

Annual Meeting of Hodsock Parish Council

Minutes of **Hodsock Parish Council Meeting** held on the 11th May 2026 at Langold Village Hall, the meeting commenced at 5:00pm.

Council Members & Officer Present:	Cllr Sandy Walker	Chairman
	Cllr Graham Coe	Vice-Chair
	Cllr Jack Bowker	
	Cllr Jackie Wilkinson	
	Cllr Mel Morris	
Also, Present	Ed Knox	Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
	Hana John	County Cllr
	Kath Walker	Chairman of LVHMC for 1 st item

- 1/26 To Elect a Chairman of the Council
Cllr Coe **Proposed**, Cllr Morris **Seconded** and the Council **resolved** that Cllr Walker be elected Chairman of the Council. Cllr Walker together with the Proper Officer, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman form.
- 2/26 To Elect a Vice-Chair of the Council
Cllr Wilkinson **Proposed**, Cllr Morris **Seconded** and the Council **resolved** that Cllr Coe be elected Vice-Chair of the Council.
- 3/26 To Receive Langold Village Hall Management Committee (LVHMC) Report
A member of the Committee advised an update:
- LVHMC is now a registered charity
 - LVHMC are investigating if they can reclaim VAT
 - LVHMC are looking to rent out the old office, if they can't get a rental arrangement in place by 4 months' time, the parish council will rent the office out.
 - LVHMC are about to arrange the 5 -ear hardwire testing and the smoke alarms are to be replaced next week. The Fire Risk Assessment is complete.
 - LVHMC wish to amend/update the agreement document between the PC and LVHMC now that they are a charity and the matter to be added to the next PC meeting to adopt the amended document.
- 4/26 To Receive District & County Councillors Reports
Dist Cllr Freeman: Did not attend.
County Cllr John: Advised that the 100 years' of Langold memorial bench £850 must be spent by 12th June with the information/invoice copy sent to Notts County Council. Cllr Walker is obtaining prices and will order the bench to be installed by Cllr Bowker.
The skate park artwork is now almost complete. Doncaster Road resurfacing to take place in 2026/27. £350 donated to the local library. Cllr John is keen for NCC to consider a cycle route from Oldcotes to Carlton-In-Lindrick.
- Adjournment – (15-Minute Maximum) Public Forum
None.
- 05/26 To Approve Apologies for Absence
After discussion, Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Wilkinson **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllrs Perkins & Hamilton. Cllrs Smith & Freeman did not attend.
- 06/26 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed
None.
- 07/26 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes
After discussion, Cllr Coe **Proposed**, Cllr Bowker. **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 08/26 To Discuss the Know Your Place Process
The Neighbourhood Planner is holding the Know Your Place open days with the public next week. Cllr Morris to help with flyers and promote on Facebook.

- 09/26 To Discuss Speedwatch
Cllr Hamilton did not attend, item postponed for next meeting.
- 10/26 To Discuss Youth Activities for 12 to 17 yrs in the Summer Holidays
After discussion, Cllr Coe **Proposed**, Cllr Bowker. **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to proceed with the existing arrangement agreed at the previous meeting, to focus the summer holiday trial youth activities for the under 11's. To fund for the 5-week session £13.15 x up to 15 children for 3 sessions a week, the parents making up the £10 short fall, and the parish council to also fund the cost of the village hall hire. Cllr Morris will proceed with the scheme and promote it in due course.
- 11/26 To Discuss a Cemetery Memorial Safety Inspector
Cllr Walker advised that he is looking into the training details and costs ready for the July meeting.
- 12/26 To discuss an update on Langold Cemetery Matters
Cllr Walker will enter the cemetery and the Memorial Garden into the Green Flag Award scheme. Cllr Coe to plant out the cemetery planters. Cllr Bowker obtaining costs to buy or rent a scarifier mower. The Box Hedges in the cemetery by the central path are dead. After discussion, Cllr Coe **Proposed**, Cllr Bowker. **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to remove these asap via Cllr Bower. County Cllr John advised that she believes the Woodland Trust can provide 90% funded hedgerow replacements for areas needing at least 100 mtrs, as the central path of dead box bushes and the removed extension fence area of the cemetery totals greater than 100 mtrs, then this will be investigated as a possible solution as a replacement.
- 13/26 To Approve Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 Annual Return) for the previous financial year
The Clerk reported the findings of the internal auditor, the Council members had already reviewed the documentation by email, Cllr Morris **Proposed**, Cllr Walker **Seconded** and the Council **approved** the Annual Governance Statement. The Clerk and the Chairman signed the Annual Governance Statement.
- 14/26 To Approve Accounting Statements (Section 2 Annual Return) for the previous financial year
The Clerk circulated by email prior to the meeting the Annual Return Section 2 Accounting Statements. Cllr Coe **Proposed**, Cllr Walker **Seconded** and the Council **approved** the Accounts, and the Clerk and the Chairman signed the Accounting Statements. **Action**, the Clerk will submit the Annual Return to the External Auditor along with any required supporting documents and upload copies to the webpage.
- 10/26 To Set the Period of Public Rights for the previous financial year
The period recommended for the public rights notice by the external auditor is 3rd Jun 2026 to 14th July 2026. After discussion of the form. Cllr Coe **Proposed**, Cllr Walker **Seconded** that the Council unanimously Council **approved** the recommended dates. **Action**, the clerk will upload the notice to the website.
- 16/26 Finance:
Payments & Receipts
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 and the Chairman signed the bank reconciliations and statements.

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Rent-A-Cut Ltd	Cemetery Maintenance & Liaison Officer Apr	£980
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Rent-A-Cut Ltd	Cemetery Inter Ashes A98 Ball	£135.75
NALC	Annual Membership	£721.92
ICCM	Annual Membership	£110
Clerk	Expenses 1 st Apr 2025-31 st Mar2026 Mileage, Cloud Storage, SLCC	£140.46
Lengthsman	Expenses Apr – Diesel, Spray, Painting Equipment, Electric fixings	£225
Cllr Walker	Expenses Amazon V Hall Emergency Light and anti-smoke strips	£56.98
Zurich	Insurance Renewal	£1,199.54
Total Payments		£4,596.15

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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Dolby Funeral Services Ltd	Cemetery Section A re-open Inter Ashes & EROB Transfer A118	£340
Dolby Funeral Services Ltd	Cemetery Section A re-open Inter Ashes & EROB Transfer A98	£355
Whitakers Worksop	Cemetery New Memorial Fee Plot I-17 Brookes	£250
Memories In Stone Ltd	Cemetery Memorial Amendment Plot A-118 Harrison	£105
Co-op Funeral Care	Cemetery New Interment & EROB B-35 Proctor	£1,890
Unity Trust Bank	Quarterly Bank Interest	£336.30
Bassetlaw District Council	1 st ½ Precept	£47,235
Bassetlaw District Council	1 st ½ Concurrent Grant	£33.50
Bassetlaw District Council	1 st ½ Street Cleaning Grant	£848
Bassetlaw District Council	1 st ½ Cemetery Grant	£830.50
Total Receipts		£52,223.30
Unity Trust Bank		
Current Account		£52,672.95
Deposit Account		£59,206.16
Grand Total All Bank Accounts		£111,879.11

Direct Debits (Cemetery Lilli Waste, Water Plus, Bank Charge) and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE and Pension & Lengthsman Services, previously **approved**.

Budget/Ringfenced items:

• Christmas Lights	£4,115.37
• Cemetery	£7,874
• County Cllrs Bench	£850
• Total Earmarked Reserves	<u>£12,839.37</u>
• General Reserves/Operating Costs	£99,039.74
• Total	<u>£111,879.11</u>

17/26 To Note any Planning Responses via the Scheme of Delegation

Since the previous meeting the parish council responded via the scheme of delegation as follows and 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 6:25pm.