NETHER LANGWITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Virtual Zoom Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 4th March 2021

Present:Councillor M Evans in the chair
Councillors D Ball, G Watmough, T Watmough, and J Smith.
Mary Welch Parish Clerk

There was one member of the public present and one by phone.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors R Stockton, District Councillor Dukes and County Councillor Greaves. Councillor Middleton was unable to join the meeting and another link was sent to him by email.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2021

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th February, copies of which had been previously circulated to members were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Update on the allotment land at Kitchener Terrace and discuss a way forward

Nothing further has been heard.

b) Village Hall - Health and Safety

Councillor Ball had met Mr Barton from Bassetlaw at the Village Hall to check it for use for the election, they will be able to use it and will put up appropriate signs for areas with no public access.

The clerk has written to Welbeck but as yet has not had a reply. Councillors asked her to contact Darren Ridout the Estates Manager and give him a deadline.

c) Village green – Village Sign/Seats/River Poulter – Repair project. Iris Plants

Councillor Smith has spent time going through minutes and finances and explained that the sign has already been agreed and that the post on the quote for wood is shorter and not treated or shaped as the one the sign company had quoted for. Councillor Middleton has offered to collect the sign. Councillor Smith proposed that planning/highways permission be sought before the order is placed and this was unanimously agreed.

The money in the village reserve fund was discussed, Councillor Smith proposed we order the wood for the seats only at this time at a cost of £360 and £45 plus vat, seconded by Councillor Ball and all agreed.

The river works have been looked into and the quote which is two years old was discussed. Some councillors have looked at the river and Councillor Smith proposed that as we are not qualified to produce the scope of work to secure the structure and integrity we should contact suitably qualified contractors for a suitable quote and that the iris be observed this year to see what returns and to review this in the autumn, seconded by Councillor Ball and all agreed.

d) Defibrillator

The pub are happy with the suggestion at the side of the building and have asked the brewery for their permission. In 2019 the minutes show that Nigel Foster offered to raise money for a defibrillator, nothing further has been heard on this.

e) Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Ball reported that there had been another meeting and three consultants were interviewed, they were happy with all of them and they will be discussed at a meeting on Thursday.

f) Contracts/Richard Busby job role

Councillor Ball reported that we are still waiting to hear back from Dawn. Councillor Smith had observed that there were jobs at the village hall that the handyman may be able to do and councillors felt sure he would do them if asked.

g) National Lockdown grants

Councillor Smith had asked about these grants and successfully applied we are waiting for the statement to confirm the amounts.

h) Dog Fouling

Councillor Smith has prepared an article for the newsletter.

5. Correspondence

Correspondence has been circulated.

a) Training

Councillor Smith asked about the responsibility for training for councillors and employers and the clerk was asked to find out from NALC what skills a parish council should possess.

b) Consultation of Proposed Renewal of Existing Public Spaces Protection order for dog

The consultation received had been circulated to councillors and was discussed. Councillor Smith proposed we request the village green be added to the list for dogs to be kept on a lead, seconded by Councillor G Watmough and all agreed.

6. County and District Councillor's Report

Councillors had sent their apologies.

7. Finance

To approve any payments made or due.

Balance at bank £7139.27

a) Cheques to be signed

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

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Payee	Reason	Amount £
R Busby	Wages	£131.67
M Welch	Wages	£193.05
D Wakeling	Wages	£102.92
M Welch	Wheelbarrow	£46.49

b) Bank Account

The clerk has been advised by the bank that the forms have not been received and expressed concern that this is two sets of documents with bank and personal details that have gone missing. The Chairman asked the clerk to raise data protection with them under subject of access.

c) Village Green Heritage Grants

This had already been discussed.

d) Audit/Financial review 2020-2021

The clerk was asked for monthly expenditure and the budget, details will be circulated now and again when they have been reconciled at the end of year.

e) Budget 2021-2022

The clerk will circulate figures.

8. To consider any highway and related matters.

Councillor Ball reported that the trucks and lorries are a long term problem again and we need to know if they are going to apply for permission again when the site is up for renewal in 2023 the County and District Councillors may be able to help with this. The clerk was asked to write to Cuckney and Norton Parish Council to make sure we get together on it.

9. To consider New Business

a) Your health your way

An email had been circulated to councillors asking if Emily could attend a council meeting, councillors agreed to this.

b) Village Green Heritage

The tourist information board has three panels that are faded and out of date, Councillor Smith proposed we reprint the posters updating the out of date one, sprucing up and cleaning the board and to reinstate the panel that had come off previously, seconded by Councillor Ball and unanimously agreed.

The money is village improvement reserve and not just for the village green, councillors agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

c) Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Councillors agreed to hold these on 13th May as there will be elections on 6th.

d) Village Green electricity supply

Councillor Smith had spoken to Bradwell in Derbyshire who use their water mill for lights who advised we would have water for turbine to power batteries and thought is could cost in the region of £2500, she asked councillors if they wanted her to explore the options which was agreed.

10 To consider any planning matters.

a) New Applications

There are no new applications.

b) Decisions

There were no decisions.

11. NLPC Action Register

The draft Newsletter will be circulated and then distributed if we are allowed to, the clerk was asked to find out.

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

A resident discussed the work done by the digger in the river and explained that Nottinghamshire County Council conservation had been watching it since 2017 and things should be put back protecting our environment.

13. To approve the date and time of next meeting Thursday 1st April 2021 at 19:00 hours.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.25 p.m.