

Nawton Parish Council
Minutes for the Meeting held at Beckett Pavilion
on Monday 16 September 2024

Chair	Russ Dickinson
Vice chair	
Councillors	Steph Collier, Brian Simpson, Michael Tanner & Penny Forbes.
Apologies	Samantha Jones & Lorraine Hugill
Clerk	Tina Hustler
Parishioners	Barbara Hickman, Chris Clarke & Johnny Davison (tip part of meeting only)

602 Agenda

The agenda for this meeting had been displayed on the Parish council notice board and the council website since 9th September 2024.

603 Presentations by Parishioners – none.

604 Minutes of council meeting of 15 July 2024

The Chair agreed the minutes of the meeting of 15th July 2024. They were seconded by Penny Forbes.

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

605 Actions from the last meeting

605.1 Monthly inspection of Council owned land – Brian Simpson had inspected the Northern land and there have been no issues. Penny Forbes noted that after looking at the documents stored at the Chair's house about the land owned by the council, it was all listed as possession titles only. Wwe can now apply to re-register it for a £40 land registry fee. PF to fill in the form for the Clerk to send. All of the land is in one registration and we can upgrade it to absolute. All agreed for PF to complete the form..

605.2 Nawton Tip - Johnny Davison applied to the environment agency back in January, but hasn't heard back. JD to chase the EA the day after the meeting. The chair noted that you can't access the tip from May onwards due to the overgrown weeds, so sorting it out is really a winter project. JD is concerned because it is on an old limestone quarry and what is in it could potentially lead to a watercourse. We need to test what is already in the tip before adding anything to it. Most of the trees would need to come out, but we can't put any timber in. There is a lot to dig out to start with. If JD can get it tidied up and make money from using it, he would donate some profit back to the council. Brian Simpson suggested getting a chipper and sending it to biomass. Chris Clarke asked if JD could insure himself against any liability of using the tip. JD said it comes at a huge premium. Also the tests to check the land cost thousands if they are needed by the EA. The chair's main aim is to try and make it safe for the future. BS said that all of the ash trees are out, but some others just need branches trimming back.

605.3 Grass cutting - all looks good.

605.4 Tree cutting on A170 application and Highfield Lane 30mph sign - TPO application sent by Clerk and waiting to hear back. 30mph sign, trees cut by P. Beckett, thank you.

605.5 Provision of litter bins - The Clerk has not heard back, to chase again.

605.6 Bench repair - this has now been repaired by Clements joiners, thank you.

605.7 White lines - due to be done by the end of October.

605.8 Lithium battery support request - The Clerk sent the email to the councillors after the July meeting, and after reviewing they all decided for us as a small parish to not act on it yet, and let the bigger authorities support it first, but we can keep an eye on progress. The Chair noted that not many places will take lithium batteries as waste.

605.9 Website quotes - Quotes obtained from various sources with differing prices. The Chair wondered if although we have said no to having a parish facebook page before, we should re-assess the need and link it to the Nawton PC website. We probably don't need a 22 page website that we currently have. It was discussed that a facebook page would need managing more and by at least two people. The thought was that for house approvals and planning etc communicating by a facebook page is perhaps quicker and more likely to get seen by residents, as not all of them will go on the website or see the notice board. Steph Collier added that for the housing approvals we have received people should ideally already be registered with home choice, which can take weeks to set up. BS suggested that we as a council should tell people this if they are looking for a house in the area. SC suggested having a local needs page on the website. Michael Tanner suggested discussing the facebook account at the next meeting. MT said with his personal email being on the NPC website he has been spammed quite a bit, so it would be good to get NPC emails for all councillors with the new website. Clerk to send detailed website quotes (done 1st October 2024).

605.10 New laptop quotes - costs received from PC company in Malton and then looked at Currys business and HP. SC said to be careful with Currys. BS suggested the computer shop in Kirkbymoorside for another quote. (All quotes emailed 1st october 2024).

606 Planning – none.

607 Finance - Clerk's salary - July and August invoices approved by all.

Precept - MT was concerned that putting it by 30% was too much, and maybe we should aim for 15% instead. PF said we need to look at the fixed outgoings vs. income more. Laptop is a one off cost and the initial website set up is one off, then monthly or annual costs..

VAT refund also to do - Chris Clarke offered to help the clerk do this, or Anne Twine the previous clerk could help.

The Chair would like to ring fence the tree income to plant new trees. There may be grants available. We are roughly breaking even if we don't include the laptop and website. All agreed to review in October.

Monthly reconciliation - Invoices to pay NYCC street light maintenance £271.94, Beckett pavilion rent from January - June 2024 £135 and JW Environmental for the bus stop pressure washing and staining ££350 + vat. All payments to be done via online banking now the Clerk has access to the bank as of this week.

It was discussed to split the parish meetings between Beckett Pavilion and Beadlam church for a donation to the church, this will reduce the costs on the precept as each meeting at

Beckett costs £22.50. Also holding meetings in Beckett when cricket matches were on made it difficult to hear with the noise levels from the cricket.

608 Matters arising – Access query for Station Road and Low Fields Lane - The Chair had received an email from David Sunley about the number of cars parked on Station Road, with a request for the parish council to see if it can have double yellow lines added to it. The Chair pointed out that we do not have any powers of where people park, as previously discussed about the parking issues on Chapel street. Station Road was widened when the new houses were built so he doubts anything else can/will be done by the council. Lorries go to and from Calverts carpets regularly, so any issues are for vehicles wider than those, potentially farm equipment. It was suggested that if people are due to take extra wide vehicles down the road they should pre warn the residents in advance so they can move their cars elsewhere temporarily.

Village design statement - Chris Clarke has noticed that there isn't a village design statement and he has seen that there is £10,000 of funding available to set one up. The plan is to develop a local plan for statutory protection so the parish can control what the village needs to look like for the future. CC to look into and the Clerk can help in submitting the documents.

609 Next meeting - 21st October 2024, 7.30pm at Beckett Pavilion, Nawton.