



You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Nettleham Parish Council which will be held on
Tuesday 8 September 2026 commencing at 7.15 pm at the Small Hall, Old School.

The business to be dealt with at the meeting is listed in the agenda.

Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda. This must be done in the Public Questions item, and members of the Public cannot interrupt the business of the meeting at other times, unless Standing Orders are suspended by the Chair of the Council.

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Carl Thomas
Clerk to the Council
02/09/2026

AGENDA

- 1 Public session (15 minutes)
- 2 To receive apologies and reasons for absence
- 3 To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 - being any pecuniary or non pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members Register of Interests.
- 4 To approve draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21/07/26
- 5 To note the Clerk to the Council's report
- 6 Planning Matters & Applications
 - a) Planning: WL/2026/00713 - The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Nettleham
Planning application for removal of existing double garage and construction of single storey extension (25162)
 - b) Planning: WL/2026/ 00759 - 2 Ridgeway, Nettleham, LN2 2TL
Planning application for rear extension to form a bedroom includes the removal of existing conservatory(25173)
 - c) Any other planning matters, including any applications received after the agenda was published
 - d) To update following meet with Truelove Developments
- 7 Financial Matters
 - a) To approve accounting statements for the period ending 31/08/26
 - b) To approve the schedule of payments
 - c) To note conclusion of external audit
 - d) To note funding status for Borehole project
- 8 Committee Reports
 - a) To note Properties Committee meeting 01/09/26
- 9 Working Groups
 - b) To note Conservation Area WG meeting



- 10 c) To consider future structure of The Beck and Conservation Area Working Group
Parish Matters
- a) Tree walk leaflet
- b) To discuss proposals for BMX bike track
- 11 Next meeting will be Tuesday 20/10/25 at 7.15 pm
Items for the agenda by 13/10/25
- 12 To resolve to go into closed session in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed
- 13 Bishops Meadow lease
- 14 To note and agree course of action on a staffing matter



Minutes of the Nettleham Parish Council held at 7.15 pm at the Small Hall, Old School on 21 July 2026

Present: Cllr A. White (Chair), Cllr P. McNeill, Cllr C. Payne, Cllr D. Newsam, Cllr A. Simpson, Cllr T. Crook,
Cllr C. Johnson,
In Attendance: C. Thomas (Clerk), Cllr F. Brown (WLDC),
Members of public present: 9

1 Public session (15 minutes) - Ref: 358

Members of the public spoke with regards to the weeds in The Beck and pot holes within The Ford. They were advised and acknowledged that these matters had already been addressed. They also spoke about significant anti social behaviour difficulties around their properties along The Beck which the PC were not aware of. The Parish Council have no powers with regards to ASB and they were advised to report issues to the Police and build up a diary of incidents. The PC would support any action and was hopeful to having a meeting with the Police shortly.

2 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 359

Cllr P. Lidbury

3 To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 - being any pecuniary or non pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members Register of Interests. - Ref: 360

Cllr C. Johnson in items 9c and 12b (non pecuniary)

4 To approve draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16/06/26 - Ref: 361

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record

5 To approve draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19/05/26 (closed session) - Ref: 362

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record

6 To note the Clerk to the Council's report - Ref: 363

The Clerks report was note.

Cllr A. Simpson pointed out the the drop kerbs had not been completed yet parking restrictions have. The Clerk would take this back to LCC.

7 To elect members to the HR Committee - Ref: 364

Cllrs P. McNeil, A. Simpson and C. Johnson were elected to the HR Committee

8 Planning Matters & Applications - Ref: 365

a) Planning: WL/2026/00549 - 10 Greenfields, Nettleham - Ref: 366

Conversion of garage, rear extension and replacement porch.(25046)

No objections

b) Planning: WL/2026/ 00622 6 North Street, Nettleham, LN2 2PA - Ref: 367

Planning application for removal of existing 'lean to' extension to dwelling, and partial removal of existing outbuilding, construction of extension, conversion of existing outbuilding, and reconfigure existing external works to provide new main entrance, parking space and rear terrace; soft landscaping amended as necessary. No objections

c) Any other planning matters, including any applications received after the agenda was published - Ref: 368

Planning applications WL/2026/00648 and WL/2026/00646 were briefly discussed but with the limited information available it was agreed to seek an extension to the consultation deadline to discuss at the next meeting on 8th September. Should the extension not be agreed any comments would be considered under delegated powers.

9 Financial Matters - Ref: 369

a) To approve accounting statements for the period ending 30/06/26 - Ref: 370

These are draft minutes and have not been formally approved and adopted



It was resolved to approve the Accounting Statements ending 30/06/26

b) To approve the schedule of payments - Ref: 371

It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments totalling £35237.24

c) To discuss grant application from Nettleham Tennis Club - Ref: 372

Cllr C. Johnson left the room during this item

It was resolved to approve the grant application of £1400.

10 Committee Reports - Ref: 373

None available

11 Working Groups - Ref: 374

None available

12 Parish Matters - Ref: 375

a) Storage Container at Mulsanne Park(25059) - Ref: 376

It was resolved to purchase a storage/workshop container at a cost of £2290 from CIL reserves which would be located at Mulsanne Park.

b) Tennis Club Grounds Maintenance - Ref: 377

Cllr C. Johnson left the room during this item

It was resolved to appoint a contractor up to £1000 to maintain the trees subject to consultation with nearby residents.

c) Waiting Restrictions - Deepdale Enterprise Park(25069) - Ref: 378

Concerns were raised that should the restrictions be applied parking would move to either Baker Drive or Deepdale Lane which would create more problems. Alternative parking could be considered. The Clerk would raise the concerns with Lincolnshire County Council.

d) To adopt Allotments Policy & Tenancy Agreement - Ref: 379

It was resolved to adopt the policy and agreement subject to clarification on whether fires are permitted or not.

13 Policy Reviews - Ref: 380

a) CCTV Policy (essential) - Ref: 381

It was resolved to adopt this policy

b) Data Breach Policy (essential) - Ref: 382

It was resolved to adopt this policy

c) Data Protection Policy (essential) - Ref: 383

It was resolved to adopt this policy

d) Debt Recovery Policy (desirable) - Ref: 384

It was resolved to adopt this policy

e) Subject Access Request Policy (recommend withdrawal) - Ref: 385

It was resolved to discard this policy

14 Next meeting will be Tuesday 08/09/25 at 7.15 pm - Ref: 386

Items for the agenda by 01/09/25

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm



Public Tracking Report

Allotment Software**Ref:** 24279**Created:** 07/08/2025

Approved at NPC meeting 24/09/24. To be considered when new allotments are available.

New Allotments**Ref:** 24280**Created:** 07/08/2025

Electrical work completed in building. Internals planned through September.
Work on grounds to commence mid September for handover end of September

Dropped Kerbs Co-Op Vicarage Lane**Ref:** 24473**Created:** 20/10/2025

TRO implemented. Dropped kerbs not installed. LCC investigating.

Reduction of Speed Limit on A158**Ref:** 24714**Created:** 21/02/2026

TRO request submitted for a review of A158 between Greetwell and Sudbrooke.
Sudbrooke, North Greetwell & Reapham PC and relevant district councillors invited to support the request.
Reapham PC, Cllr. J. Brockway agreed to support.

Bus Shelter - Waskdyke Lane**Ref:** 24726**Created:** 25/02/2026

Shelter approved by LCC. Work expected to be completed mid September.

Bishops Meadow Lease**Ref:** 24727**Created:** 25/02/2026

Updated proposal emailed to Savills 04/05/26. Offer rejected 18/06/26.
Awaiting response and renewal of lease terms

Yu Energy Query**Ref:** 24840**Created:** 24/03/2026

Yu Energy now accept invoicing error. Credits of £12k+ received.
Energy Ombudsman issued decision notice to Yu Energy to refund/compensate.



Nettleham Parish Council

Accounting Statements

Financial Year Ending 31st March 2027

Period Ending 31st August 2026

Month 5

Summary Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 01/09/2026

Month No: 5

Cost Centre Report

		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
101	ADMINISTRATION							
	Income	52	224,463	233,750	9,287			96.0%
	Expenditure	13,397	84,221	181,721	97,500	222	97,278	46.5%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(13,344)	140,241	52,029	(88,212)			
102	OLD SCHOOL							
	Income	643	13,503	29,250	15,747			46.2%
	Expenditure	360	7,045	13,614	6,569	507	6,062	55.5%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	282	6,458	15,636	9,178			
103	BURIAL GROUNDS							
	Income	645	5,485	13,000	7,515			42.2%
	Expenditure	245	1,230	4,497	3,268		3,268	27.3%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	400	4,256	8,503	4,248			
104	ALLOTMENTS							
	Income	0	0	1,450	1,450			0.0%
	Expenditure	0	94	4,092	3,998	9	3,988	2.5%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	(94)	(2,642)	(2,548)			
105	VILLAGE/PARISH FACILITES							
	Expenditure	2,257	42,549	32,146	(10,403)	907	(11,311)	135.2%
	plus Transfer from EMR	0	10,212	0	(10,212)			
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(2,257)	(32,337)	(32,146)	191			
106	MULSANNE PARK							
	Income	181	1,692	11,000	9,308			15.4%
	Expenditure	3,474	25,807	22,534	(3,273)	690	(3,963)	117.6%
	Net Income over Expenditure	(3,293)	(24,115)	(11,534)	12,581			
	plus Transfer from EMR	0	7,342	0	(7,342)			
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(3,293)	(16,774)	(11,534)	5,240			
107	BISHOPS PALACE SITE							
	Expenditure	26	148	2,280	2,132		2,132	6.5%
109	PARISH OFFICE							
	Expenditure	0	0	2,691	2,691		2,691	0.0%
112	THE SWATHE							
	Expenditure	0	265	2,300	2,035		2,035	11.5%
120	LCC - GRASS CUTTING							
	Income	0	0	2,646	2,646			0.0%
	Expenditure	760	4,486	10,882	6,396		6,396	41.2%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(760)	(4,486)	(8,236)	(3,750)			
130	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE							
	Expenditure	0	0	219	219		219	0.0%
131	CAPITAL INCOME							
	Income	0	8,345	0	(8,345)			0.0%
201	FIELDPATHS							
	Expenditure	369	726	2,800	2,074		2,074	25.9%
	Grand Totals:- Income	1,521	253,488	291,096	37,608			87.1%
	Expenditure	20,887	166,572	279,776	113,204	2,335	110,869	60.4%
	Net Income over Expenditure	(19,367)	86,916	11,320	(75,596)			
	plus Transfer from EMR	0	17,554	0	(17,554)			
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(19,367)	104,470	11,320	(93,150)			

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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 01/09/2026

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Cost Centre Report

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
101 ADMINISTRATION								
1176 PRECEPT RECEIVED	0	223,350	223,350	0			100.0%	
1177 ADM-WLDC CTAX CONTRIBUTION	0	0	100	100			0.0%	
1184 ADM - INCOME MISC	52	192	300	108			63.9%	
1196 ADM - INTEREST REC'D	0	921	10,000	9,079			9.2%	
ADMINISTRATION :- Income	52	224,463	233,750	9,287			96.0%	0
1101 ADM - STAFF SALARIES	11,433	60,037	140,000	79,963		79,963	42.9%	
1104 ADM - CONTRACTOR COSTS	434	1,950	7,872	5,922		5,922	24.8%	
1108 ADM - TRAINING	0	80	1,500	1,420		1,420	5.3%	
1109 ADM - STAFF TRAVEL	0	0	50	50		50	0.0%	
1116 ADM - CLEANING MATERIALS	0	6	328	322	28	294	10.4%	
1117 ADM - CHAIRMAN'S ALL	0	0	177	177		177	0.0%	
1119 ADM - IT MANAGEMENT	383	5,237	8,755	3,518		3,518	59.8%	
1120 ADM - MISC EST COSTS	0	94	461	367		367	20.4%	
1121 ADM - TELEPHONE/BROADBAND	293	2,025	3,074	1,049		1,049	65.9%	
1123 ADM - PRINT/STATIONERY	0	(53)	1,000	1,053	193	859	14.1%	
1124 ADM - SUBSCRIPTIONS	0	327	900	573		573	36.4%	
1125 ADM - INSURANCE	0	4,153	5,964	1,811		1,811	69.6%	
1127 ADM - P/COPIER CONTRCT	0	98	132	34		34	74.1%	
1129 ADM - ADVERTISING	0	102	500	398		398	20.4%	
1130 ADM - OFFICE EQUIPMENT	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
1137 ADM - ROUTINE REPAIRS/MAINTENC	0	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
1140 ADM - REFUSE COLLECTION	0	262	610	348		348	43.0%	
1153 ADM - LOAN REPAYMENTS	0	4,052	0	(4,052)		(4,052)	0.0%	
1154 ADM - VILLAGE HALL LOAN	0	0	3,782	3,782		3,782	0.0%	
1157 ADM - AUDIT FEES	840	210	1,500	1,290		1,290	14.0%	
1158 ADM - BANK FEES	14	131	316	185		185	41.6%	
1162 ADM - S137 GRANTS	0	5,436	0	(5,436)		(5,436)	0.0%	
1164 ADM - GRANTS GENERAL	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
1165 ADM - CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIV	0	0	2,500	2,500		2,500	0.0%	
1912 PO-WATER	0	63	0	(63)		(63)	0.0%	
1914 PO-ELECTRICITY	0	10	0	(10)		(10)	0.0%	
ADMINISTRATION :- Indirect Expenditure	13,397	84,221	181,721	97,500	222	97,278	46.5%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(13,344)	140,241	52,029	(88,212)				
102 OLD SCHOOL								
1281 OS-SMALL ROOM	310	6,160	13,500	7,340			45.6%	
1282 OS-LARGE ROOM	245	6,495	15,000	8,505			43.3%	
1283 OS-KITCHEN	60	641	500	(141)			128.2%	

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1284 OS-MISC INCOME	0	0	250	250			0.0%	
1285 OS-STORAGE INCOME	28	207	0	(207)			0.0%	
OLD SCHOOL :- Income	643	13,503	29,250	15,747			46.2%	0
1204 OS-CONTRACTOR COSTS	208	1,700	4,500	2,800		2,800	37.8%	
1212 OS-WATER	0	181	491	310		310	36.8%	
1214 OS-ELECTRICITY	0	1,553	1,294	(259)		(259)	120.0%	
1215 OS-GAS	91	3,004	3,471	467		467	86.6%	
1216 OS-CLEANING MATERIAL	0	95	683	588	480	108	84.2%	
1219 OS-PERFORMING RIGHTS	61	61	75	14		14	81.1%	
1220 OS-MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	100	100	28	72	27.6%	
1237 OS-ROUTINE MAINT/REPAIRS	0	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%	
1240 OS-REFUSE COLLECTION	0	451	1,000	549		549	45.1%	
OLD SCHOOL :- Indirect Expenditure	360	7,045	13,614	6,569	507	6,062	55.5%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	282	6,458	15,636	9,178				
103 BURIAL GROUNDS								
1381 BG-INCOME	645	5,485	13,000	7,515			42.2%	
BURIAL GROUNDS :- Income	645	5,485	13,000	7,515			42.2%	0
1312 BG-WATER RATES	0	27	99	72		72	27.0%	
1336 BG-GRASS CUTTING	192	1,150	4,398	3,248		3,248	26.1%	
2036 TS - GRASS CUTTING	53	53	0	(53)		(53)	0.0%	
BURIAL GROUNDS :- Indirect Expenditure	245	1,230	4,497	3,268	0	3,268	27.3%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	400	4,256	8,503	4,248				
104 ALLOTMENTS								
1481 ALL-INCOME	0	0	1,450	1,450			0.0%	
ALLOTMENTS :- Income	0	0	1,450	1,450			0.0%	0
1412 ALL-WATER RATES	0	54	171	117		117	31.8%	
1413 ALL-RENT	0	40	71	31		31	56.3%	
1437 ALL-ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	0	0	3,500	3,500	9	3,491	0.3%	
1438 ALL-ELECTRICITY	0	0	350	350		350	0.0%	
ALLOTMENTS :- Indirect Expenditure	0	94	4,092	3,998	9	3,988	2.5%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	0	(94)	(2,642)	(2,548)				
105 VILLAGE/PARISH FACILITES								
1503 VF -TRAVEL ALLOW - F/STAFF	0	0	318	318		318	0.0%	

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1504 VF-CONTRACTOR COSTS	0	9,002	1,000	(8,002)	710	(8,712)	971.2%	7,730
1505 VF - WORKS VEHICLE	330	1,665	5,000	3,335		3,335	33.3%	
1512 VF-WATER RATES	0	18	108	90		90	17.0%	
1514 VF-ELECTRICITY	0	(15)	0	15		15	0.0%	
1519 VF-PERFORMANCE RIGHTS	160	160	165	5		5	97.1%	
1520 VF-MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	72	72		72	0.0%	
1521 VF - SPEED REDUCTION	0	2,350	2,500	150		150	94.0%	
1532 VF - COMMUNITY EVENTS	0	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%	
1534 VF-FLORAL DISPLAYS	0	1,136	1,383	247		247	82.1%	
1535 VF-BECK AMENITY	0	2,400	0	(2,400)		(2,400)	0.0%	
1536 VF-GRASS CUTTING	307	1,840	5,800	3,960		3,960	31.7%	
1537 VF-ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	166	184	1,000	816	32	784	21.6%	
1539 VF-VILLAGE GREEN TEL KIOSK	0	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
1540 VF-REFUSE COLLECTION	0	70	100	30		30	70.0%	
1541 VF-WEED SPRAYING	862	862	2,000	1,138		1,138	43.1%	
1542 VF-TREE MAINTENANCE	0	3,850	5,000	1,150		1,150	77.0%	
1546 VF-PLAY EQUIP REPAIR & SERVICE	0	16,816	2,600	(14,216)		(14,216)	646.8%	2,483
1551 VF-VILLAGE SEATS - MAINTENANCE	0	330	0	(330)		(330)	0.0%	
1564 VF - DEFIBRILATOR	0	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
1565 VF - PPE EQUIPMENT	116	238	750	512	99	412	45.0%	
1566 VF - TOOLS /SUNDRIES	316	1,642	1,800	158	66	92	94.9%	
VILLAGE/PARISH FACILITES :- Indirect Expenditure	2,257	42,549	32,146	(10,403)	907	(11,311)	135.2%	10,212
Net Expenditure	(2,257)	(42,549)	(32,146)	10,403				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	0	10,212	0	(10,212)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(2,257)	(32,337)	(32,146)	191				
106 MULSANNE PARK								
1681 MP-GROUND LETTINGS	0	550	9,500	8,950			5.8%	
1682 MP-PAVILION LETTINGS	78	468	1,000	532			46.8%	
1684 MP-MISC INCOME	103	674	500	(174)			134.8%	
MULSANNE PARK :- Income	181	1,692	11,000	9,308			15.4%	0
1604 MP-CONTRACTOR COSTS	132	11,829	6,000	(5,829)		(5,829)	197.1%	7,342
1612 MP-WATER RATES	0	696	2,174	1,478		1,478	32.0%	
1614 MP-ELECTRICITY	486	1,636	1,900	264		264	86.1%	
1615 MP-GAS	0	2,565	2,260	(305)		(305)	113.5%	
1616 MP-CLEANING MATERIALS	0	250	500	250	674	(425)	184.9%	
1619 MP-PERFORMING RIGHTS	304	374	500	126		126	74.9%	
1621 MP-TELEPHONE	0	0	700	700		700	0.0%	
1636 MP-GRASS CUTTING	78	2,715	5,300	2,585		2,585	51.2%	

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Cost Centre Report

		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
1637	MP-ROUTINE MAINT/REPAIRS	2,474	4,951	2,000	(2,951)	15	(2,966)	248.3%	
1640	MP-REFUSE COLLECTION	0	791	1,200	409		409	65.9%	
	MULSANNE PARK :- Indirect Expenditure	3,474	25,807	22,534	(3,273)	690	(3,963)	117.6%	7,342
	Net Income over Expenditure	(3,293)	(24,115)	(11,534)	12,581				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	7,342	0	(7,342)				
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(3,293)	(16,774)	(11,534)	5,240				
<u>107</u>	<u>BISHOPS PALACE SITE</u>								
1712	BP - WATER	0	18	0	(18)		(18)	0.0%	
1713	BP - RENT	0	0	280	280		280	0.0%	
1736	BP - GRASS CUTTING	26	130	2,000	1,871		1,871	6.5%	
	BISHOPS PALACE SITE :- Indirect Expenditure	26	148	2,280	2,132	0	2,132	6.5%	0
	Net Expenditure	(26)	(148)	(2,280)	(2,132)				
<u>109</u>	<u>PARISH OFFICE</u>								
1912	PO-WATER	0	0	191	191		191	0.0%	
1914	PO-ELECTRICITY	0	0	2,500	2,500		2,500	0.0%	
	PARISH OFFICE :- Indirect Expenditure	0	0	2,691	2,691	0	2,691	0.0%	0
	Net Expenditure	0	0	(2,691)	(2,691)				
<u>112</u>	<u>THE SWATHE</u>								
2036	TS - GRASS CUTTING	0	265	300	35		35	88.3%	
2037	TS - ROUTINE MAINT/REPAIRS	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
2042	TS - TREE MAINTENANCE (DONT	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
	THE SWATHE :- Indirect Expenditure	0	265	2,300	2,035	0	2,035	11.5%	0
	Net Expenditure	0	(265)	(2,300)	(2,035)				
<u>120</u>	<u>LCC - GRASS CUTTING</u>								
12086	HIGHWAY VERGES-INCOME	0	0	2,646	2,646			0.0%	
	LCC - GRASS CUTTING :- Income	0	0	2,646	2,646			0.0%	0
12036	HIGHWAY VERGES-GRASS CUTTING	760	4,486	10,882	6,396		6,396	41.2%	
	LCC - GRASS CUTTING :- Indirect Expenditure	760	4,486	10,882	6,396	0	6,396	41.2%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(760)	(4,486)	(8,236)	(3,750)				

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 01/09/2026

Month No: 5

Cost Centre Report

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
130 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE								
13004 SECTION 106 EXPENDITURE	0	0	219	219		219	0.0%	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(219)</u>	<u>(219)</u>				
131 CAPITAL INCOME								
13125 INCOME - CIL	0	8,345	0	(8,345)			0.0%	
CAPITAL INCOME :- Income	<u>0</u>	<u>8,345</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(8,345)</u>				<u>0</u>
Net Income	<u>0</u>	<u>8,345</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(8,345)</u>				
201 FIELDPATHS								
2120 FP-MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
2136 FP-GRASS CUTTING	369	726	2,600	1,874		1,874	27.9%	
FIELDPATHS :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>369</u>	<u>726</u>	<u>2,800</u>	<u>2,074</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,074</u>	<u>25.9%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(369)</u>	<u>(726)</u>	<u>(2,800)</u>	<u>(2,074)</u>				
Grand Totals:- Income	1,521	253,488	291,096	37,608			87.1%	
Expenditure	20,887	166,572	279,776	113,204	2,335	110,869	60.4%	
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(19,367)</u>	<u>86,916</u>	<u>11,320</u>	<u>(75,596)</u>				
plus Transfer from EMR	0	17,554	0	(17,554)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(19,367)</u>	<u>104,470</u>	<u>11,320</u>	<u>(93,150)</u>				



BANK RECONCILIATION AND CASH POSITION

31st August 2026

Account balance as at 31/08/26

Co Op Current Account	5738.94
Co Op 14 Day Account	31.07
Unity Current Account	21691.23
Unity Savings Account	66399.72
Charity Bank	100000.00
Redwood Bank	130000.00
Hinckley & Rugby BS	125010.00

Total Funds as at 31/08/26 448870.96

General Reserves

3 months running costs 55000

Earmarked Reserves

322 Mulsanne Park	27562.00
323 Old School	21026.00
326 Bill Bailey's Capital Projects	32104.00
328 Play Equipment	68894.00
329 Tennis Courts	18094.00
333 Memorial Safety	5555.00
334 Village Beck	
335 Burial Ground Extension	17243.00
336 Permissive Paths	2207.00
337 Election Cost	4000.00
338 Legal Costs	2500.00
339 Tree Work Reserve	16420.00
340 Minster Fields	3000.00
341 EMR CIL -COMM INFRASTR LEV'	22248.00
342 Old School wall	45814.00
343 Reactive speed signs (maint)	1040.00

Total reserves 287707.00

REMAINING FUNDS 106163.96



Analysis of Payments Made

August 2026

Date	Ref	Payee Name	Total	Detail
03/08/2026	2315	EXECUTIVE CLEANING	68.25	Adjust invoice 2315
04/08/2026	CB755	AMAZON	9.98	Amazon - Henry hoover bags
04/08/2026	CB756	ADAPTAINER LTD	192.00	Container delivery
05/08/2026	CB757	Co-operative Bank	13.82	BACS Fees
06/08/2026	CB758	AMAZON	21.32	Amazon - engine oil
06/08/2026	CB762	AMAZON	23.39	Amazon - engine oil
07/08/2026	CB759	AMAZON	16.89	Amazon - lubricant
07/08/2026	CB760	AMAZON	50.44	Amazon - chain saw chain
07/08/2026	CB761	BT	221.40	BT
07/08/2026	CB763	TSSC Ltd	139.01	TSSC Ltd - chainsaw PPE
10/08/2026	CRH82	C R Hansard Limited	2760.00	Hansard - blue container
12/08/2026	CB752	YU Energy Retail Ltd	95.69	YU Energy
13/08/2026	CB764	OCTOPUS ENERGY LTD.	510.03	Octopus - MP Elec
14/08/2026	CB766	QuickCrop	85.85	QuickCrop
18/08/2026	TF CT	Petty Cash	200.00	Cash from CT
19/08/2026	CB767	AMAZON	24.95	Amazon - chisel set
19/08/2026	CB768	AMAZON	36.98	Amazon - container padlock
19/08/2026	CB769	AMAZON	157.92	Amazon - brushless drill
19/08/2026	CB780	FLEETDRIVE MANAGEMENT	395.95	Fleetdrive - electric van hire
20/08/2026	CB781	VATIX	63.84	VATIX
21/08/2026	CB782	EE	130.00	EE
21/08/2026	WAGES	DATAPLAN PAYROLL LTD	10713.75	Staff Aug salaries
21/08/2026		Pension Contribution	719.26	Pension Contribution
24/08/2026	CB765	PENINSULA	217.55	Peninsula
			16868.27	

This report should be read in conjunction with the Schedule of Payments



Analysis of Investments and Cash Holdings

As at 31st August 2026

Bank	Account Type	Amount	Interest	Potential Interest PA
Co Op	Instant Access Savings	31.07	1.06%	0.33
Unity	Instant Access Savings	66399.72	1.95%	1294.79
Charity Bank	1 year fixed (to 21 Aug 26)	100000.00	3.61%	3610.00
Redwood Bank	95 day notice	130000.00	3.50%	4550.00
Hinckley & Rugby	90 day notice	125010.00	2.80%	3500.28
		421440.79		12955.40

Unity Bank	Current Account	21691.23
Co Op Bank	Current Account	5738.94
		27430.17

448870.96

All banks are protected up to £120,000 per bank

Schedule of Payments

August 2026

Invoice Date	Ref	Supplier	Nett	VAT	Total
21/07/2026	697	ACTIVE8	30.73	6.15	36.88
23/07/2026	701	KONICA	45.03	9.01	54.04
28/07/2026	702	EDF	-14.69	-2.94	-17.63
28/07/2026	703	WLDC	-248.33	-49.67	-298.00
31/07/2026	704	LINC WEB DESIGN	149.00	0.00	149.00
03/08/2026	705	ACTIVE8	54.13	10.83	64.96
TOTAL INVOICES			15.87	-26.62	-10.75

14/07/2026	CB741	OCTOPUS ENERGY LTD.	383.95	19.20	403.15	Octopus - MP Elec
23/07/2026	CB742	PENINSULA	181.29	36.26	217.55	Peninsula
16/07/2026	CB743	PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD	4051.60	0.00	4051.60	PWLB - repayment
17/07/2026	CB744	FLEETDRIVE MANAGEMENT	329.96	65.99	395.95	Electric van
21/07/2026	CB745	AMAZON	11.65	2.33	13.98	Amazon - locks
23/07/2026	CB746		719.26	0.00	719.26	
30/07/2026	CB747	YU Energy Retail Ltd	101.63	5.08	106.71	YU - OS Elec
31/07/2026	CB748	Unity Trust Bank	12.40	0.00	12.40	Unity charges
28/07/2026	CB749	ADAPTAINER LTD	2130.00	426.00	2556.00	Locking container
30/07/2026	CB750	BT	318.57	63.71	382.28	BT - phones/internet
31/07/2026	CB751	DATAPLAN PAYROLL LTD	68.15	13.63	81.78	Dataplan - payroll fees
07/07/2026	CB752	B&Q DIRECT	41.66	8.33	49.99	B&Q - supplies
21/07/2026	CB753	VATIX	53.20	10.64	63.84	VATIX
21/07/2026	CB754	EE	108.33	21.67	130.00	EE
04/08/2026	CB755	AMAZON	8.32	1.66	9.98	Amazon - Henry hoover
04/08/2026	CB756	ADAPTAINER LTD	160.00	32.00	192.00	Container delivery
05/08/2026	CB757	Co-operative Bank	13.82	0.00	13.82	BACS Fees
06/08/2026	CB758	AMAZON	17.77	3.55	21.32	Amazon - engine oil
07/08/2026	CB759	AMAZON	14.07	2.82	16.89	Amazon - lubricant
07/08/2026	CB760	AMAZON	42.03	8.41	50.44	Amazon - chain saw
07/08/2026	CB761	BT	184.50	36.90	221.40	BT
06/08/2026	CB762	AMAZON	19.49	3.90	23.39	Amazon - engine oil
10/08/2026	CRH82	C R Hansard Limited	2300.00	460.00	2760.00	Hansard - blue container
23/07/2026	WAGES	DATAPLAN PAYROLL LTD	12343.72	0.00	12343.72	Staff July salaries
			23615.37	1222.08	24837.45	

Authorised Signatory	Authorised Signatory
Print Name	Print Name
Date	Date

Schedule of Payments

September 2026

Invoice Date	Ref	Supplier	Nett	VAT	Total
18/08/2026	706	ACTIVE8	30.73	6.15	36.88
11/08/2026	707	B KNIGHTS	105.00	21.00	126.00
25/08/2026	708	B KNIGHTS	35.24	7.05	42.29
06/08/2026	709	LINDUMFIRE	99.73	19.94	119.67
06/08/2026	710	LINDUMFIRE	172.02	34.40	206.42
06/08/2026	711	LINDUMFIRE	55.00	11.00	66.00
27/08/2026	712	LINCOLNSECURITY	144.68	28.94	173.62
02/08/2026	713	NETTLEHAMFC	78.00	0.00	78.00
07/08/2026	714	PKFLITTLE	840.00	168.00	1008.00
03/08/2026	715	PPLPRS	304.40	60.88	365.28
03/08/2026	716	PPLPRS	160.14	32.03	192.17
03/08/2026	717	PPLPRS	60.80	12.16	72.96
31/08/2026	718	LINC WEB DESIGN	149.00	0.00	149.00
31/07/2026	719	KRINKELLS	2568.11	513.62	3081.73
TOTAL INVOICES			4802.85	915.17	5718.02

07/08/2026	CB763	TSSC Ltd	115.84	23.17	139.01	TSSC Ltd - chainsaw PPE
13/08/2026	CB764	OCTOPUS ENERGY LTD.	485.74	24.29	510.03	Octopus - MP Elec
24/08/2026	CB765	PENNINSULA	181.29	36.26	217.55	H&S Advice
14/08/2026	CB766	QuickCrop	71.54	14.31	85.85	QuickCrop
19/08/2026	CB767	AMAZON	20.79	4.16	24.95	Amazon - chisel set
19/08/2026	CB768	AMAZON	30.82	6.16	36.98	Amazon - container padlock
19/08/2026	CB769	AMAZON	131.60	26.32	157.92	Amazon - brushless drill
19/08/2026	CB780	FLEETDRIVE MANAGEMENT	329.96	65.99	395.95	Fleetdrive - electric van hire
20/08/2026	CB781	VATIX	53.20	10.64	63.84	VATIX
21/08/2026	CB782	EE	108.33	21.67	130.00	EE
21/08/2026	PENSION	Pension Contributions	719.26		719.26	Pension Contributions
21/08/2026	WAGES	DATAPLAN PAYROLL LTD	10713.75		10713.75	Staff Aug salaries
			12962.12	232.97	13195.09	

Authorised Signatory	Authorised Signatory
Print Name	Print Name
Date	Date

Section 3 – External Auditor’s Report and Certificate 2025/26

In respect of

Nettleham Parish Council – LI0257

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02) as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/>

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2026; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

2 External auditor’s limited assurance opinion 2025/26

Except for the matters reported below, on the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

The AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review:

- The smaller authority has confirmed that it does not act as a sole managing trustee and that the response to Section 2, Box 11 is incorrect and should be ‘yes’.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

We note that the smaller authority did not comply with Regulation 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as it failed to make proper provision during the year 2026/27 for the exercise of public rights, since the contact details for the external auditor were not correct. As a result, the smaller authority must answer ‘No’ to Assertion 4 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2026/27 and ensure that it makes proper provision for the exercise of public rights during 2027/28.

3 External auditor certificate 2025/26

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2026.

External Auditor Name

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

External Auditor Signature

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

Date

04/08/2026

Clerk

From: CllrA Simpson
Sent: 24 August 2026 14:34
To: Clerk
Cc: Facilities Manager
Subject: Proposals and comments from the CA WG

Dear Carl,

Following this morning's meeting of the Conservation Area WG we wish to raise the following for either discussion at the next Committee Meeting, Full Council, or direct action by NPC management - as you deem appropriate.

Bins on The Green.

There are 4 bins on The Green. Whilst emptying a bin we took measurements and noted it was circa 100 litres capacity (circa 0.4 x 0.4 x 0.6m). This is not that large compared to the casing size and is worth bearing in mind.

The CA WG propose that replacement bins are purchased and installed by NPC as follows:

1. From the Company recommended by Brian
2. Metal cases, powder coated in the optional green finish as shown in the brochure – we also recognise black finish is an option
3. The two bins opposite the Coop should be replaced by double faced bins as per Brian's suggestion and the capacity at each location should be increased to a minimum of 200 litres
4. The other two plastic bodied bins on The Green adjacent to the Phone box and Black Horse are suboptimal for a CA and we recommend each is replaced with single 100 litre bin to the design of those described above.

Overall, replacing all 4 bins will create a much-improved appearance to The Green, which is a focal point for the community at the heart of the conservation area. The cost should be considered as a medium-term investment with an amortisation of ten years.

Existing Bollards on The Green perimeter.

These bollards were installed to deter traffic from parking on The Green and have been successful in doing so at this location. However, they are beginning to look quite scruffy as some are missing, others are loose or tilted over and some missing.

AS suggested that tidying these up, resetting where possible and replacing others could be a useful project for volunteers to undertake over the Autumn and Winter to take pressure off Facilities Staff, if council were in agreement and supplied all materials required.

It was agreed this should go forward as a proposal.

Other areas where bollards may be useful

The perimeter of The Green adjacent to the Black Horse seems to attract vehicular parking, this includes tractors and may result in damage to The Green if it continues.

It was felt that as the challenge is not yet at a stage where it is a huge problem we should delay further discussion regarding installation of more bollards. If the challenge escalates or continues it may also be worth asking the Publican to intervene.

Overall, our aim is that The Green is a safe space for pedestrians to enjoy unhampered by vehicles of any description from cycles upwards, but we recognise this is not an easy challenge. We also note that bollards were present on the southern side of The Green as recently as the late 1970's.

Telecoms Enclosure opposite the Black Horse (All Saints Lane)

The door on this unit has been ajar for over a year now and is also taped in place with ugly dangly bits of black tape. It is an eyesore.

We propose the Clerk writes to the owners pointing out it may well be hazardous as well as an eyesore and ask them to fix it.

Planning Application at Old Vicarage

Discussed for information only

Bridges over the Beck

There is now photo evidence the handrails of all the bridges over the beck were once very well maintained. Whilst we would like to carry out some cosmetic work on their appearance and extend their life it seems to have been blocked by LCC insisting on a very high standard of restoration. We also note the metal handrails on Church st are peeling and depositing paint flakes in the Beck.

We would like to propose a further discussion as to how we could bring about some improvements.

Dead Trees

We are aware of 2 dead trees in the CA. An ornamental cherry on Church St near the Church. Angela has a suitable tree in a pot, and we propose if this is suitable it is used to replace the dead Cherry tree.

Carl: does this have to go to Council?

One of the three Rowans planted alongside the Coop by NPC died over the winter. We believe it has already been agreed by council to replace this. We would like to suggest that wheels are set in motion to replace it as soon as the planting season arrives.

However, if this is not the case we wish to propose replacement to Council.

Dropped Kerbs on Vicarage Lane (outside Coop)

These were originally understood to be installed at the same time as the lengthened double yellows and are essential to encourage compliance with the no parking zone as well as their main purpose in providing a safer crossing point of this busy road. We urge the Clerk to continue to press LCC to complete this important work.

Conservation Area WG to absorb the Beck & FR WG.

The beck runs through the Conservation Area and the vast majority of the work that involves volunteers on the Beck WG takes place within the Conservation Area or in areas that have a direct bearing upon it. Furthermore.

1. The Facilities team and Contractors are now much more active in Beck maintenance matters considerably negating the need for volunteer involvement.
2. In the past Beck working parties have seen volunteer's turnout from the CA WG. Emergencies such as Storm Babet saw an even broader response from NPC, WL Councillors and volunteers generally
3. Flooding resulting directly from the Beck overtopping affects properties primarily within the Conservation Area

It is therefore proposed that the CA WG absorbs the role of the B&FR WG which would vastly reduce bureaucracy for the lead councillor and no doubt other councillors and staff. The group would still continue with any works outside the conservation area, when necessary, on the basis they have a direct impact upon the Conservation Area.

At the moment the CA WG terms of reference state it reports to Full Council, if this proposal is accepted it is also proposed the TOR's are changed so it reports via the Property Committee.

Sent from Outlook for Mac



Tree Walk Leaflet

The costs to print the tree walk leaflet is as follows:-

Company A

Silk - 130 gsm

1000 - 260

2000 - 347

3000 - 428

Company B

Silk – 170 gsm

1000 - 288

2000 - 438

3000 - 596.50

Company C

Satin – 120 gsm

1000 - 189.84

2000 - 337.94

3000 - 561.74

Silk – 150 gsm

1000 – 180.46

2000 – 324.18

3000 – 542.58

Carl Thomas

24th August 2026

Nettleham Tree Walk

Our village is a popular place in which to live. As it continues to grow, we appreciate more and more the many trees that grace our verges, gardens and open spaces.

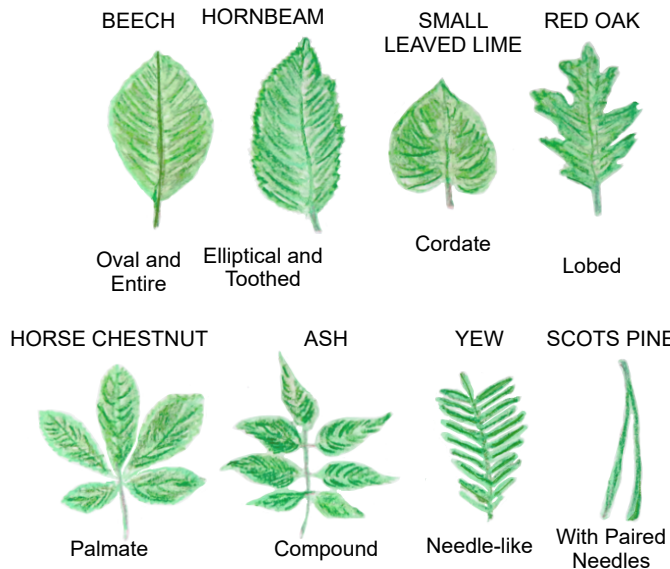
*"I think that I shall never see
a poem as lovely as a tree"*
Joyce Kilmer

Features to look for:

Trees have many characteristics that can be used to distinguish between species, including leaves, bark, blossom, fruit and buds, but it's not easy as these features can vary within species and even on the same tree. The shape of the tree, where and when it is growing are other clues.

Leaves: provide the vital function of producers of food for the tree.

These vary widely; they can be simple (one individual blade) or compound (divided into leaflets). Some change colour through the year. They can be veined, plain, variegated, with smooth or jagged edges, short and round or long and thin,



Bark: as a tree grows its trunk lays on new layers of wood each season and expands, which creates various bark patterns, colours and textures – ridged or smooth, fissured or scaly.

Flowers and fruit: note the size, colour and form to aid identification.

Nettleham Parish Council has a **Tree Policy** document setting out its position regarding trees on its land. It does not apply to trees located on land owned by Lincolnshire County Council Highways or any other organisation or individual.

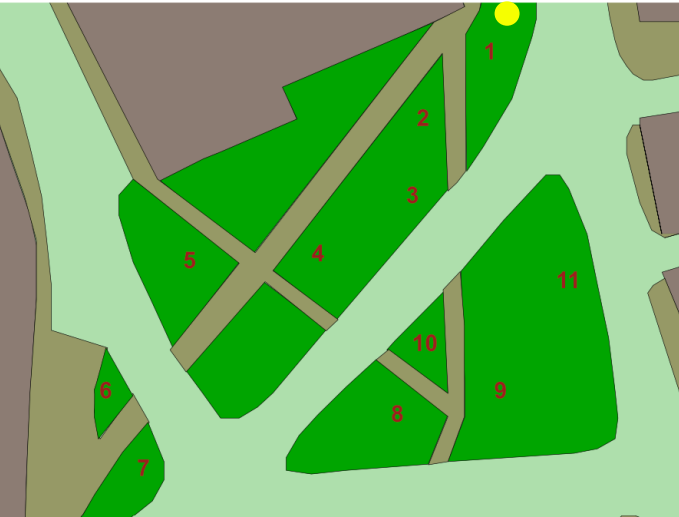
It sets out the broad principles of how existing trees will be managed and where new tree planting may take place. The Council is committed to the preservation of existing trees and the appropriate planting of new trees where this supports the national and local strategies in respect of tree planting.

The trees found on the village green are owned and maintained by Nettleham Parish Council (NPC). The walk starts at here, at the Inphonemation Box.

1 Giant Redwood (Sequoiadendron giganteum) A very large and long-lived evergreen tree that has sharp, blueish-green, awl-shaped leaves 6-12mm long arranged spirally round the shoots. Upright cones appear after flowering and when ripe, the reddish-brown cones (5-8cm) hang down. Redwoods are native to California and are the biggest trees in the world.

2 Common Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) A large deciduous tree with a straight bole and high open domed crown. The bark is pale brown and it has dark green, pinnate leaves that turn yellow in autumn, and small deep purple flowers, followed by conspicuous bunches of winged fruits in late summer and autumn and black buds in winter.

3,8 Common Walnut (Juglans regia) A medium-sized, broad-crowned deciduous tree. Leaves with 5-7 large oblong leaflets, aromatic when bruised. Male catkins to 10cm in length; fruits green, globose, 5cm in width, with edible kernel. Native of SE Europe - may have arrived with the Romans.



4 False Acacia (Robinia pseudoacacia) Also known as a black locust, these are bushy, upright, medium-sized deciduous trees with spirally ridged bark, bright greenish-yellow, pinnate leaves, which become more vivid in summer and turn orange-yellow in autumn. Native to USA.

5 Wild Cherry (Prunus avium) A spreading, deciduous tree with nodding clusters of pure white flowers 2.5cm wide in late spring, followed by small, shiny red-purple fruits; dark green leaves, bronze when young, turn orange and red in autumn.

6,7 Common Hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna) A rounded deciduous tree, with thorny branches and glossy, deeply lobed dark green leaves, colouring gold in autumn. Flat sprays of fragrant, creamy-white flowers with pink anthers, are produced in late spring, followed by plentiful dark red edible berries in autumn. The fruit can be made into jellies or used for making herbal tea.



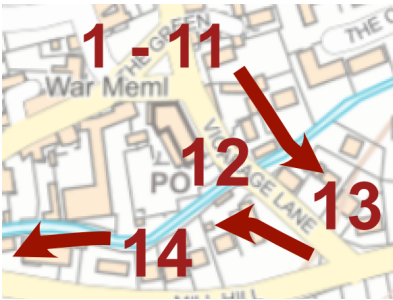
9 Common (English) Oak (Quercus robur) A large, deciduous tree potentially reaching a mature height of between 20 to 40m in height, with a magnificent broad crown and strong branches beneath. Dark green, rounded and lobed foliage, smooth at the edges, turns reddish-brown in autumn. Inconspicuous, long, yellow-green catkins appear in spring, followed by green acorns, ripening to brown, around 2-2.5 cm long. The importance of the English Oak to native wildlife cannot be overstated.

10 Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus) A large, fast-growing, resilient, deciduous tree with dark green, five-lobed leaves 10-20cm long. Yellow-green, catkin-like flowers in spring are followed by bunches of green, winged fruit. Sycamores have been in Britain at least 600 years, but whether native or not is a hot topic of debate!

11 Horse Chestnut (Aesculus hippocastanum) This large, broad-crowned deciduous tree is also known as a conker tree. Its leaves are large, with 5-7 leaflets, turning red-brown early in autumn. The flowers are creamy-white with a yellow spot that turns red with age. The fruit (conkers) are large and spiny cased. These arrived in Britain in the 16thC from the Balkans.

From the village green, the route heads south along Vicarage Lane, towards Mill Hill.

12 Alongside the Co-op building are a number of planters and three **Rowan** (Sorbus acuparia) planted in early 2025 by Nettleham Parish Council. Also known as mountain ash, these are small to medium sized deciduous trees with compound and pinnate leaves and bright scarlet fruits.

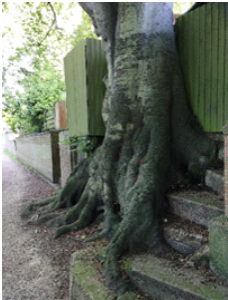


The very tall **Silver Birch** (Betula pendula) on the right as you go down Vicarage lane is an impressive specimen, with a deeply ridged bark. Leaves are triangular and pointed with large teeth.

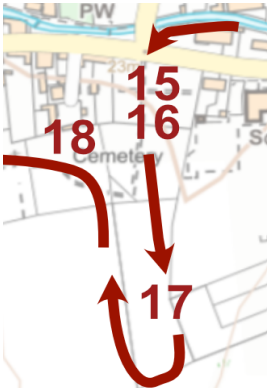
13 Looking across the road further along Vicarage Lane towards Mill Hill are some magnificent **Copper Beech** (Fagus sylvatica purpurea). These have alternate, wavy edged leaves with up to ten pairs of veins, are silky and hairy, and turn from red when new to deep opaque purple. Its tiny flowers, male and females in separate clusters. The fruit is a woody husk, up to 2.5cm long and contain one or two edible nuts. The bark is pale grey and smooth.

Turning back along Vicarage Lane, turn left along the beck.

14 On the left you will see some impressive roots supporting an old **Common Beech** (green leaved) which has been there at least 150 years.



14 On the right hand side there is a mix of trees, including some well concealed **Scots Pines** (Pinus sylvestris) among other tall species. These evergreen trees can grow to more than 30 metres. The needle like leaves are blue-green/grey and the cones appearing in autumn are egg-shaped, brown and woody.



Follow the beck westwards to emerge next to the Old School, then cross the road to the burial ground.

The first part of this includes some very old trees.

The pair of yews to the left of the path are Irish **Yews** (Taxus baccata fastigiata); the leaves differ slightly from the English yew (Taxus baccata) as illustrated.

Yew trees are commonly found in burial grounds, and often many trunked.

The yew fruit is a single seed, held in a fleshy, red aril. All parts are poisonous. Leaves are linear and pointed, dark green above with pale bands below.



Aril



English: leaves flatter



Irish: leaves curled round the stem



The tree with the reddish bark is a **Western Red Cedar** (Thuja plicata) with a buttressed trunk. The leaves are tiny and scale like, clasping shoots in alternate, opposite pairs, glossy dark green above, paler below. Native to USA.

Continue southwards through the newer part of the burial ground and at the end you will pass a line of tall sycamore, and groups of shrubs and semi-mature hawthorn, yew (English), ash, field maple, lime, cornus and prunus leading to the Swathe (Group 17)– bounded by shrubs and hedges this is the burial ground extension and includes a number of specimen trees, dedicated to villagers past and present.

Protection of Trees

Before you consider doing any works to a tree(s) you must find out if it is protected by a Tree Preservation Order or whether it is within a Conservation Area. If the trees are protected, you will need to gain consent by making an application / give notice to West Lindsey District Council. If you fell or prune a tree that is protected, you may be subject to prosecution and unlimited fines.



PROPOSAL FOR BIKE TRACK

This proposal comes to full council for consideration following a recommendation to proceed from the Properties Committee.

I attach the report considered by the Properties Committee and would add:-

The proposal attached on page 4-5 was received by a number of our youth residents who attended the Council Offices to discuss their proposal. This was supported by a petition of around 88 signatures. Subsequent to the meeting further petitions have been received adding a further 114 signatures totalling 202 although some may be duplicated.

This shows strong support for such a scheme and supports our teenage residents who have been very proactive in presenting this proposal.

We have visited Cherry Fields which has similar facilities (photos attached on page 6 onwards of the sort of thing that can be achieved. This track is very popular and has been extended to a larger track.

The suggestion would be to have two tracks – ideally one at Bill Baileys for our older youths expanding on existing facilities which would be primarily a self made track and a smaller track at Mulsanne for our younger children which would be more friendly aimed at teaching children how to ride.

We are asking Council for support for this project whereby more formal ideas and costings would be sought for final approval. The aim would be to have something ready early 2027.

We would encourage the six youths who have proactively proposed this idea to be involved in the design and maybe the build of the facility which will give them 'ownership' to support and look after such a facility.

Carl Thomas
2nd September 2026

Proposal for Bike Track

The council have been approached by a number of young people regarding the possibility of a BMX/Bike track in Nettleham.

The group are aware that they can no longer ride their bicycles on the Bishops Palace, which due to its uneven nature was ideal for the bike track, but, is a national heritage site.

In light of being advised of this they have begun to use two areas within the village, the first being an area of Mulsanne Park through trees at the corner of the football field adjacent to the location of the bore hole. Utilising logs from recent tree work and chippings they had constructed jumps and a track through the trees alongside the dog walk path. However, as this is also one of the main paths through the area this “track” had to be repeatedly removed and the chippings redistributed through out the area to cover the footpaths.

The second area the group has used is in the upper field area at the rear of Bill Baileys. After work to clear fire damaged brush and trees and prevent people seeking cover in, the area was ideally suited to a bike track and was until recently used by the group regularly. It was only due to the construction of several jumps using materials gained from one of the neighbours constructing a shed that PC staff had to intervene and keep removing the “jumps”. This lead to the group approaching the PC asking about the possibility of having a formal bike path constructed, rather than losing their work when it was repeatedly removed for safety reasons.

The approach of the group to the council indicates an extremely mature approach to the situation. They have heeded the warnings regarding riding on Bishop’s Palace, sought information from FM team staff regarding why the jumps were being dismantled rather than becoming confrontational and visited the council offices with a well-constructed proposal for the council to consider.

Considerations.

The PC has regularly discussed having a bike track like that constructed at Cherry fields that utilises natural environment rather than constructed tarmac paths.

The group have stated that they wish to have a track locally that they can ride to, rather than having one that they need to cross larger roads to access.

The raised area at the back of Bill Bailey’s field is presently designated as the memorial maze and was the site of the tennis courts. This has been extended up on to the tree line and will be extended further to the fence line when trees that have not recovered from

the fire damage are removed in the autumn. This will leave a large area of under-utilised land that would suit this purpose.

Parking at Bill Bailey's field is already problematic due to the number of visitors. It would be feasible to create a bike track for older children to ride to in this area whilst creating a smaller track for younger children who would need parental attendance at Mulsanne park. This could be created in a number of areas through the tree line adjacent to the play park, the tennis courts or the wilding area adjacent to the car park.

It would be possible to create temporary tracks whilst the council sources a more appropriate space for a formal bike track. These tracks could be of natural construction, utilisng earth works to create slopes and jumps as at cherry fields, which could then be reclaimed and levelled when a more suitable site is located.

A Proposal for the Development of the Nettleham Community Mountain Bike Trail

Investing in Young People, Protecting Our Heritage and Creating a Healthier Community

Position Statement

We respectfully ask Nettleham Parish Council and West Lindsey District Council to support the development of a purpose-built community mountain bike trail in Nettleham. Our petition has received overwhelming support from residents, families and members of the emergency services, including police officers and ambulance staff, demonstrating broad community backing for a safe, professionally designed facility.

Why Nettleham Needs a Mountain Bike Trail

There are limited dedicated outdoor facilities for teenagers in Nettleham. A mountain bike trail would provide a safe, positive and healthy place to ride, helping improve physical fitness, mental wellbeing, confidence and resilience. It would offer young people somewhere constructive to spend their free time, helping reduce boredom and discouraging anti-social behaviour while strengthening community connections.

Protecting Bishop's Palace

Local teenagers currently use the area around Bishop's Palace for mountain biking because there is no suitable alternative. While this demonstrates the demand for off-road cycling, it is not appropriate for such an important historic site. A dedicated trail would help divert cycling away from Bishop's Palace, reducing wear and erosion, protecting its heritage value and encouraging responsible riding in a purpose-built location.

Proposed Locations

Two potential locations that could be explored through consultation are:

- Land to the rear of Mulsanne Park.
- Land at the top rear of Bill Bailey's field.

These are suggested starting points only. Any final site should be chosen following consultation with landowners, residents and relevant authorities.

Potential Funding

- Sport England – Movement Fund
- National Lottery Community Fund
- West Lindsey District Council – UK Shared Prosperity Fund (subject to availability)
- Rural England Prosperity Fund
- FCC Communities Foundation
- Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) developer contributions
- Parish Council capital funding

- Local business sponsorship, charitable trusts and community fundraising

Our Request

We ask Nettleham Parish Council and West Lindsey District Council to work with residents to identify a suitable location, undertake feasibility work and support funding applications. This project represents an investment in young people, community wellbeing, heritage protection and the future of Nettleham.



