Minutes of Westnewton Parish Council Meeting on 30 January 2025 held in the village hall at 7.30 pm. Present M Swanson (Rolling Chair), K Conway, P Sanderson, C Shepherd, J Love (Clerk) and 4 members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from R Beaty, G Bell and N Hewetson.

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2024 agreed as a correct record.

Actions Sheet/actions from last meeting – actions sheets were circulated to councillors so updates could be given at forthcoming meetings. J Love would check would be made if the cemetery hedge had been cut back. It was noted that the website flyer had been paused because of illness. It was noted that Linda Hunter from Aspatria Dreamscheme had fundraising contacts and these would be given to the church. G Bell and R Beaty would be asked for an update on cutting back the conifers at Bridge House.

Overflowing Drains – opposite St Matthews School would be reported to Highways by J Love.

Grounds Maintenance – quotes from M Sharpe, Bay Gardening Services and Strawberry Cottage Landscapes would be sought for grass cutting and grounds maintenance for the new financial year. It was suggested that a local gardening group could look after the tubs in the village in future – a flyer would be circulated in due course. It was suggested that maintenance of tubs and grass removal from footpaths could be financed from the Community Fund.

Finance – Precept was set at £6,000. Cheque to J Love for £30 (flowers for a parishioner). A monthly spreadsheet would be circulated at the next meeting with financial transactions since the last meeting. K Conway stated that they had spoken to HSBC and details would be sent out as interest rates had changed. J Love to be added as a cheque signatory and a schedule from Zurich Insurance would be sought.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm. G Bell to chair the next meeting.