NETHER LANGWITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Virtual Zoom Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 1st April 2021

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

There was one member of the public present.

1. Apologies

2. Apologies were received from Councillors R Stockton, District Councillor Dukes and County Councillor Greaves

3. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th March, 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 reported that nothing has changed at the Village Hall, they will be able to use it for the elections and will put up appropriate signs for areas with no public access.

The clerk has written to Welbeck who have requested photos, Councillors Ball and Evans will send some to the clerk to be forwarded.

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

The clerk has had a reply and planning permission is not required. There was discussion about the grants received for the village sign, Councillor Middleton confirmed that the cost would be £6500 maximum plus vat which would be reclaimed. The LIS money will be applied for giving a minimum of £2250 possibly more towards this. As previously agreed the sign will be ordered and Councillor Middleton will arrange to collect it.

The wood for the seats has been ordered Councillor Middleton has spoken to the company who hope to have the wood in next month.

The clerk is will chase a reply on the River Poulter repair project.

d) Defibrillator

The pub are chasing up a reply from the brewery.

e) Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Ball reported that there had been another meeting and the consultant Gary Kirk from Your Locale has been appointed. He attended a meeting today and walked around the village.

f) Contracts/Richard Busby job role

Councillor Ball asked if Richard could go on the weedkilling course and reported that we are still waiting to hear back from Dawn regarding her contract, this will be discussed with her tomorrow.

g) National Lockdown grants

Councillor Smith applied and we have received £9194 and £2096 from Bassetlaw. Another grant called restart has also been applied for. Councillors unanimously agreed the money should be ring fenced for the village hall work.

h) Training

The clerk had circulated the reply received from NALC.

i) Village Green electricity supply

Councillor Smith has contacted the Hydro Electricity Generators Association and has been in touch with someone in Cornwall who has looked at videos of the water through the stream and agrees it looks possible, she is awaiting his response. Meden Vale and Shirebrook Academy have also been contacted to see if they are interested but nothing has been heard back yet, the Chairman suggested Portland and North Notts College may also be interested.

j) Consultation of proposed renewal of existing Public Spaces Protection Order

The requested amendment was submitted by the clerk, a response has not yet been received.

5. Correspondence

Correspondence has been circulated.

6. County and District Councillor's Report

Councillors had sent their apologies.

7. Finance

To approve any payments made or due.

Balance at bank £20206.14.

a) Cheques to be signed

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

Payee	Reason	Amount
R Busby	Wages	£131.87
M Welch	Wages	£239.51
D Wakeling	Wages	£102.92
HMRC		£61.77
NALC	Subscription	£107.90

b) Bank Account

The clerk has been in contact with the bank who explained we need to submit the forms again, they will pay a payment of £75 to the council for the inconvenience.

c) Audit/Financial review 2020-2021

The clerk explained that an external audit would also be required as income was over £25000 due to the grants received. John Haddon the internal auditor had offered to carry out the internal audit again for the same price as last year, this was unanimously agreed.

d) Budget 2021-2022

The Chairman proposed reviewing the budget every December, all councillors agreed. Councillor Smith requested the reserve funds be listed separately.

8. To consider any highway and related matters.

A road closure notice has been received and circulated.

9. To consider New Business

a) Mowing Contract

Councillors all agreed to accept the quote for Mowing from Acer for the same price as last year with two cuts in April and one in October ready for Remembrance Day.

10 To consider any planning matters.

a) New Applications

21/00184/HSE Change Flat Roof to Pitched Roof on Two Storey Side Extension Rose Cottage Queens Walk Nether Langwith Mansfield – it was felt this would be an improvement.

b) Decisions

There were no decisions.

11. NLPC Action Register

Councillor Smith felt this didn't work well. Councillors agreed to have their initials on the agenda by the items they are responsible for.

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 asked about the electric supply on the green.

Councillor Smith asked about a crossing to the bus stop this has been discussed previously but was refused for visibility, cost or both.

Anti-social behaviour on the green was discussed, Councillor Ball will see if the PCSO has been replaced, residents should report problems to the police.

The bollard previously removed from the green was discussed.

Risk Assessment will be discussed for meetings at the Hall.

A large static caravan is by the Cotton Mill believed to be for the night watchman there and councillors felt it should have planning permission, the clerk was asked to notify Bassetlaw.

13. To approve the date and time of next meetings Tuesday 4th May on Zoom at 19:00 hours.

As the date has changed the clerk was asked to send a notice to Councillors G Watmough and Smith for publicity.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.04 p.m.