

# MAIDEN NEWTON AND FROME VAUCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## The Annual Parish Council meeting is to be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7pm at Maiden Newton Village Hall

*The Public and Press are cordially invited to attend.*

### AGENDA

- 26/05-1.** Election of Chair for 2026-27 and sign the acceptance of office.
- 26/05-2.** Election of Vice-Chair 2026-27 and sign the acceptance of office.
- 26/05-3.** To receive and approve apologies for absence.
- 26/05-4.** To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.  
*Members to declare any interests or request dispensations on agenda items to participate.*
- 26/05-5.** To approve the minutes of the final Maiden Newton Parish Council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and sign. *To review, amend if necessary, and approve the minutes of the previous meeting as an accurate record.*
- 26/05-6.** To receive a report from the Eggardon Ward Councillor for Dorset Council- *A verbal or written update on relevant issues affecting the parish from the Dorset Council*
- 26/05-7.** Democratic Forum (15 minutes) *An opportunity for members of the public to ask questions, or comment on any local issues.*
- 26/05-8.** To consider applications for the position of Clerk following the closing date of 10 May, after the resignation of the current Clerk. *Staffing committee to report*
- 26/05-9.** To confirm the roles and responsibilities of Councillors
- 26/05-10.** To confirm the meeting dates for the coming year.
- 26/05-11.** To consider and confirm that the Council meets the eligibility criteria to adopt the General Power of Competence, *noting that at least two-thirds of Members must be elected and that the Clerk holds the appropriate qualification. (For clarity: with 9 Councillors, at least 6 must be elected. Co-opted Members do not count towards this requirement.). Only 3 elected members still on the PC, so the PC is no longer eligible.*
- 26/05-12.** To reaffirm the Council's policies
- i. Standing Orders,
  - ii. Financial Regulations
  - iii. Code of Conduct
  - iv. To consider a Banking Protocol.
  - v. To reaffirm all other policies.
- 26/05-13.** Finance and general purposes:
- i. To receive the report from the Finance meeting and agree actions.
  - ii. To review any budget recommendations for 2026-27.
  - iii. To confirm the PC does not have conflict of interest with the external auditor BDO.
  - iv. To confirm the Notice for the period of public rights 2025-26.
  - v. To receive the Internal audit report 2025-26 and note any actions.
  - vi. To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2025-26 (Section 1)
  - vii. To approve the Accounting Statements 2025-26 (Section 2)
  - viii. To consider all payments and receipts due or paid since the last meeting and receive the Bank reconciliation report.

Signed by the Clerk: *Mrs M T Harding*

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**26/05-14. Council property:** To receive the reports on parish assets and any actions due

i. To consider quotes for the Allotment Track repair.

**26/05-15. To consider all planning applications in circulation any other planning matters.**

*To review and respond to planning applications received since the last meeting.*

**26/05-16. To receive any Highways reports**

**26/05-17. To receive any Rights of way reports**

**26/05-18. To consider items of correspondence received or for noting.**

*To review items of correspondence received since the last meeting and decide on any actions required and to gather content for inclusion in the MNFVPC Council newsletter.*

**26/05-19. To confirm items for the next Parish Council meeting.** *To agree on items or topics for the agenda of the next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026.*

**26/05-20. Democratic forum 15 minutes-** members of the public to raise any other items that may form future agenda items. *(A final opportunity for the public to raise issues or suggest topics for consideration at future meetings)*

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