

# NETHERWITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Miss Dee Smith

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Parish Council to be held in Netherwitton Village Hall, Netherwitton at 5.30pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 for the purpose of transacting the following business. Members of the public and press are invited to attend.

### AGENDA

1. Chairman's Announcements

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to advise Council of any Declarations of Interest appertaining to the following agenda items.

4. Public Participation Time

In accordance with Section 3(e) of the Netherwitton Parish Council Standing Orders, members of the public present may address the Council or Committee at this point on the agenda. The Council reserves the right to respond or debate the issue at a later date.

There are no public questions on this occasion.

5. Police Update

6. County Councillor Update

7. Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022

To approve the above minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (see appendix A).

8. Matters arising from previous Council meetings
- (i) **Min 22/22 (09/22) (57/21) (45/21) (21/21) (12/21 (b)) – Defibrillator**  
The Clerk will give a verbal update on the night.
- (ii) **Min 26/22 - Metal Railings near Bridge**  
A verbal update will be given on the night.
9. Town and Country Planning Act 1990  
There are no applications to consider on this occasion.
10. Financial Matters
- (i) Members are asked to approve the enclosed payments/receipts list and budgetary control report up to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (See appendices B and C).
- (ii) Members are asked to consider the attached budget for 2023/24 (See appendix D).
11. Grant Funding
- (i) Members are asked to consider providing a grant to St Giles PCC.
- (ii) Members are asked to consider a grant of £500 towards the Cambo Young Farmers County Rally (See appendix E).
12. Town, Parish & Community Council Conferences  
Members are advised that NCC has made arrangements to hold three Town, Parish and Community Council Conferences on the following dates and locations from 5:00pm until 7:00 p.m.
- These events will provide an opportunity for TPCC representatives to speak directly to key officers on a one-to-one basis and to receive updates on current matters as well as discussion on future working together.
- Monday 16 January - St James Church Centre, Alnwick  
Monday 23 January - Council Chamber, County Hall  
Tuesday 24 January - The Mart, Hexham
13. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme  
Members are provided with details of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Coordinator for the Northumbria Area (See appendix F).

13. Any Other Urgent Business

To consider any other urgent business which is for information only.

14. Date and Time of Next Meetings

To be considered on the night.

Yours sincerely

Miss Dee Smith  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**NETHERWITTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022  
AT 5.30 PM IN NETHERWITTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** G Robson (Vice-Chairman)

J Goodfellow

A Moore

L Spriggs

**Clerk:** D Smith

**Apologies:** Cllr J Trevelyan

Cllr M Robson

Northumberland County Councillor (NCC) Glen Sanderson, was also in attendance.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman assumed the chair.

16/22        Chairman's Announcements

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone present.

17/22        Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations on this occasion.

18/22        Public Participation Time

There were no public presents and no questions on this occasion.

19/22        Police Update

There was nothing to report on this occasion.

20/22        County Councillor Update

Councillor Glen Sanderson advised the following:

- There will be a new CEO and Management Team starting shortly;
- The Council need to find an additional £17 million in the next budget year;

- School transport costs increased;
- Increased number of SEN children and older people increasing costs;
- Increased staffing costs;
- Voluntary redundancies have been offered to all staff;
- NCC currently in a Combined Authority working on a LA6 to include South Tyneside, Gateshead, Sunderland and Durham councils as part of the Levelling Up bill;
- NCC in a Borderlands partnership with Cumbria, Carlisle, Dumfries & Galloway and Scottish Borders;
- Goosehill carpark in Morpeth to open soon;
- New Morpeth Leisure Centre near completion;
- New Berwick Leisure Centre recently open;
- New schools to be built in Seaton Valley, Amble and Berwick;
- Work is ongoing on the Northumberland Line;
- A new Rural Sustainability Panel has been set up.

**RESOLVED**

Information duly noted.

Members gave thanks to NCC for the recent work carried out on the hedges from Longhorsley to Cambo.

21/22

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Members were asked to approve the above minutes.

**RESOLVED**

- (a) That the minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022, a copy of which had been circulated to each member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

22/22

Matters Arising from Previous Council Meetings

- (i) **Min 09/22 (57/21) (45/21) (21/21) (12/21 (b)) – Defibrillator**

Members were advised that The Stephen Carey Fund cannot install a sub-meter.

**RESOLVED**

The Clerk to contact Cllr Robson in regards to speaking to the resident in Stanton about electricity charges.

- (ii) **Min 09/22 (57/21)) (45/21) (25/21) – Noticeboards**

Members were advised that the new noticeboards have been installed.

**RESOLVED**

Information duly noted.

23/22 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

There were no planning applications to consider on this occasion.

24/22 Financial Matters

Members were asked to approved the payments and receipts list and budgetary control report up to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

**RESOLVED**

Members approved the above payments and receipts list and budgetary control report.

25/22 External Audit 2021-2022

Members were advised that no issues were raised during the above audit and exemption status was granted.

**RESOLVED**

Information duly noted.

26/22 Metal Railings near Bridge

Members advised that quotes were still being sourced for the above work.

**RESOLVED**

To bring to future meeting once quotes received.

27/22 Any Other Urgent Business

The Clerk advised members that the defibrillator outside the village hall needed new replacement pads and these will be ordered in the next week.

28/22 Dates of Future Meetings

The Clerk to circulate dates for December 2022.

The meeting concluded at 6.10pm.

## FINANCIAL LIST – APPENDIX B

### Payments

<b>Date</b>	<b>Cheque No</b>			<b>£ p</b>
29.09.2022	DD	NCC	Payroll Sept 22	201.41
31.10.2022	683	Jax First Aid Supplies	Replacement pads – Village Hall defib	65.28
31.10.2022	DD	NCC	Payroll Oct 22	201.41
05.12.2022	DD	NCC	Payroll Nov 22	201.41
28.12.2022	DD	NCC	Payroll Dec 22	313.73

**NETHERWITTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Budgetary Control Report 2022/2023 up to 28th December 2022**

	2022/2023 Budget	Spend at 28.12.2022		Expected turn out
		sub-total		
	£	£ p	£ p	£
<b>Balance brought forward at 1st April 2022</b>	<b>10,310.67</b>		<b>10,310.67</b>	
<b>Add Receipts</b>				
Precept 22/23			7,600.00	7,600
VAT Reclaim			30.00	
	0	0.00		0
<b>Receipts to date</b>				<b>0</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>10310.67</b>		<b>17,940.67</b>	<b>7,600</b>
<b>Deduct payments</b>				
Clerk's Salary	2,300	1790.01		2,300
Salary admin costs	135	112.50		135
Workplace pension admin costs	100	0.00		100
Clerk's travel costs	50	0.00		50
Training costs	70	0.00		70
Meeting room hire	60	80.00		60
IT/Website/DPA	150	115.00		150
Insurance	370	414.75		370
Internal Audit fees	40	35.00		40
NALC Subscription	95	89.19		95
Other Subscriptions/minor grants	150	0.00		150
Other grants LGAct 1972 s. 137	1600	800.00		1600
Projects	0	1550.02		0
Grass Cutting	1900	1350.00		1900
Election costs	250	0.00		250
Defib	300	54.40		300
VAT paid	30	331.39		30
<b>Payments to date</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,722.26</b>	<b>7,600</b>
<b>Balance in hand per cash book</b>			<b>£11,218.41</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cash at Bank 01.12.2022</b>			<b>11,798.83</b>	
<b>less unrepresented payments</b>			<b>580.42</b>	
<b>Add income not yet credited</b>			<b>0.00</b>	
Agreed to cash book balance			<b>11,218.41</b>	

**Notes**

<b>Unrepresented Payments</b>	<b>Cheque no.</b>	<b>£ p</b>
Jax First Aid Supplies	683	65.28
Payroll Nov 22	DD	201.41
Payroll Dec 22	DD	313.73

Netherwitton Parish Council -  
Budget & Precept 2023/2024

	Budget 2022/23	Actual to 28/12/2022	Budget 2023/24	Notes
	£	£ p	£	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>Administration</b>				
Salaries	2,300	1,790.01	2,500	
Salaries admin costs	135	112.50	180	NCC agent for NPC
Workplace pension - admin costs	100	0.00	100	NEST pension - Opted out
Meeting room hire	60	0.00	60	
Insurance	370	414.75	450	
Internal audit fee	40	35.00	50	
External audit fee	0	0.00	0	no fee charged
Clerk - NALC subscription	95	89.19	95	
IT/Website/DPA	150	115.00	150	Website hosted by Nalc/ICO reg
Election costs	250	0.00	250	inc by-election contingency
Training costs	70	0.00	0	
Clerk's travel costs	50	0.00	50	45p per mile
Other subs/Grants LGAcad 1972 s137	150	0.00	250	
VAT Paid	30	331.39	50	
<b>Administration total</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>2,887.84</b>	<b>4,185</b>	
<b>Projects</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	use EMR
<b>Grants</b>				
PCC - Cemetery maintenance	800	0.00	800	
Village Hall - repairs & maint.	800	800.00	800	
Defib	300	54.40	150	ongoing service/maintenance
<b>Grants Total</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>1,750</b>	
<b>Village Green grass cutting</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>1,350.00</b>	<b>2000</b>	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>5,092.24</b>	<b>7,935</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Total Net Expenditure</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>5,092.24</b>	<b>7,935</b>	

	£
Opening balance 01/04/2022	10310.67
Add precept 2021/22	7600
Sub-total	17910.67
Less net expenditure	8,772
<b>Estimated balance in hand 1/4/2023</b>	<b>9,138</b>
<b>Ear marked balances at 31/03/2021</b>	<b>£</b>
Election costs	2,350
Projects	2,980
Working Balance	3,808
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,138</b>

£	Precept
7600	2022/2023
7600	2021/2022
7600	2020/2021
7600	2019/2020
7600	2018/2019
7600	2017/2018
7600	2016/2017
6,500	2015/2016
6,500	2014/2015
5,374	2013/2014
5,000	2012/2013
3,750	2011/2102
3,750	2010/2011
3,750	2009/2010
3,750	2008/2009
3,750	2007/2008
<b>7,600</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>

Approved at the parish council meeting held on

Netherwitton Parish Council

**Budget and Precept Report 2023/2024**

The County Council issued the Council Tax Base for 2022/2023. This is the figure used to determine the amount of Council tax payable in each year. It is calculated using a number of variable factors, such as the number of single households, the number in receipt of council tax benefit etc. and varies each year.

In 2022/2023 the figure for Netherwitton was £130.06 but in 2023/2024 it has increased to £131.92.

The effect is that for a Band D household and assuming the Parish Council levy the same precept, £7600, as in this year, the Parish Council's share of the council tax bill would reduce to £57.61 from £58.43 (-1.42%).

# CAMBO YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

## NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY RALLY 2023

Chairman  
Adam Grieve

Secretary  
Claire Thompson

Treasurer  
Alex Dart

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Cambo YFC, c/o Kate Foley, 8 Oakford, Scots Gap, Morpeth NE61 4EJ  
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23rd November 2022

**For the attention of Netherwitton Parish Council.**

Cambo Young Farmers is one of 10 clubs stretching throughout Northumberland, from Berwick in the north to Haltwhistle in the west. Each year Northumberland YFC has a County Rally, with each club taking it in turns to host the event. This year, it is Cambo YFC's turn. By kind permission of the Anderson family, we will host the Rally at Fairley on Saturday 3rd June 2023.

I am writing on behalf of the organising committee to ask if Netherwitton Parish Council would be willing to donate towards this year's event. As a club we will incur costs of approximately £14,000 in the run-up to the event, and a donation of £500 would be huge help. We have already organised several fundraising events, and are approaching local businesses for sponsorship in order to raise the rest of the funds needed. After the event, any remaining funds will be split between Cambo and Northumberland YFCs, in order to support their vital future work.

To give some background, the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs is one of the largest rural youth associations in the UK, and is dedicated to young people who have a love for agriculture and rural life. Led by young people, for young people, Young Farmers' Clubs give members unique opportunities to take part in a varied competitions programme, work with their local communities, raise money for charities and good causes, travel abroad and enjoy a dynamic social life, as well as developing vital life skills such as public speaking, problem solving, decision making and creative thinking.

The County Rally is the biggest day in the Northumberland Federation's calendar. All 10 clubs will go head-to-head with the ultimate aim of winning the Rally Shield at the end of the day. Clubs will compete in a range of competitions, from stock judging to flower arranging, tug of war, baking and woodwork.

The Rally will be promoted on social media as well as in the local press, and we estimate that in excess of 500 Northumberland Young Farmers will attend, with members' families and friends also supporting the event.

We know that you'll receive numerous requests for help from worthwhile causes. We also know that Young Farmers holds a special place in the hearts of many in the parish, and we hope you will feel able to support us this year. Any donation would be gratefully received.

On behalf of Cambo Young Farmers, I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Kate Foley  
Sponsorship Co-ordinator  
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Dee Smith &lt;netherwittonpc@gmail.com&gt;

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## Neighbourhood Watch

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**Seaton Vale Neighbourhood Watch** <seatonvaleneighbourhoodwatch@gmail.com>

6 January 2023 at  
14:52

To: "netherwittonpc@gmail.com" <netherwittonpc@gmail.com>

Good Afternoon,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Michael Appleton and I am a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinataor in Ashington Northumberland. I have recently been made a Single point of contact for the Northumbria area for Neighbourhood Watch. This will see myself tie in with various agencies and doing all I can to spread the word and grow Neighbourhood watch in a positive format.

I am now trying to make first contact to make that introduction and find out a bit more and see if you have neighbourhood watch schemes active in your area and what support I can give to aid this and also in return what can you offer Neighbourhood watch in terms of any resources available whether that be local funding for your areas schemes that are either active or get set up by spreading the word.

If I could also have a single point of contact for your area as well then that would be extremely beneficial moving forwards.

Warm Regards,

Michael Appleton

Seaton Vale Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows