

Meeting of Hodsock Parish Council

Minutes of **Hodsock Parish Council Meeting** held on the 8th Sep 2025 at Langold Village Hall, the meeting commenced at 5:00pm.

Council Members & Officer Present:

Cllr Sandy Walker	Chairman
Cllr Graham Coe	Vice-Chair
Cllr Gill Freeman	Cllr Jack Bowker
Cllr Sam Perkins	Cllr Nick Smith
Cllr Jackie Wilkinson	Cllr David Hamilton
Cllr Mel Morris	

Also, Present

Ed Knox	Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
Gill Freeman	District Cllr
Hana John	County Cllr
Kath Walker	Chairman of LVHMC for item 54/25

54/25 To Receive Langold Village Hall Management Committee (LVHMC) Report

A member of the Committee advised an update:

- Quotes being obtained for repointing the carpark wall
- Quotes being obtained for the electrical remedial works
- A complaint resolved following a vehicle was parked in the wrong place blocking potential emergency vehicle access.
- Request that Cllrs, if they see any complaints on Facebook about the village hall, let the LVHMC Chairman know asap so that she can address these.
- Lengthsman to liaise with the LVHMC Chairman regarding installing a handrail near the rear exit/entrance disabled access ramp
- New Parking signs about to be fitted on the gates.

55/25 To Receive District & County Councillors Reports

Dist Cllr Freeman: Advised nothing was happening at Bassetlaw DC over the summer break.

County Cllr John: Advised the following:

- Cllr John is looking into the possibility for NCC to provide a cost for supplying the electricity to the Christmas Lights for the short period they are installed and switched on.
- Doncaster Road Speed Limit reduction 40mph being reviewed with potential to reduce to 30mph.
- Zebra Crossing to be potentially installed near bungalows
- Repair to the Roundabout to be looked into
- Overgrown Tree issues, some of the trees in the highways/pavements belong to Notts County Council and some belong to Bassetlaw District Council, Notts CC investigating and putting plans in place to undertake essential tree surgery where necessary
- NCC believe that all the old brick planters around Langold belong to Bassetlaw Council but have a view that all of them should be removed bar the one outside the Legion.
- Potential to demark a loading area outside the Now Church and One Stop Shop.

➤ Adjournment – (15-Minute Maximum) Public Forum

None.

56/25 To Approve Apologies for Absence

Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Bowker **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Batey.

57/25 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

None

58/25 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes

After discussion, Cllr Bowker **Proposed**, Cllr Coe **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting.

59/25 To Discuss the Neighbourhood Plan

A discussion about the existing plan and the Neighbourhood Planner at Bassetlaw Council's response, who advised that regarding the existing Neighbourhood Plan: "*at face value, the Parish is already fairly well covered in terms of landscape designations. Green Gap 2, as designated by Local Plan Policy ST36, and depicted on the*

Interactive Policies Map, surrounds the built-up area of Langold on all sides, and stretches right to the edges of Oldcotes and Costhorpe, and right to the Parish / Bassetlaw boundary to the west. The built form of Langold is clearly defined by the development boundary, also shown on the Interactive Policies Map, with appropriate types of development inside and outside the line clearly defined by Local Plan Policy ST2. Dyscarr Wood is a SSSI, and has associated impact risk zones that cover the Parish (to varying degree, depending on distance and development type). The above designations are likely to limit the potential for further housing development beyond what has already got permission / is under construction. As to solar development, I'll have a chat with colleagues to get a better steer in terms of how the Local Plan Green Gaps might impact."

After discussion, the Council resolved that the Clerk email the Neighbourhood Planner for an update on the solar element of the query, also whether the existing plan (or any plan) can restrict the number of HMOs (Houses of Multiple Occupancy) or is the Local Plan the protection from this? Also is the Know Your Place process beneficial when a Neighbourhood Plan is already in place.

60/25 To Discuss forming a Parish Council Speedwatch

Cllr Hamilton advised that the Police help organise the setting up of the Speedwatch Groups with interested volunteers. Training has to be undertaken and then the Police will risk assess and confirm designated areas in the parish where the speed monitoring can take place. After discussion, Cllrs Hamilton, Walker and Perkins agreed to start the process and look for members of the public to help join the group. Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to potentially form a Speedwatch Group once enough volunteers obtained and then revisit the matter at the next meeting regards the cost and supply of appropriate equipment.

61/25 To Discuss forming a Youth Council

After discussion, Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Coe **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to form a Youth Council, where young people aged 10 to 19 can be asked their views and ideas, on what they would like to see provided or happen in Langold. Cllrs Hamilton, Morris, and Walker to help organise this and to come up with costs for a Youth Worker to provide activities in the 2026 school holiday, the cost of which to be considered for adding to next year's Precept.

62/25 To Discuss the Best Kept Cemetery Competition for 2026

Cllr Walker entered Langold Cemetery into the 2025 best kept cemetery competition to see how it compares with other sites nationally. After discussion, Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Coe **Seconded** and the council **resolved** that Cllr Walker share the results of the feedback from the 2025 competition with all council members, which will show what Langold Cemeteries current strengths and weaknesses are, so that at the next meeting, ideas can be discussed for dealing with some of the weaknesses in 2026.

63/25 To Discuss Cemetery Memorial Safety Inspections

After discussion, Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Coe **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to ask the Clerk to email the ICCM for advice, does legalisation and legal liability allow for the Council to perhaps arrange for inspections, so many per year or must they all be done at once and every 5 years thereafter? What qualifications or specialist person/contractors must be used for the work? And what does the PC do if it cannot locate a current memorial owner?

64/25 To discuss an update on Langold Cemetery Matters

Cllr Coe advised the spoil heap is full and has arranged for a skip company to attend later this week. Cllr Walker to arrange for a price for the replacement water supply pipe and tap, to repair the tap at the far end of the cemetery. The Clerk has written to all existing reserved plot holders, and is in the process of updating those records where necessary, 2 reservations have agreed they no longer wish to have those plots, and 9 plots reserved for over 70 years have had notice served on them. The Clerk will also add to the PC website the number of vacant plots left.

65/25 Finance:
Payments & Receipts

Cllr Walker **Proposed** Cllr Coe **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to allocate £300 from reserves for the Lengthsman expenses between now and November towards bench refurbishment.

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 and the Chairman signed the bank reconciliations and statements.

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lengthsman Services	Expenses Jun: Paint, 6 tonnes of basalt gravel	£453
Lengthsman Services	Expenses Jul: Hammerite Paint, Gold Paint, Painting items	£377.50
Rent-A-Cut Ltd	Inter Ashes A45 Brown	£229.25
Rent-A-Cut Ltd	Cemetery Maintenance & Liaison Officer Jun	£980
Rent-A-Cut Ltd	Cemetery Maintenance & Liaison Officer Jul	£980
Rent-A-Cut Ltd	Inter Ashes A66 Tupling	£129.95
Rent-A-Cut Ltd	Inter Grave I17 Brookes	£405
Rent-A-Cut Ltd	Compacting & Topsoil for G137, H9, G112, D207	£432
Lili Waste Services Ltd	Direct Debit Cemetery Bin Service 2 Months	£230.58
Bassetlaw District Council	CIL – Supply of Black Traflex Litter Bin Dyscarr Close	£350
Green Energy Ltd	Christmas Lights Electric 2024/25	£408.67
PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit 2024/25	£504
Post Office Ltd	50 x 2 nd Class Stamps and Envelopes	£45.19
Total Payments		<u>£5,525.14</u>

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
G.Ward Memorials Ltd	New Memorial Plot A152	£250
G.Ward Memorials Ltd	Additional Inscription G140	£100
Whitakers Memorials Ltd	Additional Inscription E108	£100
Priest Funerals Ltd	Interment I17	£880
Total Receipts		<u>£1,330</u>
<u>Unity Trust Bank</u>		
<u>Current Account</u>		£10,456.14
<u>Deposit Account</u>		£80,968.83
Grand Total All Bank Accounts		<u>£91,424.97</u>

Direct Debits (Cemetery Lilli Waste, Water Plus, Bank Charge) and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE and Pension, previously **approved**.

Ringfenced items:

• Christmas Lights	£8,809.17
• Cemetery	£17,174
• Total Earmarked Reserves	<u>£25,983.17</u>
• General Reserves	£65,441.80
• Total	<u>£91,424.97</u>

66/25 To Review &/or Re-adopt formal documentation - Standing Orders & IT Policy

Since the previous meeting Cllrs Walker, Coe & Perkins reviewed the model templates. After discussion, Cllr Hamilton **Proposed**, Cllr Walker **Seconded** that the Council **resolved** the adoption of the IT Policy with immediate effect. Cllrs are still working on the Standing Orders, to add to next agenda.

67/25 To Note Dog Fouling Issues raised with Bassetlaw District Council

Nothing new to add, add to next agenda and remove if nothing further to decide upon.

68/25 To discuss £1,000 towards the Skate Park Project

After discussion, Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Perkins **Seconded** that the Council **resolved** to commit up to £1000 towards the project, if Cllr Morris cannot raise the £1000 voluntarily.

69/25 To Note any Planning Responses 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:

- None.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7:05pm.