

# NETHER LANGWITH PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall  
on Thursday 8 October 2015

**Present :** Cllr M Middleton in the chair, Cllr W Bryan, Cllr L Malkan, Cllr G Staniforth, Cllr A Stevenson, Cllr R Stockton and Cllr J Ogle.

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr K Dukes.

### 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2015.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10 September 2015 were taken as read and accepted as a true record. The Chair signed them accordingly.

### 3. Matters Arising From the Minutes

The roof of the village hall is still leaking into the toilet. Cllr Bryan will take a look at it.

The problem with the Stagecoach service 82 has now eased.

### 4. Correspondence

4.1 BDC - notice of disposal of several electricity sub-station sites by Eon, including the one in Fairfield Close – noted..

### 5. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Ogle reported that although the Site Allocations Plan had not been adopted, there was a new 3 year plan.

### 6. District Councillor's Report.

In the absence of Cllr Dukes there was no report.

### 7. Accounts for Payment.

The Clerk reported that the following payments had been made or were due for payment by direct bank transfer or by cheque since the last meeting.

It was **resolved** to approve the payments.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
R Busby	Aug/Sep Wages	87.32
Eon	Electricity	16.01
Eon	Gas	8.44
Acer Grounds Maint.	Grass Cutting 2015	1976.00
B Woodcock	Sal Sept 2015	201.12
HMRC	Tax Jul/Sep 15	174.80
Mrs D Wakeling	Wages Sept 15	65.00

## 8. National Minimum Wage (NMW) Increase.

The Clerk had submitted a paper along with the agenda and minutes which detailed the increases in the Minimum Wage. With effect from 1 October 2015 the NMW hourly rate is £6.80. With effect from 1 April 2016 the newly introduced National Living Wage (for those employees over 25 years of age) will be £7.20 per hour.

To maintain the differential between the Council's Caretaker and Street Cleaner the new hourly rates will need to be £7.14 (wef 1 October) and £7.56 (wef 1 April).

It was **resolved** accordingly.

## 9. Planning

- 9.1 BDC – notice that the address of Netherfield House Queens Walk will remain as that and not be numbered – noted.
- 9.2 NCC – Scoping Opinion for Nether Langwith Quarry – noted.
- 9.3 15/01215/COU – (change of use from redundant hairdressers to dwelling) – object and forward the following comments to BDC:

The south channel of the river Poulter in Nether Langwith Village is in culvert immediately to the east of the application site. The culvert has a bend and aided by this and the flat nature of its base, the river continually deposits silt. This silt has to be periodically flushed/pumped out and occasionally the culvert becomes blocked. The river bed at the rear of the application site collects silt during such operations and it has to be removed. Nothing should be allowed that physically prevents access to the river at this point.

When not silted, the south channel takes about half of the river Poulter's flow through the village. Queens Walk is susceptible to periodic flooding particularly after heavy rain when the river catchment's water table is high. Properties were last flooded in 2007 but there have been near misses and flooding to gardens since then. The risk is higher when the culvert is silted up and the south channel cannot accommodate its maximum flow.

The channel at the property is between 1.7 and 1.9 metres wide. The information accompanying the application is conflicting in that it says that the cantilever would be 0.3, 0.4 and 0.5 metres wide. They cannot all be correct. A cantilevered structure over the river would reduce access to the river bed by up to a third, reducing the ability to remove silt from the bed and to gain access to the culvert with pumping equipment. The proposal should therefore be refused because it would increase the risk of flooding elsewhere in the village.

Although the proposal indicates that one of the upstairs rooms is a study, in reality this proposal could end up as a two bedroomed house and is little different to the previous proposal that was refused. There is insufficient amenity space and the comings and goings to the The Cottage next door will be injurious to the living conditions of any occupants of this dwelling if that is what it eventually becomes.

The application site plan appears to show the site as one of the bungalows on Queens Walk, not the Barn. Is the application invalid?

- 9.4 15/01321/FUL – (restoration of Stone House Main Road and erect 3 dwellings with new access – no objections.

## **10. Village Hall**

Cllr Bryan was given permission to ask the opinion of a decorator on how to treat the walls of the main hall.

## **11. Highways and Related Matters**

It was **resolved** to include “Village Road Signs” on the agenda for the next meeting.

## **12. Village Green**

The Clerk was requested to ask BDC if the branches of the Cherry Tree on the Village Green overhanging the neighbouring property could be pruned.

## **13. Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12 November 2015 at 19:00. (Cllrs Middleton and Stevenson submitted their apologies for that meeting).

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:05.

### **Note – Abbreviations used:**

NCC – Nottinghamshire County Council  
NALC – Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils  
BDC – Bassetlaw District Council  
NLFG – Nether Langwith Friendship Group  
DCC – Derbyshire County Council  
PCT – Primary Care Trust  
CPRE – Campaign to Protect Rural England.  
TPO – Tree Preservation Order.  
BCVS – Bassetlaw Community and Volunteer Service.