

NETHER LANGWITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall
on Thursday 2nd September 2021

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

There were 7 members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Nigel Turner and Councillor Matthew Evans who had a puncture on his way to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 30th July 2021

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th July, copies of which had been previously circulated to members were confirmed as a true record and were signed by Councillor Ball.

4. Vacancies/Co-option/Disqualification

Councillor Malkan asked which councillors had been contacted to see if they could attend the last meeting on a Friday night, she thinks it was poor that Councillor Stockton was disqualified.

The clerk explained that there are three vacancies one of which can be co-opted tonight as we are waiting for confirmation from Bassetlaw that the other two can be co-opted it is hoped this will be done at the next meeting. Councillor Middleton proposed that Rachel Stockton who has applied to be co-opted back onto the council be co-opted, seconded by Councillor Malkan with two councillors against so Councillor Ball used her casting vote against this. Councillor Malkan asked the clerk to send her details of Covid affecting the holding of meetings which caused the June meeting to be cancelled.

Councillors have received five applications for co-option. Resolved - Councillors agreed to co-opt Alan Keegan with two councillors in favour and two against, Councillor Ball used her casting vote and the necessary forms were passed on for completion, the remaining applicants will be put forward again for co-option at the next meeting.

5. To receive updates about progress on resolutions

a) Village green – Village Sign

A drawing had been circulated by Councillor Middleton and was discussed and amendments made. Councillors agreed it looks better and that the writing should all be in the same colour. A quote had been received for the wood for the post for £296. **Resolved** – the clerk was asked to order this and Councillor Middleton will collect it.

b) Defibrillator

Details of costs and maintenance have been circulated by the clerk as requested. **Resolved** - Councillor Ball proposed we purchase the defibrillator with a locked external cabinet from London Hearts and then decide the most suitable site, seconded by Councillor Smith and unanimously agreed.

c) Neighbourhood Plan

The first draft template has been done and the Neighbourhood Planning Committee will discuss this further. There has been a meeting with AECOM to assess housing needs. The open day is on Saturday 9-1 in the Village Hall where residents can express their views.

Councillor Middleton reminded councillors that Reg 19 plan from Bassetlaw has just been published and we have until after the next meeting to make any representations.

d) Handyman Duties – bin on the green

Bassetlaw will empty the bin once a week on a Thursday, councillors suggested the handyman empty it on a Tuesday when needed and to officially add it to his duties.

The bin around the corner by the bridge to Limes Avenue wants to be moved nearer to the seat between the two bridges. **Resolved** – Councillor Ball proposed we arrange for these to be done, seconded by Councillor Smith and all agreed.

Councillor Middleton asked if the handyman is not sweeping gullies Councillor Ball explained due to Health and Safety reasons he is not doing this.

e) Clerks hours

The clerk had kept a list of her hours as requested which were 5 ¼, 6 ½ and 6 ¾ this did include extra work for the external audit. The clerk's contract is due for renewal on 1st October Councillor Ball proposed we look at hours with the contract, seconded by Councillor Malkan and all agreed.

6. Reports by District/County Councillors

Councillor Dukes reiterated what Councillor Middleton had said explaining that the cabinet and scrutiny have passed the next phase of the plan so it is really important that we have input. The CIL document will also have a consultation, there is now a standard procedure across Bassetlaw. Councillor Dukes reported that Cuckney and Welbeck are in discussions for a merger.

There has been a conversation this afternoon for kick starting the East Bassetlaw forum.

The closure of Lime Tree Avenue at Clumber was discussed and the additional bollards installed have now been passed on to Bassetlaw.

Bassetlaw foodbank delivery is going to continue and requires more funds and the Retford shop would also welcome any donations.

7. Finance

To approve any payments made or due.

a) Balance and Payments

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

Payee	Reason	Amount
R Busby	Wages	£131.67
M Welch	Wages	£305.46
D Wakeling	Wages	£102.92
Acer	Mowing	£728
HMRC	Tax	£56.40

b) Audit

Questions have been raised by the external auditors as there is more than 15% difference from the previous year. the clerk has replied and is waiting to hear back.

8. To consider any planning matters.

a) New Applications

21/01309/CAT Works to Tree in a Conservation Area T1 (Willow) Prune back from 12m to 9m to Just Below Previous Cut Brookside Langwith Lodge Drive Nether Langwith – there were no objections.

b) Decisions

There were no decisions.

9. Correspondence

a) Appoint delegate(s) to attend the Notts ALC AGM on behalf of Nether Langwith Parish Council.

Councillors agreed not to attend.

b) Agree whether to nominate a Nether Langwith Parish Council representative to join the Executive or the Board of Notts ALC.

Councillors agreed not to nominate a representative.

c) Agree whether Nether Langwith Parish Council wishes to suggest a motion for debate.

No motions were suggested.

d) Nominate Cllr. Melvyn Middleton for a long service award*

Councillor Middleton explained he had one for 30 years and has not yet reached 40 years, he was chairman for 32 years.

e) Winter service

We have again been offered 5 free bags of salt, councillors were not sure how much we had left, Councillor Ball offered to assess the salt.

f) Bassetlaw District Council Residents e-newsletter

There was an item encouraging residents to use power buying scheme, councillors agreed to advertise this in the Newsletter.

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

A former councillor feels appalled at the way she had been treated, she was on the council for ten years and feels the decision was political and will take advice.

A resident questioned the legality of Zoom meetings that were used by Parish Councils during Covid.

Questions were asked about the Neighbourhood Plan and were answered by councillors.

Fencing has gone up around Cuckney House and work will start next month

The Autumn Newsletter will go out the first week in October and articles need to be in by 20th September.

The clerk was asked to add to the next agenda Remembrance and whether we organise an event.

11. To approve the date and time of next meetings Thursday 7th October 2021 at 19:00 hours.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.40p.m.