

# NETHER LANGWITH PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall  
on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Present:** Councillor Matthew Evans 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, District Councillor Dukes and Councillor D Ball

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, copies of which had been previously circulated to members were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Malkan reported a slight omission during the public discussion at the end of the last meeting when there was robust displeasure at how Councillor Stockton had been treated.

Councillor Malkan asked the Chairman about the blanket suspension by Bassetlaw which we had not been informed of and councillors were disappointed that it had not been brought to their attention.

The clerk was asked to check her notes on handyman duties as Councillor Smith thought it had been resolved for the handyman to empty bins on a Tuesday.

**4. Vacancies/Co-option/Disqualification**

Alan Keegan has resigned and the required notice has been displayed. There are now three vacancies two of which can be co-opted with four applicants. Councillors voted and the Chairman proposed Phil and Andrew be co-opted to the council, seconded by Councillor Smith and agreed with one abstention.

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

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

Councillor Middleton reported that he has not had a response from Sign of the Times and he will circulate it when he receives it.

Information was requested for the information boards and Councillor Middleton will also be going to the Heritage Centre.

**b) Village Hall Noticeboard**

The Perspex cannot be seen through and it is a sealed unit so it is thought it would not be possible to replace the Perspex. Councillor Middleton will get quotes for a new noticeboard for the next meeting.

**c) Defibrillator**

The clerk asked where this should be delivered, the Chairman offered to take it and asked if they could notify him when delivery would be.

**d) Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor Smith gave an update explaining that the open event had gone really well with thirty people attending, the comments made formed the basis of the survey to go in the Newsletter. The draft housing needs assessment has been received and feedback is being compiled. There are three subgroups and each group is working with a consultant.

**e) Clerks hours/Contract**

The clerk reported her contract had expired on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Resolved - The Chairman proposed the contract be renewed as a four- year rolling contract and the hours be increased to 5.5 a week this was unanimously agreed.

**f) Main Road Truck - enforcement**

The Chairman reported that Councillor Turner had been in touch with Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the possible enforcement. Resolved -The Chairman proposed we wait and if not good news we ask for a face-to-face meeting with Bassetlaw to move this forward, all councillors agreed.

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

The Chairman had passed on the report from Councillor Turner.

**7. Finance**

To approve any payments made or due.

**a) Balance and Payments**

The balance of the account is £30,0030.50 as the precept has gone in.

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

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>
R Busby	Wages	£131.87
M Welch	Wages	£259.77
D Wakeling	Wages	£102.92
Acer	Mowing	£424
HMRC	Tax	£44.60
J Smith	Flag/Refreshments	£19.81/£7.
PKF	Audit	£240

**b) Audit**

The Audit has been completed and the External Auditors report has been displayed.

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

**a) New Applications**

There were no new applications.

**b) Decisions**

There were no decisions.

Councillor Middleton asked about the appeal notice that had been received for Rose Cottage and if we should make representation – the chairman reported that this has been resolved.

**9. Correspondence**

**a) Remembrance /Railings**

A resident had offered to paint the railings and offered to provide the paint and not charge for labour, this had been agreed by the Chairman and clerk using delegated powers as it needed to be done as soon as possible to be ready for remembrance. Resolved – Councillor Smith proposed we record our gratitude for the job done and reimburse the cost of the materials, all councillors agreed.

Councillor Smith reported that the parade will be from the club to the Green and refreshments were discussed. The Chairman proposed we purchase a wreath and offered to draft the service and coordinate refreshments this offer was accepted by all councillors.

**b) Use of Village Hall and Revenue**

The use of the village hall and the charge of £8 was discussed. The clerk reported there had been an enquiry from a dog trainer and councillors raised tentative concerns about the floorboards. A private enquiry has also been received. Knit and natter meet regularly but do not pay for the hall. Councillors agreed to discuss what to do with the Village Hall further at the next meeting. Councillor Middleton will contact Bassetlaw for a list of potential users.

**c) Bassetlaw District Council on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 granted approval of a blanket suspension of the 6-month rule**

Councillor Malkan reiterated it was unfortunate that the District Councillor did not report it and that we had no chance to discuss it,

**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 the willow coming over the pathway towards the shops, the clerk was asked to write to Lee Johnson at Langwith House.

Councillors were asked if microphones or a hearing loop could be installed, a resident has offered to purchase this for up to £250.

The village hall was discussed and it was suggested it be redecorated and improved even though work on the new hall may start in the next two years. A resident commented on Knit and natter using the hall free of charge due to lack of funds whilst giving money to the boxing club.

A resident felt that the railings around the war memorial are grade 2 listed and asked councillors to look on the website.

In the housing survey councillors were asked to make clear that Nether Langwith have enough new houses to meet their requirement.

Councillors were asked about the old Portland site and reported that there will be 9 terraced houses there.

**11. To approve the date and time of next meetings Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 19:00 hours.**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.55p.m.