

## Meeting of Treswell with Cottam Parish Council

Minutes of **Treswell with Cottam Parish Council Meeting** held on the 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2026 at Treswell Village Hall, the meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

**Council Members & Officer Present:** Cllr Nicola Salter  
Cllr Helen Cope  
Cllr Kate Hardie  
Cllr Matt Bendall  
Ed Knox  
  
**Also, Present** 1  
Simon Richardson

Chairman  
Vice-Chair

Cllr Steve Howard  
Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer  
Members of Public  
District Cllr



➤ Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

A member of the public came to discuss the condition of the road from Grove to Treswell Wood and dangerous trees. The Council advised the member of the public to report any trees overhanging or dangerous to the highway on the MyNotts App or Notts County Council website. The state of the road will be highlighted to the County Council via County Cllr Limber.

42/25 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, Cllr Salter **Proposed**, Cllr Cope **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllrs R Hardie, & Tomlinson.

43/25 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes

After discussion, Cllr Bendall **Proposed**, Cllr Cope **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

44/25 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

None.

45/25 To Receive District & County Councillors Reports

**Dist Cllr Richardson:** Provided an update from the District Council and that he is working closely with County Cllr Limber with regard to Notts County Council highways matters. The Parish Cllrs agreed to email a list of potential problems, improvements of highway matters to County Cllr Limber & Dist Cllr Richardson. Cllr Salter to email Dist Cllr Richardson regarding the mud on the road to Coates due to the Solar works near the Trent.

**County Cllr Limber:** Did not attend.

46/25 To receive an update on Highways Matters Raised with Notts County Council/Bassetlaw District Council and to escalate a list of outstanding items with Notts County Council via the County Cllr where necessary

In the 1st instance, Cllrs and members of the public should report all new highways matters (street lights, overgrown hedges/trees, pavement/road problems/drainage etc) on the on-line Notts County Council website or MyNotts App, themselves, then, should no action have been taken NCC, bring it to the Parish Council meeting for escalation. The following outstanding Notts County Council items have been chased by the Clerk in between meetings, and Cllr Ogle copied in to escalate issues where necessary:

County Council Item	Issue/Detail	Potential Solution	Progress Made
<b>Jnc Laneham Road, Rampton Road &amp; Green Lane</b>	Sign Damage by vehicular collision	Repair Sign	19/03/2025 Reported under Ref no CSC688559116 to County Council. 17/09/2025 repair is still outstanding Cllr Limber to chase. 19/11/2025 Still outstanding, chase sent to Cllr Limber and Highways Manager. 21/01/2026 Still outstanding chase to be sent to Cllr Limber.

**New Items to escalate:**

- Cllrs will report the various damaged road signs on junctions in Treswell and the junctions with missing/worn white lines to the County Council via the MyNotts App. Cllrs to also report any overgrown trees/vegetation via the App or website.

47/25 Finance:

## Monthly Income & Expenditure

After discussion of the Financial Information circulated by email before the meeting, the council unanimously **resolved** to accept them as a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the bank statement and bank reconciliation.

### 1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

Payee	Item	Amount
Treswell Village Hall	Hall Hire Sep 2025 to Mar 2026	£60
QGS Supplies Ltd	6 x 25kg White Road Salt Grit Sacks	£34.54
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>£94.54</b>

### 2. Receipts:

From	Item	Amount
None		
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>£0</b>
<b>Bank Balance</b>		

The Current Account Balance **£16,333.37**

Direct Debits, and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE, already **approved** unanimously.

### 3. To Approve the next financial year's Budget & Set a Precept

The Council discussed the draft budget and in making the decision tonight, the Council members have studied the national average Band D precept amounts for Parish Councils, guidance from NALC and the individual Bassetlaw. The annual Concurrent grant from Bassetlaw Council in the same period has reduced to £12. The Council saw how inflation has eroded the spending power of the precept, year on year 2023 saw this at 3.5%.

In the past 20 years Bassetlaw have reduced the Concurrent Grant. Explaining the reduction of the Concurrent Grant, Bassetlaw District Council advised each Parish Council that: *"we continue to reduce the concurrent grant; therefore, you need to factor in these reductions, you will see that Harworth & Bircotes Parish Council decided some years ago to substantially increase their precept and invest in their infrastructure for their local people."*

NALC (National Association of Local Councils) and the SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) advise that Parish Councils should not set any arbitrary, random figure for their precepts, the law requires parish councils to set a precept that is a 'balancing figure' known in legislation as the 'council tax requirement'. The precept should be set to be the amount of money required to 'balance' the accounts after deducting all 'other expected regular annual income' in our case this is:

Other Income	Income Amount	Precept Saving per home @ Band D	Precept Saving per home @ Band A
Bassetlaw Concurrent Grant	£12	£0.09	£0.06
Bassetlaw Street Cleaning Grant	£308	£2.36	£1.57
Notts County Council Lengthsman Grant	£1,850	£14.70	£9.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,170</b>	<b>£17.15</b>	<b>£11.07</b>

A large proportion of parishes across all of Bassetlaw have a precept of over £10,000 with many in the £10 to £25k range.

With Inflation for the previous 12 months at around 3.5%, in addition to the usual running costs, after taking into consideration the self-generated income, a precept rise is required to cover the balance of regular recurring expenditure, including inflation, a rise is necessary.

After discussion of the budget options, Cllr Salter **Proposed**, Cllr Hardie **Seconded** and Cllr Salter called for a vote, all members in favour, **resolved to 1)** approve the budget as discussed, including confidential staffing element. **2)** to set precept of £11,668 = to Band D at £89.35 per year (£7.45 per month), which is still below the National Average. **Action**, the RFO to submit the completed Precept paperwork to Bassetlaw District Council 2025/26 Band D amount was £85.59 per year (£7.13 per month), therefore the rise on the Council Tax in monetary terms it is only a rise at Band D of 31p a month next year.

It is also worth noting that 79 homes in bands A to C, will pay less than the Band D figure. Homes with only 1 adult occupant, are entitled to receive a further 25% reduction on the above figures, with additional reductions for residents in receipt of certain benefits. Details are found by contacting Bassetlaw Council regards Council Tax reduction.

In comparison with other parishes in Bassetlaw, this is still a modest precept less than parishes with a similar population locally.

41/25 To note planning applications responded to via the Scheme of Delegation

Since the previous meeting the parish council responded via the scheme of delegation as follows and also discussed the following at today's meeting:

- None.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7:25pm.