

Nettleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Thursday 22 January 2026 at 7.00pm Nettleton Village Hall, Moortown Road, Nettleton, LN7 6AA

Clerk: Tony Shaw

Present: Councillors Fulton (Chair), Dawson (Vice-chair), Connolly and Bottrill

Attending: County Councillor James Bean and District Councillor Tom Smith

No members of the public

Open Forum at 7.00pm

County Councillor Bean expects LCC's budget for 2026-27 to be announced in February.

District Councillor Smith has been dealing with ACIS housing issues covering various locations, including one in Nettleton.

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies from any members unable to attend the meeting

None.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest in any agenda items below and record any dispensations

None.

3. To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 4 November 2025

RESOLVED: The minutes were adopted and signed by the Chair.

4. To receive a Clerk's Report on any matters arising since the last meeting

a) Viking Way Bench

Lincolnshire County Council have invited applications from councils that lie on the path of the Viking Way, for the free provision of an oak bench to commemorate the Viking Way's 50th Anniversary. The Clerk has submitted an expression of interest for Nettleton. If successful, this could be sited at the junction of Mansgate Hill and Normanby Road, with an existing bench being redeployed elsewhere. A decision is expected in March.

5. Finance

a) To note any income received since the meeting on 4 November 2025

Income noted as per Appendix 1.

b) To note any internal bank transfers since the meeting on 4 November 2025

Bank transfers noted as per Appendix 2.

c) To ratify any payments made since the meeting on 4 November 2025

RESOLVED: Payments ratified as per Appendix 3.

d) To approve a schedule of payments

RESOLVED: Payments approved as per Appendix 4.

e) To approve a bank reconciliation to the end of December 2025

RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation approved as per Appendix 5.

f) To receive a budget proposal for 2026-27

RESOLVED: To accept the budget proposal for 2026-27 as per Appendix 6. This budget informs the setting of the Precept (item 5 h).

g) To consider the council's ear marked reserves

RESOLVED: To accept the allocation of funds to reserves as per Appendix 7.

h) To agree the precept for 2026-27

RESOLVED: The amount requested from WLDC will be £14,450. This is a precept of £14,350 plus £100 council tax support provided by WLDC.

6. To agree the schedule of works for a 3-year grass contract, commencing March 2026

RESOLVED: The schedule of works presented was agreed. This will be used as the basis to seek at least three quotes for consideration.

7. To discuss the parish council newsletter (Nettleton News)

Council discussed the need for a proof of the newsletter to be sent to the Chair and Clerk for approval, before it goes for printing.

It was also noted that Council can not charge for advertising in the newsletter but can offer them for free.

8. To discuss the control of dogs on the play park

Council discussed a previous proposal to construct a dog enclosure on the playing field. This has been ruled out due to the cost of build and the associated liabilities that would arise.

Council is keen to explore the possibility of bye-law to ensure dogs are kept on leads. Another possibility is to utilize an existing Public Space Protection Order from WLDC.

ACTION: Cllr Dawson to follow-up previous enquiries made to WLDC.

RESOLVED: Clerk to purchase two "Dogs must be kept on leads" signs for the play park enclosure.

9. To discuss advertising the public use of notice boards

A noticeboard has been installed on the playing field, near the picnic benches, and is intended for public to use.

ACTION: Cllr Bottrill to include a short piece in the next newsletter to let residents know.

10. To discuss a proposal for a dropped kerb in Pottinger Gardens

The Council has been contacted by the Police to seek its support for a new dropped kerb in Pottinger Gardens, to alleviate a parking issue.

RESOLVED: Council support the application.

11. To discuss the annual play park safety report and agree any actions

The annual safety report highlighted two items for urgent attention:

- a) A missing nut on a safety chain bolt. This has been replaced
- b) A cross rail on the rope weave (trim trail) is rotting. Council has instructed Paul Smith to replace this.

All other items in the report will be dealt with under regular maintenance checks.

12. To discuss council events in 2026

Council would like to organise a dog show for June/July. This may expand into a village fete, or a fete may be separately organized.

ACTION: Cllr Bottrill to prepare a plan for the dog show, with costings, ready for the March meeting.

13. To discuss the broken bench on the wide A46 verge

The bench does not belong to the council but was put in place by a gardening group which has disbanded. Council discussed whether to take this asset on.

It was noted that council has applied for a Viking Way bench and should it be successful, it will have a spare bench that could be installed in this location.

RESOLVED: Council deferred a decision on adopting the bench until it is informed whether it has been successful with a Viking Way bench.

Next Meeting: Thursday 19 March 2026

Appendix 1: Income Received

Received Date	Receiving Account	Received From	Description	Amount
31/12/25	Unity Reserves	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Interest (Oct to Dec)	175.80

Appendix 2: Internal Bank Transfers

Bank Date	From Account	To Account	Amount	Reason
	None			

Appendix 3: Payments Ratified

Bank Date	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Gross	Reimburse
10/11/25	AJ Williams	Grass Cutting (Oct)	570.00	114.00	684.00	
30/11/25	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	6.00		6.00	
02/12/25	Antony Shaw	Salary (Nov)	400.53		400.53	
02/12/25	Antony Shaw	WFH Allowance (Nov)	26.00		26.00	
02/12/25	Antony Shaw	Mileage (Nov)	29.16		29.16	
29/12/25	Antony Shaw	Salary (Dec)	400.33		400.33	
29/12/25	Antony Shaw	WFH Allowance (Dec)	26.00		26.00	
29/12/25	Antony Shaw	Mileage (Dec)	29.16		29.16	
29/12/25	Paul Smith	Install Notice Board on Playing Field	223.57		223.57	
31/12/25	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	6.00		6.00	

Appendix 4: Schedule of Payments

Invoice Date	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Gross	Reimburse
22/12/25	Play Inspection Co.	Annual Play Park Inspection	105.00	21.00	126.00	
11/12/25	TEC Partnership	Nettleton News October 2025	193.70		193.70	
06/11/25	Leigh Gissing	Repair Bus Shelter Struts	195.00		195.00	
15/12/25	LALC	2026-27 Membership	266.50		266.50	
13/01/26	Amazon	Laptop	399.99	80.00	479.99	Antony Shaw
14/01/26	Mediamansoft	Office 2024 Pro	11.90		11.90	Antony Shaw
15/01/26	TEC Partnership	Nettleton News December 2025	193.70		193.70	

Appendix 5: Bank Reconciliation

Account	Cashbook	Bank Statement
Unity Current	2,219.84	2,820.82
Unity Reserves	32,075.82	41,469.66
Natwest Reserves	-0.16	-0.16
Total	34,295.60	34,295.60

Appendix 6: Budget for 2026-27

Income	Budget
Bank Interest	0.00
CIL	0.00
Council Tax Grant	100.00
LCC Grass Cutting	2,276.96
Precept	14,450.00
VAT Refund	0.00
Total	16,826.96

Appendix 6: Budget for 2026-27

Net Expenditure	Budget	Reserve
Admin	100.00	
Bank Charges	78.00	
Business Contingency	0.00	10,000.00
Church Clock	250.00	
Church Floodlighting	50.00	
Defibrillators	250.00	
Election Costs	0.00	700.00
Events	1,000.00	1,000.00
External Auditor	230.00	
Grass Cutting	3,800.00	
Hall Hire	100.00	
ICO	47.00	
Insurance	1,100.00	
Internal Auditor	120.00	

LALC Membership	300.00	
Newsletter	700.00	
Office Equipment	0.00	
Pest Control	100.00	
Play Park	0.00	10,000.00
Remembrance Day	25.00	
Staff Costs	4,800.00	
Staff Expenses	400.00	
Street Furniture	2,300.00	5,000.00
Training	150.00	
Trees	0.00	3,000.00
Total	15,900.00	29,700.00

Appendix 7: Ear Marked Reserves	
Reserve	Allocation
Business Contingency	10,000.00
Election Costs	700.00
Events	1,000.00
Play Park	10,000.00
Street Furniture	5,000.00
Trees	3,000.00
Total Reserves	29,700.00