

**Nawton Parish Council**  
**Minutes for the Meeting held at Beckett Pavilion**  
**on Monday 15 July 2024**

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| Chair        | Russ Dickinson  |
| Vice chair   | Samantha Jones  |
| Councillors  | Steph Collier, Lorraine Hugill, Brian Simpson, Michael Tanner and Penny Forbes. |
| Apologies    | N/A   |
| Clerk        | Tina Hustler  |
| Parishioners | Barbara Hickman   |

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**594 Agenda**

The agenda for this meeting had been displayed on the Parish council notice board and the council website since 8th July 2024.

**595 Presentations by Parishioners – none.**

**596 Minutes of council meeting of 25 June 2024**

The Chair agreed the minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024. They were seconded by Penny Forbes.

The Chair signed the minutes and the Clerk to add them to the minute book.

**597 Actions from the last meeting**

**597.1** Monthly inspection of Council owned land – The Clerk has found a land risk assessment which details the land owned, but all agreed we need a map version so we can see the boundaries for it all. Penny Forbes suggested doing an index map search that costs approx.£5, or get title plans which are £3/title, plus £3 for the plan. The Chair and a few councillors are going to meet on Thursday 18th July to look through the parish files passed on from the previous chair and clerk. Brian Simpson suggested each councillor takes on 2 parcels of land to be theirs to check rather than someone checking it all. To be allocated at the next meeting once maps have been found. Michael Tanner said the land value was in the 2022 newsletter for information. Noted that this could have changed since due to land values.

**597.2** Nawton Tip - Still inaccessible due to weeds. All agreed it would be good to get on with tidying it, but PF is concerned about the rubble being put in it being an environmental risk. BS said that the last things that got dumped there have potential asbestos in, coming from the building of Beckett Close many years ago. Steph Collier said that Jonny who is proposed to put rubble in the tip has paperwork to check his waste isn't contaminated. BS pointed out that there isn't a fence on the northside boundary. The Chair is worried that there isn't a fence. BS said the land being sold around it may have new owners who will fence. SC said an environmental check may have to be done for wildlife etc. Chair to ask Johnny to come to the September meeting.

**597.3** Grass cutting - SC made a new map with areas to cut, Clerk has sent to Andy Mennel and requested strimming to be completed around benches and planters. There was a discussion about the cutting of the long grass on Pinfold, Barbara Hickman asked for it to be left for wildflowers. The councillors had agreed that it would be cut once the wild flowers had gone. The chair confirmed the first cut is always done after the daffodils have been and gone.

**597.4** Provision of extra litter bins (at Snape Hill and near the garage)- still no reply. TH to find contact and ask again/follow up. There was discussion that most of the litter dropped at Snape Hill is from passers by, but hopefully a bin will encourage them to be tidier.

**598 Planning** – none.

**599 Finance** - Cheques signed for Zurich insurance, NYC lighting, Account-ant (Audit), Anne Twince for assisting the clerk with the audit and the Clerk for June work.

The Clerk needs to get access to the bank to add payments for the signatories to authorise payments. Form printed for countersigning.

Lorraine Hugill said we need to donate to Beadlam church for the last two meetings. Sam Jones to find costs for Becket Pavilion to confirm donation amount.

Financial risk assessment 2024/2025 discussed and signed by Chair. Agreed for the clerk to move the documents to google drive which is more secure than a USB stick.

Asset register - discussed and queried where the 3 benches are. We know 1 is definitely opposite the chair's house. Bench at Pinfold needs repairing but is a memorial. SC to ask family linked to the bench if they can repair it, if not parish council will get it fixed because it is used on a regular basis.

Dog bins - at school, Pinfold, Snape Hill, Highfield Lane and past Calverts. SC done map for bins and benches.

We no longer buy dog bags because people were taking too many of them at once.

Streetlights - previously replaced with LED ones so all should be in place still.

Laptop - suggested to buy a newer one, as the current one is quite old. TH to get 3 quotes.

Defib - needs new stickers on the outside of the box. TH to get costs.

Precept - suggested to ask for an increase from the council as looking at past budgets/costs, the cost of grass cutting has increased and electricity for street lights has doubled. LH noted that the insurance has also increased. BS asked it would/should fluctuate with the amount of houses in the village? All agreed it should be reviewed. LH pointed out that it would affect the parishioners bills too if we ask for an increase. All agreed to see if we can ask for £6500 for the next financial year. TH to investigate who to ask.

The new streetlights cost £5000, for which some of the past precepts were used to cover the costs.

SJ suggested adding for it to also cover tree maintenance in the future. BS brought up the issue of the trees being low when pulling out of Station Road onto the Main Road. They have TPO's on them so TH to ask council about getting them cut back. Clerk has TPO form to complete.

SC asked if we could enquire about the whitelines being re-painted near the old fish and chip shop and the footpath line for children walking to school on Chapel Street. Clerk to look into.

Query as to what the rent we receive for Colley Pond is - SJ said it may be for the potential sub station. MT said there was a 5 year agreement for the area. Clerk to check bank to see if we receive the money.

Clerk to invoice the shoot for use of the land - £50

Wood - BS cuts the trees on council land at £20/tonne. The chair said we need to ring fence this money for buying new trees in the future.

Electricity costs should drop soon hopefully.

Meeting venue - discussion if we can use the church room in the summer due to the pavilion being too noisy when cricket matches are taking place at the same time. The clerk had heard back from Helmsley TC that you can hold meetings out of the parish. All agreed that we wanted to support the parish by hiring Beckett, but at noisy times we could use the church room instead and give a donation.

Norton antivirus - current laptop has it and new laptop will have similar protection, costs TBC.

**600 Matters arising** – BS noted that the 30mph sign on Highfield Lane is covered by trees on one side. Clerk to email land owner to ask to trim. Emailed.

The chair and councillors have treated the flower planters.

The chair suggested getting some new planters and donating to the Freemasons/ Mens in Sheds for them. Agreed to move the smaller ones near the bus shelter as they are looking worn.

Let's talk rubbish campaign - agreed to get poster for the notice board and clerk to add some details to local facebook groups if possible.

Request to support lithium battery campaign- clerk to forward email to all to look at first.

Website - all agreed for clerk to get 3 quotes for new website and potentially moving emails from gmail account.

**601 Next meeting** - 16th September 2024, 7.00pm at Beckett Pavilion, Nawton.