

**NETHERWITTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025  
AT 5.30 PM IN NETHERWITTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** J Trevelyan (Chairman)

Geoff Robson

L Spriggs

J Goodfellow

M Robson

**Clerk:** D Smith

**Apologies:** Cllr A Moore

Northumberland County Council (NCC) Councillor Glen Sanderson was also in attendance.

16/25        **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed everyone present.

17/25        **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations on this occasion.

18/25        **Public Participation Time**

There were no public present and no questions on this occasion.

19/25        **County Councillor Update**

NCC Councillor Glen Sanderson gave the following update:

- At the most recent elections in May 2025, the Conservatives got the most seats however, do not have a majority;
- Currently looking at next year's budget, need to make £20m savings but not cutting front line services;
- The new leisure centre in Morpeth is doing well;
- More money has been spent on fixing the roads.

**RESOLVED**

Information duly noted

20/25

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Members were asked to approve the above minutes.

**RESOLVED**

(a) That the minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025, a copy of which had been circulated to each member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

21/25

Matters Arising from Previous Council Meetings

**Min 11/25 (46/24) (36/24) (19/24) (07/24) (45/23) (34/23) (22/23)  
(09/23) (49/22) (35/22) (22/22) (09/22) (57/21) (45/21) (21/21) (12/21)  
(b)) - Defibrillator**

The Clerk advised members that the funding from Wingates Windfarm Fund has been approved and the defibrillator has been ordered.

**RESOLVED**

Information duly noted.

22/25

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Members considered the following application:

25/03246/FUL – 5 Longwitton East Cottages, Longwitton, Morpeth NE61 4JW: Proposed two storey side extension and single storey side and rear extensions.

**RESOLVED**

Netherwitton Parish Council has no objection to this application, subject to the information available at this time.

23/25

Financial Matters

- a. Members were asked to approve the payments and receipts report and budgetary report up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.
- b. Members were asked to consider a grant request for Netherwitton Parochial Church Council (PCC).
- c. Members were asked to consider a grant for Netherwitton Village Hall.

d. Members were advised that the cost of the grass cutting has increased to £156.30/month. This was effective from July 2025.

**RESOLVED**

- i. Members noted and approved the above payments and receipts and budgetary report.
- ii. To approve a grant of £900 for Netherwitton PCC.
- iii. To approve a grant of £900 for Netherwitton Village Hall.
- iv. Members noted the grass cutting costs increase.

24/25 External Audit: 2024-2025

Members were advised that no issues were raised during the above audit.

**RESOLVED**

Information duly noted.

25/25 Email Addresses & Parish Council Website

- i. Members were advised that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026, all Parish and Town Councils must have a gov.uk email or similar authority owned (rather than gmail, Hotmail etc) address. Members are asked to consider the quotations received for this.
- ii. Members were advised that from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, the existing webservice provided will terminate. Members are asked to consider the quotations received for this service.

**RESOLVED**

To accept the quotation from Parish Online for both emails and the website.

26/25 Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2025/26

Members were asked to consider its top three highways and transport priority issues for Netherwitton parish so they can be considered for inclusion in the above programme.

**RESOLVED**

There were no priorities on this occasion.

27/25      Any Other Urgent Business

There was no other business on this occasion.

28/25      Dates of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 5.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 6.15pm.