

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Newburgh School, Back Lane, Newburgh on 20 May 2026, commencing at 7pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mike Roughneen, Chair, Newburgh Parish Council and Mrs S Jones, Clerk of the Council.

Three members of the public including Parish Councillors also attended.

1. Parish Council Annual report.

The Chair presented the Annual Report:

Dear Resident,

Looking back at the last year, Newburgh Fair took place in June and was very successful and well attended. Thank you to Anne Menarry and her committee for all their hard work and effort. We look forward to this year's fair on 20 June 2026.

Around the end of August, we received confirmation that Newburgh had come 1st place in the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition (middle size class). Thank you to my fellow Parish Councillors, volunteers and those residents who made the effort to make the village looking its best. Unfortunately, there is no competition this year because of sponsorship changes but we will still be having volunteer clean up days during summer to keep the village looking at its best.

During the summer the path around the meadow in Appleton Fields was completed making it accessible to all residents and as I write this the new path through the wood has also been completed. Thank you to the Trustees for all their hard work in making Appleton Fields accessible to all Newburgh residents.

There has been sad news too. Last summer, we received the news that Moorcroft House was to be closed and residents given notice to find alternative accommodation. All residents have now moved into new accommodation and the Trustees continue to work with the Charity Commission to ensure that the Charity will be able to continue in the future, albeit with different objectives. New Year brought the very sad news that one of our much-loved friend and fellow Parish Councillor, Maureen Turner, had passed away suddenly, she is greatly missed.

The Parish Council continues to monitor the issues of flooding, road traffic volumes and speeding, reporting issues to Lancashire County Council Highways and the Police. Cllr Halliwell and I recently attended a roads meeting with other Councillors from Parbold, Lathom, Burscough, Rufford, Appley Bridge. The aim is to co-ordinate our response as a collective to lobby Lancashire County Council and the Police to take action about our road issues.

Our two biggest issues right now are the recent planning application for 96 houses off Tabby's Nook and also repairing the damaged wall by the Play Area before school breaks up for summer holidays. As always, the Parish Council will do its very best for all Newburgh residents.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and especially our Clerk Sandra for their support over the last 12 months

Cllr Mike Roughneen
Chair, Newburgh Parish Council

2. Issues raised by members of the public

None of the members of the public wished to raise any issues.

3. The meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.10pm.