

Meeting of Hodsock Parish Council

Minutes of **Hodsock Parish Council Meeting** held on the 10th Mar 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	
	Ed Knox	Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
Also, Present	Gill Freeman	District Cllr

15/25 To Receive Langold Village Hall Management Committee (LVHMC) Report

A member of the Committee Advised emailed an update, which included:

- The Floor Refurbishment is complete
- The Committee Room IT upgrade and redecoration is complete
- The roof works commence on 27th March
- The fire CCTV system, fire alarms and extinguishers have been serviced.
- A fire risk assessment is being undertaken on 12th March.
- A date is being arranged for the 5-year hardwire testing
- A new cleaner and a new caretaker have been employed to start on 1st Apr.

Cllr Walker advised he is getting quotes for a new disabled access ramp and hearing loop induction system.

16/25 To Receive District & County Councillors Reports

Dist Cllr Freeman: Provided an update on the latest news from Bassetlaw Council and is investigating the rat problem near Cross Street.

County Cllr Place: Did not attend, Cllr Walker advised that Cllr Place is stepping down shortly, once a new County Cllr has been elected in May, he will ask them to escalate the various overgrown tree issues in Langold with the Highways Dept, many of which are County Council trees.

➤ Adjournment – (15-Minute Maximum) Public Forum

None.

17/25 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Coe **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Smith. Cllrs Batey, Wilkinson and Hamilton did not attend.

18/25 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

Cllr Bowker in items 22/25 & 24/25, left the room and took no part in either item.

19/25 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes

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

20/25 To discuss Langold Cemetery Matters

After discussion, Cllr Coe **Proposed**, Cllr Freeman **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to authorise the usage of the £20k cemetery reserves for the implementation of the following:

- 1) Adopt the updated cemetery rules/regulations with effect from 1st Apr 2025.
- 2) Ban new kerb sets with immediate effect.
- 3) Authorise the usage of the £20k cemetery reserves for the implementation of the Pear Technology Mapping Software, the cost of this will be £6,000 to set up and then annual cost of £340.
- 4) Three quotes have been obtained to remove the 3 silver birches, 1 ash, 1 hawthorn, 1 fir conifer and grind away the stumps, chip and remove the waste. Toparia Environmental were the best price and came with recommendations from other parishes. Cllr Coe **Proposed**, Cllr Bowker **Seconded** and the council **resolved** The PC resolved to accept the £1,595 net quote. It is likely that once the Notts County Council annual inspections are undertaken of the rest of the trees further tree surgery will be necessary.
- 5) Cllr Smith to obtain prices to have sections I, K & K resurveyed and re-numbered 'left to right' and map out the new section, numbered 'left to right' in lawn style rows. Two maps to be provided, one with a central path and one without, so that the Council can decide whether to have a path or not.

- 6) To prepare the new section of the cemetery without any trees
- 7) Clerk to look to ask the landowner of the small woodland copse at the end of the cemetery as a further new section, should they be happy to sell.

21/25 **Finance:**

Payments & Receipts

HSBC have been asked to close the old bank account several times. Their system keeps failing to send links out to the two signatories. A letter to be drafted and signed by the two signatories to send in to HSBC to complain and demand the closure of the old account with immediate effect. After discussion, Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Coe **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to draft the letter and send as soon as possible.

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>
Rent A Cut Ltd	Cemetery Maintenance	£500
Rent-A-Cut Ltd	Grave Compact/Topsoil Plots E17 & E104	£764
Rent-A-Cut Ltd	New Graves Dug Plots I50 Griffiths, G112 Wrobel, D134 Ashes Int	£907.50
Notts NALC	2 x Code of Conduct Training Course Places	£90
Notts NALC	Employment Essentials & Know Your Documents Training	£90
HSBC	Banking Fees	£10.40
Helix Binding Ltd	Minute Book Binding 1999 – 2024	£199.48
WHSmiths	2 nd Class Stamps – Cemetery Burial Forms	£13.60
Lili Waste Services Ltd	Direct Debit Cemetery Bin Service	£125.39
P.J Goulding Tree Services	Emergency Tree Surgery Cemetery Tree Fall in Section I	£1,500
G.Daykin Ltd	CIL – Village Hall Floor Renovation	£4,500
Post Office Ltd	Archive Boxes Postage to Binding Company & County Archives	£41.10
Total Payments		£8,741.47

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Co-op Funeralcare	Interment Plot E108	Goulding Full Burial + EROB Transfer x 2 £542
Co-op Funeralcare	Interment Plot D134	Andrews Ashes +EROB Transfer x 1 £241
Co-op Funeralcare	Interment Plot H9	Brunt Full Burial & New EROB £1,140
Dolby Funeral Services Ltd	Interment Plot G112	Wrobel Full Burial & New EROB £1,140
Dolby Funeral Services Ltd	Interment Plot D207	Baker Full Burial & New EROB £1,140
Dolby Funeral Services Ltd	Interment Plot G138	Dane Full Burial & New EROB £1,140
Clive Hopkinson Ltd	Interment Plot I50	Griffiths Full Burial & New EROB £1,140
Beecroft Memorials Ltd	Memorial Plot H125	Johnson New Memorial £168
Beecroft Memorials Ltd	Memorial Plot I47	Hudd New Memorial £208
Beecroft Memorials Ltd	Memorial Plot C5	Cooper New Memorial £168
Notts County Council	Lengthsman Grant	2024/25 £1,150
Total Receipts		£8,177
Unity Trust Bank		
Current Account		£34,770.24
Deposit Account		£80,000
Grand Total All Bank Accounts		£114,770.24

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

- Christmas Lights £8,809.17
- Cemetery £20,000
- CIL Money £17,410.26 (a further £36,686.81 is now claimable for April 2025)
- General Reserves £68,550.81
- **Total** **£114,770.24**

3. To Sign the CIL Draw Down Forms & discuss further CIL expenditure

Bassetlaw DC have confirmed that the £36,686.81 is made up of CIL monies from 2 sites (both 25% due to the PC holding a Neighbourhood Plan) for 21/01730/RES and 22/00212/FUL.

After discussion, the Cllr Jenkins **Proposed**, Cllr Bowker **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to claim the £36,686.81 in April.

The total existing CIL amount of £61,597.07 has been committed as follows:

- £36,750 – Hall Roof Refurbishment
- £1,921.78 Hall Roof emergency repair
- £3,750 – Hall Flooring Refurbishment
- £11,200 – Hall Boiler Replacement
- £3,290 – Hall Committee Room IT Upgrade
- £300 – Hall Tables & Chairs leg padding
- £480 – Committee Room Redecoration

Total Commitment £57,691.78

Un-Committed Available CIL to allocate £3,905.29

After discussion, the Cllr Coe **Proposed**, Cllr Jenkins **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to spend the remainder £3,905.29 on a disability access ramp to the Village Hall or a hearing aid induction loop system - Cllr Walker to obtain quotes and arrange the work with the village hall.

22/25 To Progress the Lengthsman Process

After discussion, Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Coe **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to adopt draft Lengthsman contract, detailing terms of work and the potential list of kinds of work which can be undertaken, based on 24 hours a week on a self-employed basis. Following recent interviews, there were 3 applicants, 1 didn't show for interview. The Council offered the position to Jack Bowker who will start this week.

23/25 To Note Dog Fouling Issues raised with Bassetlaw District Council

The Council noted that there is a problem in Langold with dog fouling. The Matter has been raised with Dist Cllr Freeman who's arranging a meeting between the parish council members and the environmental officers at Bassetlaw DC. Cllrs Fagan and Battey are checking, counting and identifying the location of all public waste bins in Langold and preparing a session with the Bassetlaw Environmental Officers to discuss:

- 1) The best way the PC can help to reduce any problems
- 2) Can BDC provide and install more signage?
- 3) Can we have 2 new bins, one at the cemetery and one near the allotments?
- 4) How can dog fouling offenders be prosecuted?

23/25 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:

- **25/00178/HSE - 67 Firbeck Crescent Langold Nottinghamshire S81 9SA Proposed Demolition of Existing Timber Garage, Construct Brick-Built Garage** - The Council responded that: *"The PC has no objections and supports the application."*

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda item the council voted to close the following item to members of the public due so that the Council can discuss the lease Information which is relating to a contract and the personal business affairs of the individual. Minutes of the decisions made under this item will be open to the public.

24/25 To Discuss Staffing Matters

After discussion Cllr Bowker **Proposed**, Cllr Coe **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the findings as detailed within the Confidential Appendix Report.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7:10pm.