

Meeting of Hodsock Parish Council

Minutes of **Hodsock Parish Council Meeting** held on the 9th Mar 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 Gill Freeman	Cllr Jack Bowker
	Cllr David Hamilton	Cllr Jackie Wilkinson
	Cllr Mel Morris	Cllr Nick Smith (for 113/25)
	Ed Knox	Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
Also, Present	Gill Freeman	District Cllr
	Kath Walker	Chairman of LVHMC for 1 st item

100/25 To Receive Langold Village Hall Management Committee (LVHMC) Report

A member of the Committee advised an update:

- The village hall is to undertake additional electrical testing
- New smoke alarms to be installed
- Following the Fire Risk Assessment, the new fire door needs to be fitted by end of July. The Parish Council are paying for the door replacement and the repair to the emergency light.
- The LVHMC are awaiting the Charity Commission to complete the registration process.

101/25 To Receive District & County Councillors Reports

Dist Cllr Freeman: Advised that Bassetlaw have set their precept rise for 2026/27.

County Cllr John: Advised by email that a member of the public had requested a public bench to be provided in memory of the 100 years of Langold, Cllr John hopes to offer up to £1000 to pay for the bench, which would be parish council owned, via her County Cllr's Divisional Grant. Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Freeman **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to order and install via the Lengthsman, a suitable bench.

➤ Adjournment – (15-Minute Maximum) Public Forum

None.

102/25 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Perkins.

103/25 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

None.

104/25 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes

After discussion, Cllr Wilkinson **Proposed**, Cllr Freeman **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting.

105/25 To Discuss the Know Your Place Process

The Clerk has emailed the Neighbourhood Planner to request the Know Your Place process to start in April/May 2026.

106/25 To Discuss Speedwatch

Cllr Hamilton advised that Blyth Parish Council are willing to co-run a Speedwatch with Hodsock Parish Council, sharing volunteers. Blyth want to purchase a speed radar gun and share the cost with Hodsock. Cllrs Hamilton, Morris and Walker are willing to undertake the online training and form part of the Speedwatch group. After discussion, Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to offer £300 to Blyth Parish Council towards the cost of purchasing the gun and any other equipment required.

106/25 To Discuss an update on the Youth Worker Scheme

Summer Holiday Scheme - Cllrs Morris and Walker advised that for the company to come in and run 3 sessions per week, for 8 hours a day, for 5 weeks during the summer 2026 school holidays, the cost to the company is £23.50 per child per day. The age group they can offer it to is 4 to 11 and up to a total maximum of 30 children. Initially they wish to set up bookings for up to 15 and see if the demand is there to then expand to a maximum of 30. The village hall would also need to be hired for 10hrs for each day session to cover set up and close before

and after the sessions. It is hoped that if demand is sufficient, then the company will come back and undertake sessions in all school holidays going forward, however, the cost would be on each parent to fund, rather than the parish council. Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Freeman **Seconded** and the council **resolved** 6 in favour, 1 against 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. The total maximum cost of this, including hall hire would be £5,675. However, Cllr Walker will ask the LVHMC if they are willing to offer a bulk booking discount. The cost will be covered via VAT reclaimed by the parish council for 2025/26 and not be placed on the taxpayer via the precept.

Skate Park Artwork – Cllr Morris advised that the artist has completed the various designs based on the ideas and drawings of local children. The cost of the artwork installation which includes waterproofing covering so that the artwork can be cleaned is £3,500. Cllr Morris has raised £2,500 so far which is held in an account by Cllr Morris for the purpose of the skate park artwork. Cllr Morris is attempting to raise further funds, and Cllr Walker is going to approach Bassetlaw District Council to see if they have any funding they can contribute to the project. If no further funding is available, then Cllr Morris would like the parish council to cover the shortfall up to a maximum of £1,000. The Council **noted** this and are happy to go along with this plan, it has been previously resolved that the parish council would cover any shortfall.

107/25 To Discuss a Cemetery Memorial Safety Inspector

Cllr Walker has been in touch with a suitable cemetery training company. Six participants are required to be able to run a course, which would be held in the village hall.

108/25 To Discuss the Annual Review of the Cemetery Fees

It was agreed previously and documented in the cemetery fee schedule for implantation in Apr, a small rise of £5 or £10 per item will be discussed for approval, so it is not a big rise every time, and there is therefore an expected minimal annual rise. The current fees are:

Fees	Langold Cemetery Residents	Langold Cemetery Non-Residents
Interment Fees for 18 and under	Free	Free
New Grave Rights Purchase Full Burial	£1,000	£2,000
New Grave Rights Purchase Cremated Remains	£600	£1,200
Interment Fee Full Burial Existing or New Grave	£800	£1,600
Change of Burial Rights	£40	£80
Ashes Interment new grave	£500	£1,000
Ashes Interment Existing Grave	£300	£600
New Memorial	£250	£500
Wooden Cross	£100	£200
Vase	£100	£200
Amend Inscriptions or Replacement Memorial	£100	£200
Additional Fee for Kerb Set	No Longer Allowed	No Longer Allowed

Cllr Walker asked the Council if they wish to increase these fees either by £5 or £10 from 1st Apr 2026. After discussion, Cllr Bowker **Proposed**, Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to increase the fees by 5% rounded to the nearest £, per item with effect from 1st Apr 2026.

109/25 To Discuss the Christmas Lights from 2027/28

The cost of the Christmas Lights in 2025/26 was £4,100, there is enough ring-fenced reserves to cover 2026/27, therefore, it will be in 2027/28 when it needs to be added to the precept, if the lights are to continue. The cost of this per house, per year would be approximately as follows:

Total Precept Increase	Council Tax Base	Annual @ Band A	Annual @ Band B	Annual @ Band C	Annual @ Band D	Monthly @ Band A	Monthly @ Band B	Monthly @ Band C	Monthly @ Band D
£4,100	756.45	£3.61	£4.22	£4.82	£5.42	£0.30	£0.35	£0.40	£0.45

After discussion, Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Freeman **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to include the cost in the annual budget/precept from 2027/28 onwards.

110/25 To discuss an update on Langold Cemetery Matters

Cllr Coe advised that the Lengthsman is currently pollarding the trees at the front of the cemetery. Cllr Walker mentioned historical issues relating to the incorrect installation of a memorial on plot A-156 in the cremation section A during Covid. After discussion, Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Bowker **Seconded** and the council **resolved** that Cllr Walker to talk with the burial rights owner to arrange for the temporary removal of the stone, the levelling up of the plot and the Lengthsman to extend the concrete plinth to the end of the row and reinstatement of the stone, that the parish council will contribute £100 to the memorial mason towards the costs.

111/25 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 Two months	£1,960
Rent-A-Cut Ltd	Cemetery Re-Open Interment G110 Cavanagh	£405
Lengthsman	Expenses November – Linker Marker Spray & Rollers	£110
Lengthsman	Expenses December – Petrol 10ltrs & Drain Cleaner	£37
Lengthsman	Expenses January – Chipper Hire, Diesel, Chainsaw Blades	£963.10
Hugo Fox Ltd	Website Annual Fee & Gov domain name	£143.86
Hugo Fox Ltd	New Gov.uk Clerk email annual fee	£35.88
Christmas Plus Ltd	Final 30% Invoice for Dismantle Christmas Lights 2025/26	£882
Clerk	Cemetery – 2 nd Class Stamps	£13.92
Total Payments		<u>£4,550.76</u>

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Notts County Council	Annual Lengthsman Scheme Grant	£1,150
Memories In Stone	Cemetery Memorial Install A105b Newton	£250
Memories In Stone	Cemetery Memorial Install H9 Brunt	£250
Member of Public	Cemetery Burial Rights Transfer Plots G87, E30, E78 Gallagher	£120
Total Receipts		<u>£1,770</u>
<u>Unity Trust Bank</u>		
<u>Current Account</u>		£8,707.24
<u>Deposit Account</u>		£66,869.86
Grand Total All Bank Accounts		<u>£75,577.10</u>

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

Budget/Ringfenced items:

• Christmas Lights	£4,115.37
• Cemetery	£7,874
• Total Earmarked Reserves	<u>£11,989.37</u>
• General Reserves/Operating Costs	£63,587.73
• Total	<u>£75,577.10</u>

112/25 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:

- **25/01412/FUL & LBA Listed Building Application, Erection Single Storey Side Extension and Internal Alterations - Hodsock Woodhouse, Hodsock Lane** – The Council responded as follows: *“The Council supports the application without further comment.”*

- **26/00081/HSE Entrance Canopy with Two Storey Side Extension. Replace Existing Velux with Two Dormers 61 White Avenue Langold** – The Council responded as follows: *“The Council supports the application without further comment.”*
- **25/01416/COU Change of Use of Agricultural Land to Use as a Glamping Site with Siting of 2 Two Person Pods Hodsock Lodge Farm Woodhouse Lane Hodsock** – The Council responded as follows: *“The Council supports the application without further comment.”*

113/25 To Discuss a Confidential Staffing Matters

After discussion Cllr Walker **Proposed**, Cllr Freeman **Seconded**, the council **resolved** to approve the changes detailed within the Confidential Appendix Report.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 6:35pm.