

NETHER LANGWITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall
on Thursday 7 November 2019

Present : Cllr M Evans in the chair, Cllr D Ball, Cllr J Lennard, Cllr L Malkan, Cllr M Middleton, Cllr R Stockton, Cllr G Watmough and Cllr T Watmough.
4 members of the public were also present.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received Cllr K Dukes (BDC).

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2019.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17 October 2019 were taken as read and accepted as a true record, subject to the following amendments:

Item 4, amend last paragraph to "*It was **resolved** that the way forward for power at the village green might be to purchase a leisure battery, a converter and a PA System.*"

Item 9, add "*Cllr T Watmough spoke on this issue and wished the following comment to be a matter of record:*

Despite trying to move this issue forward for some time and on many occasions, I have been thwarted each time. This is both a reckless and irresponsible use of Parish funds costing the Parish around £20 per month for each month that this is not actioned."

The Chair will sign them accordingly.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The following items were raised:

The Council will need to establish a Neighbourhood Planning Committee. The Clerk will seek advice from BDC.

5. Correspondence

- 5.1 Sherwood Forest Trust – seeking support for the Mayflower 400 Project 2020 – Clerk to forward information to each Member.
- 5.2 BDC – Bassetlaw Parish Forum meeting cancelled – noted.

6. County Councillors Report

Cllr Greaves was not in attendance.

7. District Councillor's Report.

Cllr Dukes was not in attendance.

8. 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.

Payee	Reason	Amount £
Acer Grounds Maint	Grass Cutting Sept 19	304.00
Opus Energy	Gas	12.80
B Woodcock	Salary/phone Oct 19	181.44

9. To approve the appointment of a new Clerk to the Council

Cllr T Watmough reported that three candidates had been interviewed and the preferred candidate is Elaine Reddish. It is a NALC recommendation that an extra internal audit be carried out when there is a change in Clerk.

It was **resolved** that:

- 9.1 Elaine Reddish be appointed as Clerk to the Council with effect from 9 December 2019 (to allow her to take the December meeting and provide a hand-over period and
- 9.2 An internal audit be arranged to cover the period from 1 April to 31 December 2019.

10. To consider the re-investment of Council funds (This item was taken after Item 16)

(This item is added to the agenda as a consequence of three members signing a written request to do so in accordance with Standing Order 10).

Cllr T Watmough requested that Council Savings funds (currently standing at £25K and invested at Lloyds Bank) be invested at the Mansfield Building Society and Santander Bank on a 50/50 basis. He suggested that the new Clerk could better arrange this as she will need to be a signatory.

It was **resolved** accordingly.

11. Hanging Basket Contract

The Clerk reported that he had informed the contractor of the Council's dissatisfaction with the baskets following complaints from the public and had informed him that the Council was minded to cancel the contract. His comments were requested but no response had been received despite two further reminders.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk inform the contractor that the contract will be cancelled unless a satisfactory response is received within 7 days.

12. NCC LIS Agreement

Cllr Middleton introduced this item. The grant approved by NCC (£9000) is for certain works on the village green including a bespoke village sign and the replacement of the "Lectern" which was removed some time ago. Cllr Middleton reported that ex-Cllr Stevenson had spent some considerable time over the last few years in formulating and gathering evidence for the application. NCC now requires the Acceptance of Grant Form to be signed and returned.

It was **resolved** that copies of the relevant documentation be sent to all Members in order that an informed decision can be made at the next meeting.

13 Highways and Related Matters

Cars parked near the bend on Limes Avenue is still a problem and is dangerous for passing vehicles.

The Clerk reported that two faulty street lights on Limes Avenue had been reported.

The road surface on Queens Walk is breaking up and the Clerk will, initially, enquire of Cllr K Greaves if the resurfacing works can be carried out sooner rather than later.

14. Planning

BDC – Street Name approval, Tarmac Way, Nether Langwith Quarry – no objections.

The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the BDC Planning Development manager and he had been informed that planning consent was not necessary for the erection of a flagpole on the Village green on condition that it was not to be used for any advertising purpose.

15. Allotments at Kitchener Terrace.

The Clerk reported that there was no further progress.

16. Village Hall

The Clerk reported that a provisional booking had been made by BDC for the General Election on 12 December.

It was **resolved** that a charge of £500 be made.

17. To allow a ten-minute period (if required) for any members of the public to speak on matters affecting the Parish

Members of the public raised the following: -

The charge of £500 for the hire of the Village Hall for the election was thought to be excessive.

18. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 9th December 2019 at 20:15.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 19:45.

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.
HS2 – High Speed Train