

# **NETHER LANGWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

**of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall  
on Thursday 5 December 2019**

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

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received Cllr R Stockton.

### **2. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **3. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2019.**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7 November 2019 were taken as read and accepted as a true record. The Chair signed them accordingly.

### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There no matters arising.

### **5. Correspondence**

5.1 Norton & Cuckney PC – invitation to take part in the VE Day Celebrations – inform N&CPC that as this Council will be holding it's own celebrations, the invitation has to be declined.

### **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.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Cllr T Watmough	PA System/Lights	302.49
Cllr M Evans	Newsletter	94.70
Mr R Busby	Wages	110.32
Mrs D Wakeling	Wages	102.63
Opus Energy	Gas	30.75

**9. To discuss the vacancy for the Clerk and agree a way forward.**

Cllr T Watmough reported that the person appointed had now withdrawn. He outlined 4 options:

1. Seek a Locum Clerk on a temporary basis until a permanent appointment could be made,
2. Offer the post to the second-choice candidate,
3. Accept the offer from N&CPC to attend the interviews for its new Clerk and choose a candidate and
4. Re-advertise.

It was **resolved** that option 2, 3 and 1 above be taken in that order.

**10. To discuss and agree a way forward for incoming NLPC correspondence and archived paperwork.**

It was **resolved** that the Clerk forward copies of all correspondence to all Members prior to meetings in addition to the normal papers for the meeting.

It was **resolved** that all archived paperwork and documents be investigated with a view to forwarding them to County Archives (subject to retaining 6 full years of financial records and all insurance documentation).

**11. To discuss the support of the Mayflower 400 Project (Sherwood Forest Trust).**

It was **resolved** not to support this project.

**12. To discuss and consider the Hanging Basket Contract and flowers**

It was **resolved** not to continue the contract.

**13. To discuss and consider flood prevention**

Cllr Ball suggested that a Flood Prevention Plan should be devised and detailed her thoughts.

It was **resolved** that

1. such a Plan be adopted and that Cllr Ball email her suggestions to all Members, to be discussed at the next meeting and
2. The Clerk asks BDC to re-stock the Flood Equipment Container (provided by BDC in 2014/15) with sand and provide a brown bin for vegetation waste collected from the river.

**14. To consider the signing of the 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 damaged and removed some time ago. NCC now requires the Acceptance of Grant Form to be signed and returned.

Cllr Ball felt that no excavation work should be carried out on the paddling pool river bed and that a board should not be placed across the paddling pool.

It was **resolved** that

1. the Agreement be signed by the Chair and the Vice-Chair and
2. appoint a committee, consisting of Cllrs Evans, Middleton and G Watmough, to discuss and recommend the required works.

**15. To consider the quotation for the supply, fitting and maintenance of a defibrillator.**

It was **resolved** not to proceed.

**16. To discuss recycling waste**

Cllr Middleton reported that he had attended a meeting at which this subject was discussed. H had obtained a supply of leaflets on the subject, informing the public what could and could not be put into the recycling bin.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Middleton distribute a quantity to all Members in order that a distribution to residents can be made.

**17. To consider any Highways and Related Matters**

Cllr Middleton had noticed that some edging cobbles had been removed from Queens Walk but they had now been re-fitted.

**18. To consider any Planning matters.**

There were no planning matters to consider.

**19. To receive and update on the allotment land at Kitchener Terrace.**

The Clerk reported that there was no further progress.

**20. Village Hall**

**20.1 Village Hall Committee.**

Cllr Ball suggested that a Village Hall Committee be established consisting of those (not necessarily Council Members) interested in the successful running and upkeep of the village hall.

It was **resolved** that the next Newsletter contain a short article on the subject and asking for volunteers.

**20.2 Locks and Keyholders.**

It was **resolved** that the locks be changed (front and stairs doors) and keys be controlled by a register of holders.

**21. 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: -

1. Should any organisation be granted free hire of the village hall?
2. Why has the public session been moved to the end of the meeting? It was explained that this was at the request of the public attending the meeting in May 2019.
3. Why does the Council now have a Facebook account? This was another method of keeping the public informed.
4. It was stated that the flood Defence Container is on private land.

**22. Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 19:00.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:15.

**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