

NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Church
Monday 7th September 2026 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr A. Howarth (Chair)
Cllr D. Dickens
Cllr S. Reeves
Cllr G. Edwards
Cllr D. Turner

In attendance: Clerk

Public Question Time- None

1. **APOLOGIES-** WCC & DCC Linda Robinson sent her apologies
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST-** None
3. **TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION-** None requested
4. **MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 6th JULY 2026-** These were approved by all Cllrs and signed by the Chairman
5. **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**
 - A. **County & District Councillor's Report-Linda Robinson-**

Firefighters tackled fire at EnviroSort near Worcester

On the 27th August there was a fire was at EnviroSort in Norton– a site that handles Worcestershire and Herefordshire's green bins and the mixed recycling containers at the Household Recycling Centres.

A spokesperson for FCC Environment revealed that early indications suggest the fire was caused by a battery. "A small fire broke out in the tipping hall of the EnviroSort facility in the early hours of the morning while it was not operating," the spokesperson said.

EnviroSort, on Woodbury Lane, has dealt with over a million tonnes of recycling since it opened in 2009.

Applications for September 2027 school places opened on 1 September 2026

Applications for school places in Worcestershire for September 2027 opened on Tuesday 1 September 2026. Parents and carers should apply if their child is due to start school for the first time or is transferring to a Middle or High School in September 2027.

The deadline for High School applications is 31 October 2026, while the deadline for Primary, First, Infant, Junior and Middle School applications is 15 January 2027. Guidance on starting school and moving on to the next stage of education is available on the Apply for a school place page of our website.

Families without internet access can use free computers and Wi-Fi at any Worcestershire library. Additional support is also available from schools or by contacting the School Admissions Team on 01905 822700.

New medical equipment and more volunteers to support search and rescue response across Worcestershire

Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA) have upgraded their medical equipment and expanded their volunteer base, thanks to funding provided by Worcestershire County Council's Public Health Community Grant programme. The funding has enabled the search and rescue team to purchase new medical kits, upgrade existing equipment at Kidderminster Fire Station, recruit additional volunteers, and provide further training opportunities for its existing volunteer team.

SARA provides search, water and rope rescue services across Worcestershire and has played a key role in supporting the county's response to this summer's heatwaves, most recently assisting West Midlands Fire Service and West Midlands Police during the Stourbridge fires. Volunteers have also been patrolling the River Severn, helping to raise awareness of the dangers of open water swimming during the prolonged period of hot weather.

This funding has helped provide new equipment and training opportunities that will support their work and help them continue responding when communities need them most.

To find out more about [the Public Health Community Grant programme](#) please visit the dedicated pages of our website.

Healthy Worcestershire celebrates two years of helping people feel fitter, happier and more connected

Healthy Worcestershire, the free health and wellbeing programme funded by Worcestershire County Council, is marking its second anniversary. To celebrate, a new video has been released featuring people who take part in the programme regularly.

Over the past year, more than 1,000 people have signed up to Healthy Worcestershire. Around 580 people now attend sessions on a regular basis across the county. Healthy Worcestershire offers weekly sessions to support healthier lifestyles. The sessions include gentle exercise, social activities and practical advice. There are 30 sessions in local venues across the county. There is also an online option for people who prefer to join from home or cannot travel.

The programme is helping people become more active, build confidence, make new friends and feel more connected to their communities. Hearing how it has made such a positive difference to people's lives is incredibly encouraging. The stories featured in the new video show just how much these sessions mean to those who attend, and I'm delighted to see the programme continuing to grow and support even more residents across the county."

Healthy Worcestershire is open to adults of all ages who live in Worcestershire or are registered with a Worcestershire GP. To watch the video and find your nearest venue go to [the Personal Stories pages of the Healthy Worcestershire website](#). Healthy Worcestershire is delivered by Solutions 4 Health on behalf of Worcestershire County Council's Public Health team.

Dry summer means less growth, but second verge cut still set to begin

Worcestershire County Council will begin its scheduled second verge-cutting programme shortly, helping to maintain visibility for road users, control problem weeds and keep the county's road network safe, despite the exceptionally hot and dry summer.

The Council will continue to manage roadside vegetation where required to maintain visibility and address the presence of ragwort, which must be controlled to prevent its spread. Even with reduced growth this season, targeted cutting remains an important part of maintaining safety across the network.

Where lane closures are required on the dual carriageway network, the Council will take the opportunity to carry out a range of maintenance activities at the same time. These may include litter picking, road sweeping, gully cleansing, road marking, stud replacement, carriageway patching and tree works.

Coordinating activities during planned closures helps minimise disruption for motorists while ensuring the network remains safe and well maintained.

Residents wishing to report an overgrown verge or other vegetation issues can do so on [the dedicated pages of our website](#).

Wychavon news

Councillors may wish to be aware that fridge, freezer and other cooling appliance collections have been temporarily suspended due to a national issue affecting specialist treatment and storage capacity.

Until further notice, these items cannot be accepted through the Bulky Waste Collection Service or at Household Recycling Centres. This is not a local service decision and there is currently no confirmed end date.

Residents with affected bookings will be contacted directly about refunds or alternative arrangements, so they do not need to contact us unless they have not heard from us.

If residents ask what they can do with an old fridge or freezer, they should be encouraged to consider retailer take-back when buying a replacement appliance, repair where practical, passing on working appliances, or safely storing items at home until services resume.

Anyone choosing to use a private waste carrier should check the carrier has a valid waste carrier licence and ask what will happen to the waste. Residents can also use WasteGuard through the Wychavon website to find reputable local businesses checked for a valid licence and responsible disposal practices at the time of listing.

6. HIGHWAYS

Clerk shared road closure details for three days on 23rd September- to close part of C2225 North Piddle Lane to its junction with Hunts Fold for telegraph pole replacement.

Cllr Howarth chasing for a Pedestrian slow sign on the main road the C2225 into the village at the east end just before the North Piddle turn. There is no footpath into the village and the road is regularly used by walkers with push chairs, dog walkers and horse riders. There has already been an accident when a dog was run over. Clerk to remind Cllr Robinson.

The hedge still not has been cut back by the owner of Naunton Barns as requested – Clerk to follow up with highways.

7. LENGTHSMAN

Cllr Howarth shared the grid is still on North Piddle Lane is still blocked with reeds and offered to meet the lengthsmen when he is next in the village- Clerk to arrange.

8. PLANNING

W/26/01828/PIP Cedar Wood Seaford Lane – Permission in Principle for 1 self build dwelling. No comments until detailed planning consultation.

9. FINANCE

a) The following payments below were approved and paid by bacs

Paul Brewer	Lengthsman July	£120.00	BACS
Lisa Cope	Postage/ Stationery/ Expenses	£51.33	BACS
HMRC	Tax	£144.60	BACS
Lisa Cope	Staffing costs	£579.00	BACS
Paul Brewer	Lengthsman August	£60.00	BACS
Lisa Cope	Pay Award	£71.55	BACS

10. WEBSITE

All working and live and the Clerk now has access for any updates.

Cllrs discussed what they would like to see on the new website- it was agreed to add a picture of the village and useful contacts on the front page, with possibly village events at a later date. A green colour theme was agreed and for the icon to be NB in a free of charge font. Cllr Turner agreed to action the above.

11. MARQUEE

Cllr Edwards has been exploring Wychavon grants to some replacement parts of the marquee and some new chairs and has some further forms to complete. A request to Cllr Linda Robinson possibly too for any help using divisional funds.

It was agreed to keep hire to local parishioners and not hire to residents/ groups outside of the village

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk shared the details of a Wychavon Parish Event on 24th September at the Civic Centre if Cllrs wished to attend.

Clerk to share the Parish Council Survey with Cllr Howarth to complete on behalf of the Parish Council

13. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Reeves shared details of some asbestos fly tipping- Cllr Howarth to check location and report.

Cllr Edwards suggested that the picnic bench be removed from the Picnic site at Seaford as it currently being used for anti-social behaviour and drug dealing. There was also a disposable bbq found underneath the bench during the summer heatwave and if a fire started here there is no one to monitor the location. As the bench is owned by WCC it was suggested to liase with them- Cllr Howarth to write to Cllr Robinson explaining the concerns.

Cllr Dickens suggested the defibrillator be removed and re-located possibly to the Church before the phone box becomes unsafe to house it any longer. Cllr Reeves to speak with the Church first, as a location with an electricity supply is required.

Cllr Dickens also highlighted a willow tree had fallen and may be blocking the water flow- Cllrs to Confirm the location and the Clerk will report to the Environment Agency

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Meeting was confirmed as Monday 2nd November 2026 starting at 7.30pm in the Church,

Signed

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