

# **NETHER LANGWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

**of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall  
on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Present:** Councillor Matthew Evans in the chair  
Councillors L Malkan, M Middleton, D Ball, J Smith, R Ray and A Frisby  
County Councillor Nigel Turner  
Mary Welch Parish Clerk  
There were 10 members of the public present.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from District Councillor Dukes

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

Councillor Middleton declared an interest in item 9d replacing the water plants.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October, copies of which had been previously circulated to members were discussed. Councillor Smith asked that they be amended at 5e to be a four-year rolling contract after the election in May 2023, they were then confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

**4. Vacancies/Co-option**

The council can co-opt for the vacancy on the council. The Chairman proposed the vacancy be advertised in the next newsletter in January with four councillors in favour, one against and one abstention.

The two new councillors were welcomed to the meeting.

**5. To receive updates about progress on resolutions**

**a) Village green – Village Sign/Information Boards**

Councillor Middleton reported that a mock-up of the sign is being done and should be available in a few weeks. He has information for the information board and will have quotes for the next meeting.

**b) Village Hall Noticeboard**

Councillor Middleton will bring quotes to the next meeting.

**c) Neighbourhood Plan**

Work is progressing there is nothing significant to report.

**d) Remembrance**

The Chairman has circulated a draft and if councillors agree he will send it to print, this was unanimously agreed. Refreshments will be served in the village hall after the event.

**6. Reports by District/County Councillors**

Councillor Turner introduced himself and explained that he was elected to sit on the Highways Review Panel and believe that early next year recommendations will come forward. Councillor

Turner has been round the village with the Chairman looking at the speed of traffic on the main road and suggested putting a petition together for a crossing which he could take to the County Council.

**7. Finance**

To approve any payments made or due.

**a) Balance and Payments**

The balance of the account is £26849.02.

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

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Acer	Contract	£272
Eyelid	Website	£750
London Hearts	Defibrillator	£1237
R Busby	Wages	£131.67
D Wakeling	Wages	£102.92
M Welch	Wages	£305.66
HMRC		£56.20
M Welch	Expenses	£49.69
M Welch	SLCC contribution	£34.67
	Paint	£86

**b) SLCC**

The clerk's membership is due for renewal for £208 to be shared between councils she works for, making the cost £34,67 councillors unanimously agreed this payment.

**c) Pre Budget Meeting**

The Chairman suggested councillors meet as a working group to discuss this and offered to send out possible dates, councillors all agreed.

**8. To consider any planning matters.**

**a) New Applications -**

21/01592/TPO Works to Trees with a TPO Consisting of T1 Swedish Whitebeam Remove Due to Poor Condition and Replace Nearby Brae Mar Limes Avenue Nether Langwith Mansfield NG20 9EU – there were no objections raised.

**b) Decisions -** There were no new decisions.

**9. Correspondence and new items**

**a) Bassetlaw South West Parishes Forum**

Councillor Smith proposed Nether Langwith supports the formation of a South West Parishes Forum in Bassetlaw all councillors agreed and suggested a representative be elected at the next meeting.

**b) Communication of Information from Nottinghamshire and Bassetlaw.**

Councillor Smith proposed that if correspondence is received from either Nottinghamshire or Bassetlaw requesting that information be shared with parishioners, that the information be added, as soon as is practicable, to the Parish website and to the Parish Facebook page if timing is appropriate and space allows, the information should also be added to the Parish Newsletter she offered to undertake this task, councillors unanimously agreed.

**c) Microphone and Hearing Loop**

The Chairman has sorted this.

**d) Replacing Water Plants**

Councillors agreed in March to review this in the autumn. After discussion the Chairman proposed we postpone this discussion until the work to the river is all complete, councillors all agreed.

Councillor Middleton will arrange a further meeting to discuss the work needed.

**e) Email address for council business**

Councillor Smith proposed every councillor and officer uses an official council email address for council business - format;\_firstname-surname@nether-langwith-pc.gov.uk. this was agreed. The clerk asked about forwarding emails from the current address.

**f) Railings around the war memorial/Paint**

Councillor Smith proposed we thank Geoff and Billy for painting the railings and reimburse the £86 for materials this was unanimously agreed.

**g) Standing Orders Review**

The clerk has circulated details to councillors and the Chairman proposed we adopt the draft standing orders after customising the relevant parts. **Resolved** Councillors agreed, Councillor Smith felt we need careful thought as we need to be legally compliant.

**h) Christmas Tree on the Village Green**

Councillor Smith explained that the lighting had been a challenge and would not be ready for Christmas so it had been decided to use battery operated lights this year with a timer, Councillor Turner was thanked for his generous support with this.

**i) Village Hall/bouncy castles**

The use of bouncy castles on the hall was discussed and councillors agreed that terms should be in the draft contract. Councillor Ball reported that there is no evidence of PAT testing.

**j) Flagpole**

An email received has been circulated to councillors and this was discussed.

**k) Knit and natter**

An email received after the last meeting from a resident apologising and retracting an incorrect statement made at the last meeting has been circulated to councillors.

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

A resident reported that she had written to Councillor Dukes two months ago expressing concerns about the damage the rattling trucks are doing to the wall, Councillor Turner asked for the details.

Speed between Cuckney and Langwith was also discussed and the possibility of a path being put in the verge. Councillor Middleton referred to the quarry and a footpath requirement that was never implemented which may be something that Councillor Turner could look into further.

The river plants were again discussed as they haven't been replaced.

A resident explained that the flag pole is quite an asset the eyesore are the poles with no horses and no dogs on them.

The two flagpoles were discussed and councillors were asked if anyone can put anything up, councillors will look into this for the next meeting. Councillor Smith endorsed what Councillor Middleton had said that the council don't own the green but are custodians and responsible for maintenance.

Tractors are also causing problems speeding through.

Councillor Ray explained that he thought future decisions should be evidence based and that we need to think of biodiversity, nature and wildlife.

**11. To approve the date and time of next meetings Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 at 19:00 hours.**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.10p.m.