

NETHER LANGWITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall
on Friday 30th July 2021

Present: Councillor M Evans in the chair
Councillors D Ball and J Smith. M Middleton joined after 20 minutes.
Mary Welch Parish Clerk

There were four members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors T Watmough, L Malkan, R Stockton and County Councillor Nigel Turner.

The Chairman announced that we have been informed that Councillor Stockton is now disqualified as she has not attended a meeting for over six months under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the clerk was asked to notify her and Bassetlaw.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Ball declared an interest in 9 (a) application 21/00861/HSE.

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

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

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Village Hall - Health and Safety –Charges

The clerk had chased up Welbeck, they have lost a member of staff and the person dealing with the hall is on leave until next week. The Chairman reported that if we get the fire services out they can certify the hall if we have a refuge area at the back, this would also need to be in the health and Safety plan.

It was reported that a car is parked the other side of the fire door exit and keep clear notices should be displayed on the outside of the door. We have access but Rose Cottage own the land so we have to inform them of anything we do on their land.

The Chairman proposed for elections we charge £1000, seconded by Councillor Ball and agreed. For private hire Councillor Smith proposed £8 an hour this can be looked at if we get regular bookings, seconded by Councillor Ball and agreed. The clerk was asked to prepare a form and terms and conditions which can be added to the website, councillors confirmed that Dawn sets up the hall.

b) Village green – Village Sign/Seats/ River Poulter – Repair project, Information Sign

Councillor Middleton has asked for the key as he now has found suitable wood for the seat and wants to store it to the back of the hall.

Regarding the village sign councillors want to see an amended design at the next meeting which can be discussed further, the Chairman will liaise with Councillor Middleton.

c) Defibrillator

The agreement form from Greene King has been circulated to councillors. The village hall was also suggested as a possible site taking it away from a commercial property. **Resolved** - The clerk was asked to put together a business plan for the defibrillator.

d) Neighbourhood Plan

The next meeting will be held next Wednesday, an open day is being arranged for 4th September.

e) Contracts/ training/duties

Councillor Ball explained the contracts were drawn by the HR committee councillors agreed to circulate a draft which could then be forwarded to NALC before being issued.

f) Village Green Electricity

Councillor Smith proposed we work with i-Forge and get them to do a fully costed plan they have a large number of students with senior lecturers and mentors and are very keen to undertake the project. **Resolved** - The costs are the next stage which Councillor Smith proposed we obtain, seconded by Councillor Ball and all agreed.

g) Opus

The clerk reported that a three-year contract would work out dearer than the contract we have as we use so little we are already on the best rate. **Resolved** - the Chairman proposed we review this every December, seconded by Councillor Ball and all agreed.

5. Correspondence

Correspondence has been circulated.

Electrical vehicle charging points were also discussed however there was no suitable site.

The Draft Bassetlaw Local Plan consultation ended two weeks ago and details will be circulated, the Neighbourhood Plan group was asked to submit a response.

6. Finance

To approve any payments made or due.

a) Balance and Payments

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

Payee	Reason	Amount
ALC	Culvert	£675
R Busby	Wages	£131.87
M Welch	Wages	£249.44
D Wakeling	Wages	£102.92
Acer	Mowing	£304
J Haddon	Audit	£65
M Welch	Expenses	£64.25

b) Audit

The internal audit has been completed.

c) Quote for removal of weeds

Councillor Ball explained the problems with weedkiller and training required. A quote for the removal of weeds has been received from Acer £120 a month over 7 months annually £840, they would trim it down and the use of pesticide would be minimal and could be done only when necessary, she proposed we accept the quote which was unanimously agreed.

7. To consider any highway and related matters.

8. To consider New Business

a) Vacancy

Following the resignation for Councillor Gaynor Watmough the vacancy has been advertised and there have been four applications which councillors agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

b) Lorry activity through village

The Chairman and Nigel Turner had spent time logging vehicles who should not have come through and they have now involved the Nottinghamshire County Council Enforcement Team who suggested a petition be started to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph and for lorry activity. **Resolved** - The Chairman proposed this could be included on the website and Facebook, seconded by Councillor Ball and all agreed.

c) Neighbourhood Planning and Council Website

Councillor Smith reported that a grant can be obtained for a website, it is a requirement for the Neighbourhood Plan to go online. Enquiries have been made and details and prices of systems were discussed. Councillor Smith reported that Eyelid productions charge £1000 to set up and build site including content charging £235 a year thereafter including hosting. **Resolved** The Chairman prefers we move off the Bassetlaw website and recommended Eyelid Productions, seconded by Councillor Hall, Councillor Smith will speak to them.

d) Clerks' hours

The clerk is contracted to do 4 hours a week which at times is insufficient. A report from SLCC was discussed, Councillor Smith proposed the clerk maintain a timesheet until the next meeting, seconded by Councillor Ball.

e) Bins

The bins are emptied every Thursday and also sometimes by the handyman. **Resolved** – the Chairman proposed we ask for them to be emptied twice a week, seconded by Councillor Ball and all agreed.

Councillor Ball asked of the bin on the other side of the bridge by the sign for the Jug and Glass could be moved by the bench, the Chairman will send a map of the request to the clerk.

f) The Queen's platinum Jubilee beacons – 2nd June 2022

Correspondence had been received and Councillor Smith had made enquiries a beacon would cost £490 plus vat and gas. Poulter Park is the obvious place, Derbyshire County Council have already been contacted and are minded to allow it to happen. Langwith Society and the Friends of Poulter Park are interested. **Resolved** - Councillor Smith proposed the Parish Council fund half of the cost of the burner suggesting that the other groups organise it, this was unanimously agreed.

g) Parking – Limes Avenue

Councillor Smith reported that this is being locked overnight and the ability to park in clumber park for free is being removed with people being charged £5.50 per person to park. The clerk has asked

Kevin Dukes if he knew any more but has not heard back yet. **Resolved** - It was agreed to put this in the newsletter, the Chairman will also ask Nigel Turner about it.

h) Agenda

Councillors Smith and Ball had been on a course and explained that they learnt the sole purpose of an agenda is to make decisions and that no decisions should be made out of meetings. **Resolved** Councillor Smith proposed not to have matters arising on the agenda for ongoing items and specific requests for agenda items are to be sent to the clerk giving at least 7 days notice along with corresponding paperwork, seconded by Councillor Ball and all agreed.

i) Flags

Resolved – Councillor Smith proposed that at the last meeting flag flying protocol was agreed and a request was made for 1 Commonwealth and 2 Union flags costing £21.89 to be purchased, seconded by Councillor Evans and all agreed.

9 To consider any planning matters.

a) New Applications

21/00861/HSE Erect Single Storey Rear Extension Pear Tree House Queens Walk Nether Langwith – granted.

21/00968/FUL Erect Portal Framed Storage Barn, Langwith House Queens Walk Nether Langwith Mansfield Nottinghamshire NG20 9EW – there were no objections.

b) Decisions

1/00861/HSE Erect Single Storey Rear Extension Pear Tree House Queens Walk Nether Langwith-granted.

10. NLPC Action Register – this is redundant and will become a list of matters arising not on the agenda.

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

A resident felt the beacon was costing a lot of money.

A resident had seen VIA treating weeds, it was reported that this only happens once a year.

The defibrillator being on the pub is less likely to be vandalised.

12. To approve the date and time of next meetings Thursday 2nd September 2021 at 19:00 hours.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.00p.m.