

NEWPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the River Committee held at 10.00.am on Thursday, 13th November, 2025 at the Parish Office, Waterloo House, High Street, Newport

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr M. Hadfield	(MH) (Chairman)
	Cllr H. Bowman	(HB)
	Cllr S. Ayles	(SAy)
	Mr. K. Baker	(KB) River Working Group

In attendance:

Mrs C. Griffin	Parish Clerk
Miss J. Stevenson	Assistant Clerk

RC25/10 Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

RC25/11 To receive any ‘pecuniary’ or ‘non-pecuniary’ interests relating to items on the agenda

No interests were declared.

RC25/12 Chairman’s welcome and comments

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

RC25/13 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

RC25/14 To approve Minutes of the River Committee meeting on 17th March 2025

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2025 were approved as an accurate record.

Proposed: HB Seconded: SAy

RC25/15 To review the terms of reference for the River Committee

The membership section was reviewed and it was proposed that this should be amended to two members of the Parish Council and one member of the Newport River Group.

RC25/16 To discuss the formation and membership of a Nature Working Group

The Chairman advised that the Nature Working Group will not form part of the River Committee, therefore no discussion took place.

RC25/17 To receive an update on the negotiations regarding the area of land at the bottom of Bury Water Lane [(Newport Marsh)

The Clerk advised that the solicitor is currently carrying out searches prior to drawing up the contract. The legal costs will be higher than expected as the Trust requested an overage clause in the agreement. It has been reported that some of the trees are affecting the power lines and one of the poles/ junctions is covered in ivy. This has been reported to Cheffins. KB reported that some of the trees in the wet areas have already fallen. It should only be necessary to remove the trees which are growing near the footpath in order to make it safe.

RC25/18 To receive an update on the Woodland Management Course

The benefits of a course were discussed but a decision was deferred until the next meeting.

RC25/19 To receive an update on Two Acres Amenity Land

This is the area at the rear of the Coach & Horses which is owned by Shortgrove. At this point the river is deep and the area needs clearing up. It was agreed that this area would be useful as an open space for the village.

RC25/20 To receive an update on the problems with the easement on the Common

HB and KB agreed to meet on the Common on the 19th November at 10.00am to look at the problems. HB will then approach the Site Manager at Hills.

RC25/19 To agree the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 12th March at 10.00am in the parish office.

The meeting closed at 11.20am.