

Long Newnton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 25th February 2026

THIS MEETING WAS HELD in Holy Trinity Church

Members

Di Thomas, John Coulthard, Tim Alban-Jones, Henry Fildes, Steven Barker, Clare Parfitt,

In attendance; Andrea Warrington- (Clerk) Visitor Gerry Herman Cotswold National Landscape Volunteer Warden.

Apologies – , Michael Norton, Nikki Ind, Chair Tetbury East and Rural Council

1-2026	1	Apologies for Absence, Michael	Action
1-2026	2	Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda None	
1-2026	3	To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 21st October 2025 All in favour	
1-2026	4	Public Questions: None	
1-2026	5	Chair welcomed Steven Barker to the Council, as a replacement Councillor for Gaye Mitchell. Action: Clerk to arrange GAPTC training as appropriate. Welcome to Gerry Herman, Cotswold National Landscape Volunteer Warden. Gerry did a brief presentation of his role within the community and the works he has assisted with to date. Each parish has a warden and there are 330 in the Cotswolds overall. They have quarterly meetings and conferences. We can contact him with any queries as and when needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently he is liaising with Andrew Tucker on installation of a kissing gate at the end of the field leading to the main road at the bottom of Green Lane and this will be provided FOC and fitted by the farm. • He also has noticed that there is a sign post lying on the floor just up from the triangle towards The Manse. He will contact fix my street so they can attend to this. 	AJW
1-2026	5	Reports from any meetings attended: None	
1-2026	6	Matters Arising; It was agreed that we will present Gaye Mitchell with a bouquet of flowers at the forthcoming pub night for all her hard work on the PC for the last 5 years. AJW to action Di has spoken with the new residents at the Priory (the Sackville's) regarding the wall bordering the main road which was being built higher than the 1 meter allowed. They were not aware of the ruling and appear to have stopped going any higher for the time being. If they wish to build it any higher they will need to apply for planning but it is unlikely it would be allowed. Disappointment was expressed by the committee of the stone that has been used to rebuild the wall	AJW

		<p>in that it is not proper Cotswold stone and looks rather out of keeping.</p> <p>Wildflowers: There is a new plan in place to re-seed the areas by the wall along church lane and introduce more yellow rattle to try to lessen the grass invasion and allow the flowers to flourish. The triangle will also be re-seeded. However, the main road will be left for the time being but a few wild flower plants will be added to try to increase the variety of plants and lessen the impact of the white daisy's. PC to monitor the results and decide how to proceed in future years.</p>	
1-2026	7	<p>Speed Camera/ANPR report: Dan Thomas is liaising with Glos Police as their tally from their own camera does not tally with our own. DT will report back in due course. It was felt that as we have so many speeding vehicles though the village, the system does not really work for us. We can only send out 10 letters each week of the 300-500 speeding vehicles each week. There was a discussion about re-instating the flashing signage and perhaps purchasing another to help with speeding in the other direction. It was generally felt that the flashing signs may help especially ones with smiley faces or some reward comment if you are actually within the speed limit. To be further discussed at our next meeting. Action AJW for next agenda</p>	AJW
1-2026	8	<p>Highways report Michael Norton provided the following report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Main Road. There is still a problem on the north side for reasons I have described previously. But it looks like we will have to live with it. On the south side, still waiting for Estcourt to extend (not deepen) the ditch eastward as far as the first kerb drain. Michael met Jamie from Estcourt Estate to look at the ditch along the south side of the main road, and he confirmed that he will arrange to do the work this spring. He was very helpful. 2. On Church Lane, Jamie has improved all the grips and they are now working quite well. 3. There is still a worry about Pump Lane and its flood risk but apart from Brian who lives on the corner, no-one else seems to be very worried. 4. Church Lane. Claire has written to the PC about this and she did some grip maintenance with her spade! As we can see, however, there has been maintenance of all the grips here and in the area by someone with an excavator. DT said that the grips work was done by the Council. 5. DT reported that Melcourt have agreed to fund curbing along the first stretch of Church Lane where the verges have been badly "trashed". Also there will be curbing from Glebe Cottage up to Crudwell Lane. Date to be advised 	
1-2026	9	<p>Clerks report; We have been approached by the Citizens Advice bureau requesting a donation. After some discussion it was felt that this year, we would support SARA and the Wilts Air Ambulance. £100 each. To be reviewed again next year. Action AJW</p>	AJW

1-2026	<p>Other Matters</p> <p>Chair asked for volunteers from the Councillors to assist with new policy writing as guided by GAPTC Model Publications Scheme : John Coulthard IT Policy: Tim Alban-Jones Data protection Policy: Clare Parfitt</p> <p>A question was asked whether we may be able to arrange an open visit day for residents to have a tour around Estcourt. Action HF is to ask Jamie Trotter to try and arrange.</p> <p>Litter pick will be arranged for weekend 14/15 March. Debs Brock Doyle has kindly agreed to arrange again this year. We will send out an email.</p> <p>Clerk asked that we need to recruit other people to check the green marker is showing on the defibrillator to indicate it is ready for use. Action: Clerk to contact Heather Witchell and will add to every agenda for the PC to check at every meeting.</p> <p>Flowers left by village gate following the fatal accident are looking tired and we discussed whether the family would like to plant a shrub to commemorate their daughter rather than leaving flowers/items Action DT to approach her employers to discuss</p> <p>The pavement to Tetbury is nearly impassible again. CP has tried to clear some of the grass but this needs to be reported to Fix my street. Action: CP to report</p> <p>Action: Clerk to ask the new residents of the Old Rectory whether we could send the history of their building document to residents. It is on the planning web site but might be nice for residents to know a bit more. New owners Mr & Mrs Shropshire.</p>	HF
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wed 6 th May 2026	
	<i>Andrea Warrington Clerk/RFO Long Newnton Parish Council</i>	

Planning Applications:

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6 x silver birch (G1): fell. Beech (T1): fell. Sycamore(multistemmed) (T2): fell. Pine (T3): fell. Ash (T4): fell. 5 x sycamore (G2): fell. 5 x whitebeam (G3) : fell. Avenue of 14 x Norway maple (G4): reduce height to 8m above ground level and lateral spread to 3m from the trunks. Sycamore (T5): remove lower branches to provide 5.2m clearance above the road. Oak (T6): directional prune to improve the tree's balance. Lime (T7): remove the "ball" of reaction growth from the top

of the tree. This tree work has already been offset by the planting of over 50 trees and 2,000 hedging saplings on this property.

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The Rectory Long Newnton Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8RR

Ref. No: 26/00539/TCONR | Validated: Wed 18 Feb 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision

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Replacement offices with roof mounted solar panels



Bolbridge Brake Crudwell Lane Long Newnton Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8RT

Ref. No: 26/00441/FUL | Validated: Fri 20 Feb 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision

- This is just replacement of like for like and not further development. No objection by PC

T1 - Sycamore A tree survey has been carried out by Ford Treescapes. Please see attached tree survey which included proposed works to be carried out.



Glebe Cottage Long Newnton Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8RR

Ref. No: 26/00249/TPO | Validated: Mon 26 Jan 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision

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Compliance with Biodiversity Net Gain details required by planning permission 25/03716/FUL - Conversion of an agricultural building to two indoor padel courts with WC/changing facilities and parking



Church Farm Crudwell Lane Long Newnton Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8RS

Ref. No: 26/00198/CONBGP | Validated: Fri 13 Feb 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision

- No objection by PC

Compliance with Conditions 3 (Sample materials) and 8 (Lighting scheme) of permission 25/03716/FUL - Conversion of an agricultural building to two indoor padel courts with WC/changing facilities and parking

Church Farm Crudwell Lane Long Newnton Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8RS
Ref. No: 26/00165/COMPLY | Validated: Mon 19 Jan 2026 | Status: Decided

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Renovation and restoration of principal house and outbuildings (to remain in an ancillary use)



The Rectory Long Newnton Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8RR
Ref. No: 25/04062/LBC | Validated: Mon 22 Dec 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

- No objection by PC

Renovation and restoration of principal house and outbuildings (to remain in an ancillary use)



The Rectory Long Newnton Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8RR
Ref. No: 25/04061/FUL | Validated: Tue 23 Dec 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

- No objection by PC

Conversion of an agricultural building to two indoor padel courts with WC/changing facilities and parking

Church Farm Crudwell Lane Long Newnton Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8RS
Ref. No: 25/03716/FUL | Validated: Tue 02 Dec 2025 | Status: Decided

- No objection by PC

Erection of orangery styled dining room from the existing kitchen, addition of cinema room from the Old Utility and Cloakroom to rear elevation, erection of new 3 bay garage with storage above, alterations to fenestration and entrance porch

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Newnton Cottage Newnton Farm Lane Long Newnton Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8RW
Ref. No: 25/03439/FUL | Validated: Tue 11 Nov 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

- No objection by PC

T1 - Yew tree to be reduced by approximately 2 metres to leave at a finished height of approximately 4 metres and width of approximately 3 metres. T2 - Lime tree to remove large epicormic stems and leaving 3 main stems to pollard to a finished height of approximately 5 metres.

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Glebe Cottage Long Newnton Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8RR

Ref. No: 25/03276/TCONR | Validated: Tue 14 Oct 2025 | Status: Decided