

# Meeting of Treswell with Cottam Parish Council

Minutes of **Treswell with Cottam Parish Council Meeting** held on the 17<sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 at Treswell Village Hall, the meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

<b>Council Members &amp; Officer Present:</b>	Cllr Nicola Salter	Chairman
	Cllr Helen Cope	Vice-Chair
	Cllr Fred Tomlinson	
	Cllr Matt Bendall (from 14/25)	
<b>Also, Present</b>	Ed Knox	Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
	1	Members of Public
	Simon Richardson	District Cllr
	Warren Limber	County Cllr



## ➤ Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

A member of the public discussed the traveller field on Cocking Lane with District Cllr Richardson, who advised that he is speaking with the head of planning regards planning enforcement.

The member of the public asked if anyone knew anything about the Manor Farm Sale.

The member of the public asked for old notices/former County Cllr Ogles' details to be removed from the noticeboard.

## 27/25 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, Cllr Salter **Proposed**, Cllr Cope **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllrs, Howard, R Hardie, & K Hardie

## 28/25 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes

After discussion, Cllr Cope **Proposed**, Cllr Tomlinson **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

## 29/25 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

None.

## 30/25 To Receive District & County Councillors Reports

**County Cllr Limber:** Advised the County Council's preferred set up for two new Unitary Authority's for Nottinghamshire to be one new unitary authority combining Nottingham, Broxtowe, and Gedling, with a second new unitary authority for Mansfield, Ashfield, Newark and Sherwood, Bassetlaw and Rushcliffe. This is known as option 1b.

Cllr Limber discussed various matters in relation to Highways issues in general and the feasibility of the County Council head offices. Cllr Limber will chase up the outstanding signage item in Treswell.

**Dist Cllr Richardson:** Advised the following:

### • **Motion to Support Article 4 Direction – HMOs:**

We have supported introducing an Article 4 Direction at Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) to restrict uncontrolled growth of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs). This will help preserve community character, maintain a balanced housing mix, and ensure all new HMOs require full planning scrutiny.

### • **Motion on Solar Growth & Intensification**

Working with other councillors, we will submit a motion at the next Council meeting to address the rapid expansion of large solar farms and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Residents in Cottam, High Marnham and nearby villages have raised concerns about:

- Visual and landscape impact
- Loss of agricultural land
- Cumulative effects of multiple installations

This motion seeks stronger planning policies to balance renewable energy targets ST49 with protection of local amenity and biodiversity.

### • **Cottam Power Station – Major Redevelopment Announcement**

EDF and partners have unveiled a transformative plan for the former Cottam coal-fired power station site, unverified which Dist Cllr Richardson and the parish council had no prior notification about:

- Project: The UK's first nuclear-powered data-centre campus, estimated at £11 billion.
- Energy Source: Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) will provide 24/7 clean power to a large data-centre complex, as part of the Trent Valley Supercluster.
- Economic Impact: Thousands of construction jobs and significant long-term skilled roles, plus major inward Investment in energy, manufacturing, and digital services.

- **Community & Regional Benefit:** Positions Bassetlaw and the wider East Midlands as a hub for clean energy and high-tech infrastructure, with opportunities for local supply chains and regeneration. Will seek an early meeting with EDF to discuss the project timeline, planning process, so residents can be fully involved.

- **Highways Monitoring – Ward Watch**

Through the Ward Watch initiative, I continue to monitor road conditions and traffic issues across the ward. Residents are encouraged to report potholes, drainage problems, or safety concerns for escalation to Nottinghamshire County Council Highways.

- **Planning Enforcement & Application Timelines:**

- Two planning enforcement cases remain active in the district, which I am monitoring to ensure timely action.
- **Planning Application Delays:** A number of residents have raised concerns that statutory timelines for planning decisions are not being met. Plan to monitor these cases closely and press for improved turnaround times.

- **Staffing Update – Flood Officer Departure**

BDC’s Flood Officer has recently left post. This specialist role is vital for flood-risk assessment and emergency response planning.

- **Service Continuity & Risk**

The Flood Officer vacancy raises concerns about service continuity and flood-risk management. I have requested confirmation of any interim cover and contingency measures to maintain service quality.

- **Local Government Reorganisation**

The Government’s review of local government in Nottinghamshire—including potential unitary authority proposals—could significantly affect Bassetlaw.

- Possible changes: merging district and county functions or forming combined authorities.
- Key considerations: planning powers, funding, service delivery, and democratic representation.

- **Cottam Playing Field –** The Clerk and the Council members discussed the outstanding issue of the lease for Cottam Playing field with Dist Cllr Ricardson. In 2015 EDF via Savills wrote to the parish council to advise that the Cottam Village Hall had closed and its committee disbanded and would the parish council wish to take over the lease, the Parish Council agreed, and the Neighbourhood Plan designated the land as a Local Green Space.

However, the parish council are still waiting for a lease to come through. In the meantime, the parish council has paid for the grass cutting costs and fence maintenance on the field for which it doesn’t own and doesn’t have a lease for. After many complaints to Savills and EDF, a draft head of terms was sent, amended and signed in May 2024.

No lease was forthcoming following the signing of the heads of terms, despite many complaints from the Parish Council. Several months ago, Savills changed tact and said they would send an ‘interim licence’ however, these has not come either despite complaining further. The Council specifically asked Savills more than once, what actually is causing the delays and the reluctance to provide the lease, and have received no answer to these questions.

Ideally, the parish council would like the land to be donated to the parish council as a playing field where both community events can take place and children can play, it is such a small piece of land in the grand scheme of all the hundreds of acres which EDF own in the area and is in a location within Cottam village which wouldn’t be sensible for building anything on to do with the future of the power stn. However, EDF were only willing to issue a lease and since that decision have stalled without reason.

The Council asked Dist Cllr Richardson if he can engage with EDF to try and get the lease resolved.

31/25 To receive an update on Highways Matters Raised with Notts County Council/Bassetlaw District Council and to escalate a list of outstanding items with Notts County Council via the County Cllr where necessary

In the 1st instance, Cllrs and members of the public should report all new highways matters (street lights, overgrown hedges/trees, pavement/road problems/drainage etc) on the on-line Notts County Council website or MyNotts App, themselves, then, should no action have been taken NCC, bring it to the Parish Council meeting for escalation. The following outstanding Notts County Council items have been chased by the Clerk in between meetings, and Cllr Ogle copied in to escalate issues where necessary:

County Council Item	Issue/Detail	Potential Solution	Progress Made
Jnc Laneham Road,	Sign Damage by vehicular collision	Repair Sign	19/03/2025 Reported under Ref no CSC688559116 to County Council.

<b>Rampton Road &amp; Greeb Lane</b>			17/09/2025 repair is still outstanding Cllr Limber to chase.
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**New Items to escalate:**

- None.

32/25 Finance:

Monthly Income & Expenditure

After discussion of the Financial Information circulated by email before the meeting, the council unanimously **resolved** to accept them as a true and accurate record. Cllr Salter signed the bank statement and bank reconciliation.

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lengthsman	B&Q Plants	£43.15
Lengthsman	Lidsters Wood for Cottam Playpark Fence	£124.23
Lengthsman	B&Q Shelving Parts for Book Exchange	£54.79
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>£222.17</b>

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
None		
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>£0</b>

Bank Balance

The Current Account Balance **£15,006.21**

Direct Debits, and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE, already **approved** unanimously.

33/25 To note planning applications responded to via the Scheme of Delegation

Since the previous meeting the parish council responded via the scheme of delegation as follows and also discussed the following at today's meeting:

- **25/00683/HSE Demolish Existing Detached Garage and Rear Single Storey Extension and Erect Detached Garage, Two Storey Rear Extension and Front Porch Beverley Town Street Treswell** – The Council responded as follows: *“The Council Supports the application and has no other comments to raise.”*
- **25/00664/FUL - Change of Use from Agricultural Field to a Residential Domestic Garden and the Erection of a Detached New-Build Timber Framed 2-bay Car Garage and Storage Shed Building - Land Adj Turn A Beck Cottages Cottam Road Treswell** - The Council responded as follows: *“The Council Supports the application and has no other comments to raise.”*

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7:15pm.