

SITLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the
ALLOTMENTS AND CEMETERIES COMMITTEE MEETING
At
Netherton Village Hall
Tuesday 10th February at 7.00 pm 2026**

Present: Cllr Smith, Cllr Crow, Cllr Fyles, Cllr Myers. (Acting Chair)

Recommendations

Officers to do an allotment inspection March/April

1/0226>Welcome and apologies

The chair welcomed the meeting.

Apologies were received reasons accepted by the committee.

Cllr Collinson, Cllr Fearnside

2/0226.The chairs reminder of the council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting.

Standing Order 3(I), The recording of council and parish meetings is permitted under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 but recording will be carried out in accordance with separate rules adopted by the local council to effectively and lawfully manage this activity.

Noted

3/0226.Members' Declarations of Interest

To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

None were declared (Cllr Smith Allotment?)

4/0226.Public Admissions to Meetings Act (1960)

No public attended.

5/0226.To approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting dated Tuesday 11th November 2025.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved at the last Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 and duly signed by the chair.

6/0226.To receive an update on the previous actions dated 11/11/25

Recommendations from the last meeting.

Climbing plants added to Netherton Cemetery wall along with bulb planting

- Training schedule for ICCM, Cllr Collinson to attend the introduction to Cemetery management in June.
- Leaflet needs to be drafted
- A new bench will be placed in Netherton Cemetery as the requested location from AS
- Changes in terms and condition completed.

7/0226.Cemeteries

a-To receive an update on the memorial garden at Middlestown Cemetery. (Cllr Fearnside) Working with the ground maintenance to lay the wood chip.

b-To receive an update on quotes for the footpaths for Netherton Cemetery.

Contractor instruction

c-To receive an update on the administration of the cemeteries.

The clerk updated the meeting on the grave ownership issues raised over the last couple of months.

8/0226.Allotments**a-To receive an update on all allotment's sites**

The clerk updated the meeting on the water rates for this coming year; this has been lowered to £10 on every plot due to the hosepipe band and credits on the accounts.

Cllr Smith updated the meeting on the pothole at the bottom of the lane out of the Netherton Windy Bank allotments.

WMDC have agreed to come back and re assess the area and decide whether they are responsible.

b-To consider the community plot and agree actions.

Still need to seek quotes for the community plot fence, plot 31 has been asked to remove the foliage by the fence. Fruit trees to be planted early spring.

Notice board is finished, location to be agreed.

Cllr Smith updated the meeting on clearing of the community plot and requested a status of the skip as it was not delivered on 3/2/26.

Tidying of the plot generally was discussed and clearing of the foliage on plot 31 has been removed. Clerk to gather quotes for the next PC meeting

Cllr Smith agreed to meet the community workshop when they were fitting the notice board. Updating on the pond and the wildlife around this area. Information to be added to the notice board about the wildlife.

c-To receive an update on the non-cultivated plots on NWB.

A further inspection from officers needs to take place once the weather has improved.

To be inspected late March /early April.

9/0226.Correspondence

No correspondence

10/0226.Date and Time of Next Meeting

To arrange the date and time of the next meeting.

Tuesday 12th May 7.00pm NVH

Meeting End:7.40pm