NETHERWITTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 5.30 PM IN NETHERWITTON VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Councillors: J Trevelyan (Chairman)
Geoff Robson
L Spriggs
J Goodfellow
M Robson

Clerk: D Smith

Apologies: Cllr A Moore
Northumberland County Council (NCC) Councillor Glen Sanderson

14/26 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone present.

15/26 Declarations of Interest

Cllr John Trevelyan declared a pecuniary interest in item 4 – Public Participation Time.

16/26 Public Participation Time

Members were advised that correspondence has been received from local residents regarding a proposed planning application of a solar farm northeast of Netherwitton Village.

RESOLVED

To write to Mr J Trevelyan to request a public consultation on the above proposed planning application.

Cllr J Trevelyan declared a pecuniary interest in this matter.

17/26 County Councillor Update

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

- Looking at the next budget, £15m down on government settlement. Not looking at cutting frontline services or removing free parking in town centres. The BEST transformation programme is looking at how NCC can save money and become more efficient, including looking at improvements to call centres.
- SEN children transport and adult social care costs are rising.
- Library review taking place.
- Working with the North East Mayor, Kim McGuiness, regarding dualling the A1.
- After the incident on the River Tyne, 15 tonne of nurdles went into the water and are now washing up on Northumberland beaches. At this time, volunteers are picking up the nurdles however, to date, less than 10% have been retrieved. The nurdles are now spreading in the water north and south. Questions are being asked about who is going to decide when to stop looking for nurdles and who will make that decision.
- From October 2026, officers will follow a new delegation scheme when considering planning application, unless they are major applications. This means, that applications will be given to officers to decide unless there is a strong reason for them to go to committee.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted

18/26 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 28th May 2026

Members were asked to approve the above minutes.

RESOLVED

(a) That the minutes of 28th May 2026, a copy of which had been circulated to each member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

19/26 Matters Arising from Previous Council Meetings

Min 10/26 Netherwitton Church Yard

Members considered the request for a notice board in the new church yard.

RESOLVED

To request the cost of the notice board and the exact location.

20/26 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

There were no planning applications to consider on this occasion.

21/26 Financial Matters

a. Members were asked to approve the payments and receipts report and budgetary report up to 31st August 2026.

b. Members were advised that no issues were raised on the 25/26 audit.

c. Members were asked to consider a grant request for Netherwitton Village Hall.

RESOLVED

a. To approve the payments and receipts up to 31st August 2026.

b. Information duly noted.

c. To approve a grant of £900 and ask if they have any other upcoming projects.

22/26 Any Other Urgent Business

The Clerk to request NCC consider white lines down the centre of the roads.

23/26 Dates of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 26th November 2026 at 5.30pm in Netherwitton Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 5.53pm.