

NETHERWITTON PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2026
AT 5.30 PM IN NETHERWITTON VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Councillors: J Trevelyan (Chairman)

Geoff Robson

L Spriggs

J Goodfellow

M Robson

A Moore

Clerk: D Smith

Apologies: Northumberland County Council (NCC) Councillor Glen Sanderson

39/25 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone present.

40/25 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations on this occasion.

41/25 Public Participation Time

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

42/25 County Councillor Update

The Clerk gave the following update from NCC Councillor Glen Sanderson:

- The budget was agreed almost unanimously with cross party agreement. Council tax will go up 4.99% which breaks down to 2% solely for adult social care and 2.99% for council services;
- Front line services to be protected;
- Keeping free town centre parking;
- Building new super schools;
- Keeping leisure offer as fresh and well liked as it is.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted

43/25 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2025

Members were asked to approve the above minutes.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the minutes of 11th November 2025, a copy of which had been circulated to each member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

44/25 Matters Arising from Previous Council Meetings

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

45/25 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

There were no planning applications to consider on this occasion.

46/25 Financial Matters

Members were asked to approve the payments and receipts report and budgetary report up to 28th February 2026.

RESOLVED

To approve the payments and receipts up to 28th February 2026.

47/25 Draft Policies – Assertion 10

- (i) Members were asked to approve the Draft IT & Cybersecurity Policy for approval.
- (ii) Members were asked to approve the Draft Data Protection & Retention Policy.
- (iii) The Clerk advised members that the new website is up and running. New email address for all members will be sent out this week. These email addresses must be used by 1st April 2026 and personal email addresses are no longer to be used.

RESOLVED

- (i) Members approved the Draft IT & Cybersecurity Policy.
- (ii) Members approved the Draft Data Protection & Retention Policy.
- (iii) Information duly noted.

48/25 Policies – Year End Procedures 2025/26

Members were asked to approve the following policies:

- Internal Audit Policy
- Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit
- Financial Risk Assessment

RESOLVED

Members approved the above policies.

49/25 Any Other Urgent Business

There was no other business on this occasion.

50/25 Dates of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 28th May 2026 at 5.30pm in Netherwitton Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 6pm.