlier.
- iii) The Autumn Litter Pick week was set for Sunday 18th until Saturday 24th October.

411/11 Policing Matters

- i) Council completed the Annual Town and Parish Council Survey for West Mercia Police.

410/12 Future Agenda Items

The Action Log will be reviewed again in October with quotes for a new website hosting package.

410/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th October 2026, 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.23pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 411/04) that these minutes are a true record of the Meeting.

28th October 2026

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....