

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2023 AT 7.00PM
IN THE LARGE HALL, THE OLD SCHOOL, NETTLEHAM**

The meeting commenced at 7pm

In attendance: - Councillor Mrs A White (Chairman) and 10 residents. Also in attendance: Cllr P Jenkinson, Cllr Mrs J Clayton, Cllr P McNeill, Cllr J Evans, Cllr J Barrett, Cllr A Henderson, Cllr C Higham, Cllr D Newsam and Lucy Waller (Parish Clerk).

Prior to the meeting the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and made a presentation thanking Councillors Evans and Clayton's for 21 year's long service to the Parish Council, prior to them stepping down as councillors in May 2023.

01/23. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 26 APRIL 2022

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the 26 April 2022 Annual Parish meeting and that they be signed as a true record of the meeting.

02/23. TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN THE LAST YEAR (1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023), FOLLOWED BY ANY QUESTIONS

The Chairman's Report was circulated which included an update on the range of projects and activities that the Council had been working on during the last twelve months. The report is attached as Appendix A of these minutes.

- No questions were received regarding the contents of the Chairman's report.

03/23. TO RECEIVE A FINANCE REPORT

The Clerk delivered a brief introduction to the circulated finance report, which is attached as Appendix B of these minutes.

04/23. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW AND RECOMMENCEMENT OF THE REG 14 CONSULTATION FOLLOWING RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN

Councillor Chris Higham delivered a presentation regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and the consultation following recent draft amendments. Key points noted were:

- The proposed amendments could be seen in full on the parish council website.
- The consultation would run from the 18th April until the 13th of June.
- The plan now incorporated new areas for potential development as identified by the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan, the identification of green areas including in Minster Fields and settlement breaks.
- The plan aimed to formalise consistency between new developments and householder extensions in regards to the ratio of number of bedrooms to provision of parking spaces.

Queries were raised regarding the impact of new developments on current village infrastructure and schooling. It was highlighted that the allocation of areas for future development was decided by the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan and not the Parish Council. While it was acknowledged that additional development would place additional burden on infrastructure, the Parish council would draw attention to this during the planning process and lobby for improvement and investment from developers.

05/23. TO CONSIDER ANY POINTS WHICH ANY PARISHIONER MAY WISH TO RAISE

A member of the public highlighted parking issues on Scothern Road near Bill Baileys Playing Field and queried the possibility of providing a small carpark on the field or an additional parking layby.

The Chairman thanked all present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 7.34pm

APPENDIX A

NETTLEHAM ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 2022 -23

This is the end of my first year as Chair of Nettleham Parish Council. I would like to thank the former Chair, John Evans, for his support as Vice-Chair. His previous experience has been invaluable to me as Chair, and to the Planning Liaison Panel and the Review of the Nettleham Neighbourhood Plan Group. The Parish Council is pleased that there will be no annual increase in the Parish Precept for the year 2023/24. We realise that residents have already encountered major increases in the cost of living and energy costs during the year and we do not want to add to those burdens. The Council has also seen a further increase in the number of new properties built within the parish, including at Minster Fields and Roman Gate. New development provides additional contributions towards the Parish Precept which in turn will help to cover our anticipated inflation related increases and financial provision towards our earmarked project reserves. We also have the receipts for the hiring of our Council buildings.

During 2022 - 2023 we have undertaken a major renovation of the **Mulsanne Park Pavilion**, having received grants to the value of £25K from the Football Association and £8K from West Lindsey District Council. The grant funding has reduced the money needed to be spent on the project from our earmarked reserves. The Pavilion has been fully refurbished to include: a new larger kitchen, new windows, new flooring and the building is now well insulated. It has solar panels on the roof and energy battery storage will help us to save on energy costs. Again, savings have been made with grant funding of £5K from West Lindsey District Council and £5K from Lincolnshire County Council. It was agreed that there be an introductory charge for the hire of Mulsanne Pavilion. The car park at Mulsanne Park now has designated spaces and the Parish Council has financed a path from the MUGA to the Stirlin estate.

Agreements with the Football and Cricket Clubs, which will facilitate grant applications in the future, have established the relationship between the clubs and the Parish Council. The **Swathe** working group has been meeting with a designer in order to extend the Council’s burial ground into the area, known as the Swathe, behind the present cemetery. The plan of the architect was approved in January 2023 and we will soon be going out to contract for the first phase. The **Review of the Nettleham Neighbourhood Plan Group** has continued working on finalising the review of the Nettleham Neighbourhood Plan. We succeeded in gaining £18K in grants for the employment of a consultant and other expenses so far. The work of the group started in March 2020 and it was initially thought that it would not be as extensive as it has proved to be. We will be going out to consultation following the Annual Parish Council on April 18, 2023.

A working party has been formed with the aim of developing a management plan to improve the habitat and encourage wildlife back into **Green Lane**. It was acknowledged that changes are inevitable as some of the existing trees age and deteriorate, but this would need to happen over a longer time frame, up to 10 years, in which time more hedgerow and wildlife friendly trees could be introduced to provide a more diverse habitat.

It was agreed the first stage is to obtain an independent baseline assessment of existing trees and ecology. The **Climate Change Strategy** tent at the village Carnival in July 2022 attracted a lot of attention and many residents pedalled the bike for a smoothie and completed the quiz. There have been several climate change initiatives including tree planting at the Fire and Rescue HQ, Mulsanne Park and Minster Fields. The Parish Council now has an electric powered van and there is an electric charging point at the Parish Office.

And, there is a TerraCycle bin for Pringles tubes at the Old School which is raising money for both Nettleham schools

The **Sustainable Travel Group** has instigated a review of the speed on the A46 from Nettleham to the Nettleham bypass roundabout and enabled cycling white lines outside Beckside Nursery. A solar powered speed indication device has been installed and discussions with Lincolnshire County Council about traffic management are ongoing. We have just heard that the proposal for a 40mph limit along Lodge Lane is out for consultation.

Flash **flooding** around the centre of the village in August 2022 led to a site meeting in October 2022 with Lincolnshire County Council officers, Ryan Davies and Joe Phillips. This was arranged by Flood Lead for West Lindsey, Councillor Ady Selby, who was also in attendance. Accompanied by residents who had been personally affected, the group walked along the beck to the Rookery. Here reports of sewerage coming up Annual Parish Meeting – 18/04/23. Signed:.....Date..... 2

had been reported to Anglian Water. They had investigated with a camera and reported bricks and tree roots which were removed.

Following the visit there was a camera inspection of the drains alongside the Green and Vicarage Lane. Lincolnshire County Council has set out a maintenance plan.

There is now a Nettleham Ward **Emergency Plan** with a group of volunteers from Nettleham, Riseholme and Minster Fields. The initial concern was flooding but the group has to be prepared for any type of emergency. Thanks to Lincolnshire County Council Emergency Planning officers, Steve-Eason-Harris and Mark Garthwaite for their support.

We welcome the appointment of Inspector Mike Head to the West Lindsey Neighbourhood Policing Team. The Vice-Chair, John Evans and Chair, Angela White, met with Inspector Head and raised concerns about some of the anti-social behaviour at sites in the village, particularly Linelands and Mulsanne Park. We were advised to install good quality CCTV cameras at Mulsanne Park to support police action.

A **Blue Plaque** scheme has been initiated for the village. The first one in place is at Beck House. The owners assisted in the research on the history of the house and details are available online. The second plaque went to the Plough Inn and a plaque for the Institute is in progress.

At the July 2022 Parish Council meeting John Evans, on behalf of Nettleham Parish Council, received the LALC award for Lincolnshire **Parish Council of the Year** and Debbie Locker received the Lincolnshire **Clerk of the Year**.

The recipient of this year's **Ray Sellars Community Award** was Dave Ranshaw, in recognition for his work at Mulsanne Park over the last 50 years. Other deserving nominees were Pearl Wheatley of Nettleham Heritage Association and Lulu Wood of Buddies Dementia Cafe.

Finally, on September 11 2022 I was able to make the start of the reign of King Charles III with a proclamation on the Green following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II on September 8, 2022.

We are hoping to access the proposed allotments at Cricketers Walk during the coming year.

We will also undertake a review of the present play equipment in the village to assess future needs and look at doing work at the Old School, including insulation.

At the end of February 2023, we said good bye to Debbie Locker, our Parish Clerk since the summer of 2018 and welcomed Lucy Waller as our new Clerk at the end of March 2023. Lucy is an experienced and well-qualified Clerk. Her previous post was as Clerk to Market Rasen Town Council.

We owe special thanks to Claire Ward, Assistant Clerk, Jane Ashby, Facilities Manager, Kevin Pyrah, Handyman and Louise Bromfield, Financial Assistant, who kept the office open and 'business as usual' during the interim.

Finally, I would like to thank fellow Councillors for their support and commitment. They have all contributed to the work of the Council. I recognise in particular Councillor Janice Clayton and Councillor John Evans who have both served the Council for 21 years.

Following the first meeting of the new Parish Council in May 2023 we will be looking to co-opt Councillors to join the elected members. If you are interested and would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact us via the Parish Office.

Councillor Mrs A White

APPENDIX B

NETTLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Financial Report – 2022/2023

1. Introduction

At the Full Council meeting 18/01/2022 the Parish Council approved a total budget requirement of £ 239,268 for the financial year 2022/2023 - made up of:

- Anticipated income of £47,970
- A precept demand of £ 191,198 (equating to a 0% increase on resident's council tax demands and an annual band D cost of £121.66.
- £100 Council tax Grant from WLDC.

2. 2022-2023 accounts – not finalised

This year, the Annual Meeting of the Parish is being held prior to the close down of accounts.

In view of this the final budget figures are not available as the year end close down process has not yet been finalised. However, the Accounting Statements 2022/23 will be published prior to the 1st of July 2023.

3. Anticipated Budget position

3.1 Budgeted income against anticipated actuals.

(Please note these figures may be subject to change following the year end close down.)

	The income budgeted for 2022/23	Anticipated income as at 31/03/2023	Difference
Old School	£23,890.00	£34,011.00	£10,121.00
Mulsanne Pavilion	£11,250.00	£11,430.00	£180.00
Burial Ground	£9,000.00	£13,305.00	£4,305.00
Allotments	£24.00	£16.00	-£8.00
Agency grass cutting	£2,646.00	£2,865.00	£219.00
Admin e.g. interest	£620.00	£685.00	£65.00
Village facilities	£0.00	£225.00	£225.00
Totals	£47,430.00	£62,537.00	£15,107

4. Cash Position

4.1 The cash position at the 31 March 2023 was a total of £317,366.26 held in 4 bank accounts.

5. Loans Outstanding

5.1 There are five loans outstanding from the Public Works Loan Board amounting to £81,466.59 at 31 March 2023.

6. Accumulated Capital Reserves

6.1 At the 31 March 2023, there were the following reserve balances: -

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320	LARCH AVE - S106	£19,235.00
		<u>£19,235.00</u>
322	Mulsanne Park	£10,221.61
323	Old School	£10,625.55
324	Major Projects/Old School Wall	£30,249.00
326	Bill Baileys	£16,104.19
328	Mulsanne Park Play Equipment	£46,103.00
329	Tennis Court Maintenance Fund	£24,360.00
333	Burial Ground – Memorial Safety	£3,555.00
334	Village Beck	£3,500.00
	The Swathe - Burial Ground	
335	Extension	£18,038.77
336	FP-Permissive Paths	£1,207.00

337	Election expenses	£3,476.85
338	Legal costs	£2,010.00
339	Tree works	£3,700.00
340	Minster Fields	£1,000.00
341	C.I.L	£3,614.17
350	Capital Receipts	£6,357.00
		<u>£184,122.14</u>