

NETHERWITTON PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 24TH 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 20th May 2025

Members were asked to approve the above minutes.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the minutes of 20th 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 31st 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 1st 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 than from 31st 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 11th November 2025 at 5.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 6.15pm.