



The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 12th May 2025 at 7:00pm at Rampton Village Hall .

Agenda

- Welcome & confirmation of accuracy of the Minutes
 - The Chairman to open the meeting, welcome all and point out the fire exits.
 - Confirmation of the accuracy of the minutes of the last Parish meeting.
- Parish Council Chairmans report
- Any other reports
- Public session – open meeting for members of the public and residents
- Next meeting – May 2026.



The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 12th May 2025 proceeding the Annual Parish Meeting at Rampton Village Hall.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Confirmation of the accuracy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Council;
3. Election of a chair and vice chair
4. Review of the terms of reference for committees;
 - HR Committee
5. Appointment of members to existing committees;
 - 3 members to be appointed to the HR Committee.
6. Appointment of any new committees in accordance with standing order 4;
 - None
7. Review and adoption of appropriate standing orders and adoption of the revised NALC Model financial regulations;
8. Review of arrangements (including legal agreements) with other local authorities, not-for-profit bodies and businesses.
 - Coles and Moorpool land to be assigned for charitable purposes for the period.
9. Review of representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back;
 - South East Bassetlaw Forum (Vice Chair)
 - Tarmac Land Restoration representative (Chair)
10. Review of inventory of land and other assets;
 - Asset register
11. Confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insurable risks.
12. Review of the Council's and/or staff subscriptions to other bodies;
 - NALC & Notts Alc
 - RCAN (Village Hall)
 - SLCC (Clerk)
 - Information Commissioners

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13. Adoption of the new Council's complaints procedure;
14. Review of the Council's policies, procedures and practices in respect of its obligations under freedom of information and data protection legislation (see also standing orders 11, 20 and 21);
15. Review of the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media;
16. Review of the Council's employment policies and procedures;
17. Review of the Council's expenditure incurred under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.
18. Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.

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The Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 12th May 2025 proceeding the APCM at Rampton Village Hall.

Lottery Draw

To draw the lottery results.

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman to open the meeting, welcome all and point out the fire exits.

2. **Apologies**

a) To receive apologies for absence and acceptance.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

a) To receive any declarations of interest.

4. **District and County Councillor Reports**

a) To receive District and County Councillors' reports.

5. **Minutes and updates from the previous meeting.**

a) To approve and sign the minutes of the previous ordinary Parish Council meeting.

6. **Planning applications, determinations, and consultations**

- a) 25/00225/FUL Reinstatement of Dwelling with Detached Garage and Re-use of Existing Dwelling as Ancillary Building. The Bungalow 7 Manor Gardens Treswell Road Rampton Nottinghamshire DN22 0JU
- b) 25/00254/FUL Proposed Single Storey Ancillary Accommodation Mill House Retford Road Rampton Nottinghamshire DN22 0JB
- c) 25/00267/FUL Conversion of Existing Outbuildings and Dwelling to Form 8 no Holiday Lets Conversion and Extension of Outbuilding to Form 1 no Dwelling, Erection of Storage Building. Manor Gardens Treswell Road Rampton Nottinghamshire DN22 0JU
- d) 25/00305/OUT Outline Application with Some Matters Reserved (Approval Being Sought for Access, Landscaping and Layout) to Erect 3 Detached Dwellings with a Detached Garage Land At Bramley Oak Lodge Greenside Rampton Nottinghamshire
- e) 25/00487/HSE Proposed Single Story Rear and Two Story Side Extensions, Formation of Drop Kerb and New Front Driveway. 3 Retford Road Woodbeck Nottinghamshire DN22 0JE
- f) Any others received prior to the meeting.

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7. Motions for determination.

- a) Following the historic motion to fund a reflection/peace garden at Woodbeck and the area no longer being deemed suitable for such, to determine reallocating the money (CIL £4.2K) to other projects in Woodbeck which could include the re-siting of a gazebo and replacement playpark items or other, yet to be costed. Proposed by Cllr L Cobb. Power: Public Health Act 1875, s.164 Local Government Act 1972 s14 ss27; Public Health Acts Amendments Acts 1890 s44; Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19; Commons Act 1899
- b) The Rampton & Woodbeck Neighbourhood Plan was formally 'made' by Bassetlaw District Council following the referendum held on 6 May 2021, government guidance suggests that plans should be reviewed every 5 years to ensure they remain up to date with:
- Local and National Planning Policy Changes – For example, if the Local Plan (set by the district or borough council) is updated, the Neighbourhood Plan should align with it.
 - Community Needs & Development – Changes in housing demand, infrastructure, or environmental concerns may require updates.
 - New Evidence or Legislation – For instance, if national planning rules change, a review might be necessary.
- To ensure that the made policy continues to hold full weight in the planning decision making process, and aligns to new policies and community needs, the Parish Council to resolved to adopt the Neighbourhood Steering Committee Terms of Reference, to resolve to create a committee of the Parish Council and appoint 3 members of the council to the group. Proposed by Cllr L Cobb. Power: Localism Act 2011, Schedule 9; Town and Country Planning Act 1990, ss.61E-61Q, Schedule 4B; Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, s.38A
- c) To consider whether to install air source heat pump heating, install air conditioning units (heat), or improve security to the existing oil tank. (see officer recommendations for cost details). Power: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19 Local Government Act 1972, s.133
- d) To consider whether to fund the cost of the Music Licence (PPL PRS) for hall users as in previous years at a cost of £1.4k. Power: section 137
- e) Due to the website provider cache issues, there are a number of historic loaded documents that show when searching for key words. These records can not be deleted by the clerk due to authority levels set by the provider which would allow such access to delete records. It is therefore possible to search and return previous versions of now out of date documents despite the website pages and document management system showing otherwise. The Council is to consider the implications of this, if further action is considered to decide whether councillors should be trained by the website provider at a cost of £85 per person, or to assign a councillor lead to review the scope of the issue and make other recommendations at a later date as agreed. Power: Local Government Act 1972 S226 & S227
- f) The Grass cutting contract will be fulfilled at the end of the Grass cutting season, the Parish Council to consider whether the best value for money would be to continue to contract out the service or to bring the

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service in house. If it is decided to bring the service in house, to assign a councillor lead(s) to cost out a suitable mower, storage of mower, annual costs, training, grant funding and any other considerations and to report back to council, setting an agreed deadline for the report back to council and recommendations.

- g) To purchase a new Letter box for the village hall at a cost of £85 from Safes UK. Proposed by Cllr Hemshall. Power: Local Government Act 1972 S226 & S227
- h) To formally acknowledge the email from Torkey Parish Council 'asking that Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council have on record a resolution recognising that Torksey PC members or its contractors will need, from time to time, to carry out necessary maintenance works within your Parish' in relation to them adopting Torksey Viaduct footpath. Power: n/a
- i) To consider whether to renew the councils telephone business contract with o2 at £16 per month (raising annually by £2.50 in April) or to cancel the contract removing all listings from public viewing and having the public being able to contact the clerk through email and or post. Power: Local Government Act 1972 ss101, 111 & 112
- j) To consider the use of the Parish Council Whats App group and either adopt the policy or close the group down. Power: n/a
- k) To consider whether to apply for free community trees or not, if agreed to determine a location and whether this will be a community lead planting event or other. Power: Section 137

8. **Finance**

- a) To review and sign off the Bank Reconciliation for the month.
- b) To sign off payments and receipts for the period.
- c) To review and sign off the Budget v Actual position for the period.
- d) To sign off the regular/standing orders/Direct Debit payments for the year in line with Budgeted cost centres.

9. **Correspondence**

- NALC Newsletter
- Any other received.

10. **Any matters raised for future consideration and date of next meeting**

- Any matters raised for future consideration.
- Next meeting date: Monday TBC at 7pm in the village hall.

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Adjourned Motions:

Adjourned subject to a councillor proposing the motion: To consider whether to fund the hire of the hall and refreshments for a quarterly community litter pick

Adjourned subject to a councillor proposing the motion: To consider having a Key Box in hall, with a set of master keys in case of emergency with an assigned councillor having access.

Others Adjourned for a future period:

To purchase a floor polisher/ hard floor cleaner

To decide on whether to dissolve the Coles', Moorpool & The Eyre St Thomas Day Charity Christmas Event

Village Hall internal wall covering to protect from damage.

Replace Letter box, all Clerk mail to be redirected, posted by staff. (Previously resolved motion – awaiting 6 month period)

December Christmas Super Lottery

Replacement of the Pinder Park Trim Trail (Grant awarded)

Supporting Papers: Proper Officer recommendations:

Motion: a) Following the historic motion to fund a reflection/peace garden at Woodbeck, and the area no longer being deemed suitable, to determine reallocating the money (£4,200 in CIL funds) to other projects in Woodbeck, which could include the re-siting of a gazebo and replacement playpark items, or other yet-to-be-costed options. **Background:** The original proposal to create a reflection/peace garden in Woodbeck is no longer viable due to site constraints. As the funding (£4,200) was allocated from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), it is necessary to determine an alternative use for these funds within Woodbeck that aligns with community needs and the relevant statutory powers.

Recommendation: Confirm Eligible Project Options – Given that CIL funds must be used for infrastructure improvements that benefit the community, the following projects should be considered:

Re-siting of the existing gazebo to a more suitable location.

Replacement of playpark items to enhance local recreational facilities.

Other community-led suggestions, pending cost assessments and feasibility.

Consult the Community – Engage with Rampton & Woodbeck residents to gather feedback on their priorities for local improvements. This could be done via an online survey, a public consultation, or liaising with community groups.

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Obtain Cost Estimates – Seek quotations for the proposed projects to determine their viability within the available budget.

Ensure Compliance with Funding Criteria – Confirm that the selected project(s) align with CIL regulations and the relevant statutory powers, including those under the Public Health Act 1875, Open Spaces Act 1906, and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Decision & Implementation Plan – Based on community feedback and cost assessments, select the preferred project(s) and establish a timeline for implementation.

Motion: b) To resolve to adopt the Neighbourhood Steering Committee Terms of Reference, to establish a committee of the Parish Council, and to appoint three members of the council to the group to oversee the review and updating of the Rampton & Woodbeck Neighbourhood Plan.

Background: The Rampton & Woodbeck Neighbourhood Plan was formally adopted ("made") by Bassetlaw District Council following the referendum on 6 May 2021. Government guidance recommends that Neighbourhood Plans be reviewed every five years to ensure they remain relevant and continue to hold full weight in planning decisions.

A review is essential to: Align with Local and National Planning Policies – Ensuring consistency with any updates to the Bassetlaw Local Plan or national planning regulations.

Reflect Changing Community Needs – Addressing evolving housing, infrastructure, and environmental priorities.

Incorporate New Evidence and Legislation – Keeping the plan up to date with the latest data, policies, and best practices.

Recommendation:

Adopt the Neighbourhood Steering Committee Terms of Reference – Formalising the group's role, responsibilities, and objectives.

Establish a Parish Council Committee – Ensuring oversight and accountability for the review process.

Appoint Three Councillors to the Committee – Selecting members who will lead the review process, actively engage with the community to recruit other members to the committee, engage with stakeholders, and report back to the council.

Develop a Review Plan & Timeline – Outlining the steps for updating the Neighbourhood Plan, including community engagement, data collection, and submission procedures.

Engage with the Community – Encouraging residents to provide input on potential updates to ensure the plan reflects local priorities.

Liaise with Bassetlaw District Council – Collaborating with the planning authority to align the Neighbourhood Plan with wider planning policies.

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Next Steps:

Approve the adoption of the Steering Committee Terms of Reference.

Formally create the committee and appoint three Parish Council members, appoint a member to actively recruit other community members.

Task the committee with preparing a review strategy and timeline.

Schedule regular progress updates to the Parish Council.

By taking these steps, the Parish Council can ensure that the Rampton & Woodbeck Neighbourhood Plan remains a strong, effective planning tool that reflects current policies and community needs.

Identify a means of funding, reviews of plans can cost in excess of £10k depending on whether consultants are engaged. Locality Funding should be next available from May 2025 but will require quotes and a review plan prior to progressing any grant application.

Motion: c) To consider whether to install air source heat pump heating, install air conditioning units (heat), or improve security to the existing oil tank.

Officer Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Parish Council reviews the received quotes for all three options and assesses them against the following criteria:

1. Operational Needs

Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP): If the hall requires both heating and cooling and the council aims to reduce long-term energy costs and carbon emissions, ASHPs may offer the most future-proof solution.

Air Conditioning Units: If immediate and more targeted cooling (e.g., for active users like the dance group) is the priority, and existing heating is sufficient, air conditioning may be more cost-effective short-term.

Oil Tank Security Improvements: If there are current or recent concerns about fuel theft or vandalism, this should be treated as a priority for risk mitigation.

2. Financial Comparison

Compare the quotes not just for installation costs, but also for:

Estimated annual running costs

Maintenance and servicing requirements

Available grants or funding (e.g. for ASHPs)

Lifespan and return on investment

3. Strategic Alignment

Consider the Parish Council's environmental policies, hall sustainability goals, and community expectations.

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Weigh up the benefits of moving away from fossil fuels vs. improving existing infrastructure.

Parish Council Power/Duty:

LGA 1972, s.133 – Maintenance/improvement of public buildings.

Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 – Supports investment in low-carbon heating solutions.

LGA 2003, s.1 – Powers to spend for the benefit of the community.

Suggested Next Step:

The council should review the quotes during the meeting and decide on:

The most cost-effective and practical solution.

Whether to proceed with one option now, or phase improvements (e.g. secure the oil tank immediately, plan for ASHP next year).

Quote Ref	Type	Estimate	Grant	Payable
Quote 1	Grant Aerona air source heat pump	£ 12,900.00	£ 7,500.00	£ 5,400.00
Quote 2	Grant Aerona air source heat pump	£ 14,210.00	£ 7,500.00	£ 6,710.00
Quote 3	Grant Aerona R290 15.5kW	£ 16,300.00	£ 7,500.00	£ 8,800.00
Quote 4	Grant Aerona R290 15.5kW (diff radiator option)	£ 19,320.00	£ 7,500.00	£ 11,820.00
Quote 5	Air Conditioning unit (heat)	£ 8,200.00	£ -	£ 8,200.00

Motion: d) To consider whether to fund the cost of the Music Licence (PPL PRS) for hall users as in previous years at a cost of £1.4k

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Parish Council consider whether to continue to fund the cost of the PPL PRS Music Licence for the village hall for the current year, at a cost of approximately £1,400, while also noting the financial and governance implications of this arrangement. When setting the budget, the council decided to make cuts to service to offset the need for a precept increase. Consideration should be given to the amount of benefit the community sees from the Council paying for the licence and whether this is a fair burden to the tax payer.

Rationale:

The PPL PRS licence is a legal requirement for venues where recorded or live music is played publicly, ensuring compliance with copyright regulations on behalf of music creators and performers. Historically, the Parish Council has covered this cost centrally to facilitate community use of the hall without placing the burden of licensing on individual users.

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Continuing to fund the licence:

Reduces administrative burden for individual hirers.

Supports local community groups and events by keeping costs manageable.

Ensures the hall remains fully compliant with legal music licensing obligations.

However, it should be noted that:

The cost of the licence has increased significantly in recent years and is now a notable annual expense.

As a general principle, parish councils should not subsidise independent or private entities using public funds, especially where the cost relates to compliance that would normally fall to the hirer.

This support, would represent a further budget deficit of £1k, and may set an ongoing expectation of financial support for third-party obligations and may need reviewing in future years for sustainability and fairness.

Motion: e) Due to the website provider cache issues, there are a number of historic loaded documents that show when searching for key words. These records can not be deleted by the clerk due to authority levels set by the provider which would allow such access to delete records. It is therefore possible to search and return previous versions of now out of date documents despite the website pages and document management system showing otherwise. The Council is to consider the implications of this, if further action is considered to decide whether councillors should be trained by the website provider at a cost of £85 per person, or to assign a councillor lead to review the scope of the issue and make other recommendations at a later date as agreed. Power: Local Government Act 1972 S226 & S227

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council assign a councillor lead to review the extent and scope of the website caching issue and report back with findings and recommendations, prior to committing to formal training or incurring expenditure.

Rationale:

Due to caching issues with the current website provider, historic and outdated documents are still retrievable through keyword searches, even though they no longer appear in the active document library or pages. These legacy records cannot be deleted by the Clerk due to permission restrictions imposed by the provider.

This situation has implications for:

Transparency and public access to accurate records

Data accuracy and reputational risk

Potential confusion for members of the public accessing out-of-date material

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While training is available from the website provider at £85 per councillor, it is suggested that before any cost is incurred, the Council first establish the scale and impact of the issue. Assigning a councillor lead to liaise with the Clerk, the provider, and fellow members would allow for a better-informed decision at a future meeting.

Alternative Options:

Proceed directly with councillor training to enable higher-level administrative access.

Request the provider to conduct a paid audit or intervention to resolve the caching problem.
Consider alternative website management solutions or providers if systemic limitations persist.

Financial Implication (if training pursued):

£85 per councillor for website provider training, plus potential additional costs depending on the resolution path chosen.

Motion: f) The Grass cutting contract will be fulfilled at the end of the Grass cutting season, council to consider whether the best value for money would be to continue to contract out the service or bring in house. If it is decided to bring in house the mowing, to assign a councillor lead(s) to cost out a suitable mower, storage of mower, annual costs, training, grant funding and any other considerations and to report back to council, setting an agreed deadline for the report back to council and recommendations.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council undertake a review of the grass cutting provision ahead of the end of the current contract period, and decide whether to continue contracting out the service or explore bringing the service in-house.

Should the Council wish to explore the in-house option further, it is recommended that a councillor lead or working group be appointed to:

Investigate the capital and operational costs of purchasing a suitable mower.

Explore secure storage options for equipment.

Consider annual running and maintenance costs.

Review any training requirements for safe and compliant operation.

Research possible grant funding or budget allocations.

Assess insurance, liability, and staffing implications.

The appointed councillor(s) should be asked to report back to Council with detailed findings and recommendations by an agreed date, to enable a well-informed decision before the next grass cutting season begins.

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Rationale:

The grass cutting contract is approaching its natural conclusion at the end of the current season. This provides an opportunity to assess whether continued outsourcing remains the most cost-effective and practical solution or if an in-house arrangement could provide better long-term value, flexibility, or service quality.

An in-house approach could potentially offer:

Greater scheduling control

Long-term savings after initial investment

Community engagement opportunities (e.g., volunteer schemes or parish maintenance teams)

However, this must be weighed against the upfront capital costs, storage, staffing/training responsibilities, and ongoing maintenance requirements.

Financial Implication:

To be determined through further investigation. Initial costs could be significant if equipment and infrastructure are required.

Motion: g) To purchase a new Letter box for the village hall at a cost of £85 from Safes UK. Proposed by Cllr Hemshall. Power: Local Government Act 1972 S226 & S227

Recommendation: In considering the proposed motion, it is important to stress that security and the protection of personal data are paramount. Any postal box used by the Parish Council for receiving correspondence from the public must be robust, lockable, and fully tamper-proof.

The box should be designed in such a way that:

No one can insert a hand or implement to retrieve or interfere with contents once deposited.

The lock mechanism is concealed or protected from tampering.

It is made from durable materials, resistant to forced entry or vandalism.

It complies with GDPR and the council's data protection obligations, ensuring that personal information submitted by residents (names, addresses, phone numbers, etc.) is not at risk of unauthorised access.

Failure to address these issues could lead to data breaches, reputational risk, and loss of public trust, all of which the Parish Council has a duty to prevent.

For these reasons, the Parish Council should proceed with caution, prioritising the confidentiality, integrity, and security of public correspondence in line with best practice and legislative requirements.

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Motion: h) To formally acknowledge the email from Torkey Parish Council 'asking that Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council have on record a resolution recognising that Torkey PC members or its contractors will need, from time to time, to carry out necessary maintenance works within your Parish' in relation to them adopting Torkey Viaduct footpath.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council formally acknowledge and minute the email received from Torkey Parish Council, which requests that Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council record a resolution recognising that members or contractors of Torkey Parish Council may, from time to time, need to access and undertake maintenance works within our parish boundaries in relation to the Torkey Viaduct footpath, which they have adopted.

Rationale:

Torksey Parish Council has taken on responsibility for the Torksey Viaduct footpath, part of which may fall within or adjoin land under the jurisdiction of Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council. To facilitate effective ongoing maintenance, and avoid any administrative or access issues, a formal record acknowledging their operational presence for necessary works is appropriate and practical.

This recognition does not imply liability, ownership, or direct involvement in the management of the path by Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council, but is instead a matter of cooperative working between neighbouring parishes.

Proposed Resolution Wording:

"Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council formally acknowledges the request from Torksey Parish Council and recognises that its members or authorised contractors may, from time to time, require access to and carry out maintenance works within this Parish in connection with the management of the Torksey Viaduct footpath."

Motion: i) To consider whether to renew the councils telephone business contract with o2 at £16 per month (raising annually by £2.50 in April) or to cancel the contract removing all listings from public viewing and having the public being able to contact the clerk through email and or post.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council consider whether to renew the existing business telephone contract with O2 at a cost of £16 per month (increasing annually by £2.50 each April), or to cancel the contract, thereby removing the telephone number from public listings and relying solely on email and postal correspondence for public contact.

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Rationale:

The Council currently maintains a mobile telephone number through a business contract with O2 to provide a direct public contact point. While this has historically served as a useful channel for accessibility, the usage level, cost escalation, and increased reliance on digital communication warrant a review of its continued value.

Option 1: Renew the Contract

Retains a dedicated public phone contact, which may be preferred by residents without internet access.
Supports accessibility and responsiveness.

Annual cost increases, starting at £16 per month (currently £192 per year, increasing incrementally).

Option 2: Cancel the Contract

Removes the cost and administrative burden of managing the mobile phone line.

Reduces public contact to email and postal communication only.

May result in reduced accessibility, particularly for residents less comfortable with written or digital formats.

Public listings (e.g., website, noticeboards, directories) would need to be updated accordingly.

Considerations:

How frequently the number is used by the public. (Very limited)

Whether alternative contact methods meet accessibility expectations.

The Council's duty under the Equality Act 2010 to consider the needs of residents who may require varied forms of communication.

Financial Implication:

£192 annually, increasing by £2.50 per month each April if contract is renewed.

Potential zero cost if the line is cancelled.

Motion j): To consider the use of the Parish Council What's App group and either adopt the policy or close the group down.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Parish Council disband the current WhatsApp group, in order to maintain transparency, proper record-keeping, and compliance with good governance practices.

Rationale:

While WhatsApp can be convenient for casual communication, its use by councillors raises several concerns, including:

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Lack of transparency and audit trail – communications via WhatsApp are not formally recorded or accessible for public inspection, which may conflict with expectations of openness in council operations.

Risk of breaching GDPR and FOI obligations, as messages may contain personal data or information relevant to council decisions.

Blurred boundaries between personal and official communication, especially if decisions or discussions take place outside formal meetings.

If informal coordination is necessary (e.g., meeting reminders), this can be managed through email or the parish council's official communication channels, which provide a more appropriate and trackable format.

While some councils choose to adopt a specific social media or messaging policy, the risks of informal group chats outweigh the benefits, and closing the group will ensure clearer governance and accountability.

Motion k): Consideration of Application for Free Community Trees and Associated Planting Event

Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.137 (if applicable for community benefit)

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council support an application for free community trees, subject to identifying a suitable planting location and confirming whether the project will be community-led or organised through council-appointed contractors or volunteers.

Rationale:

Applying for free community trees provides an opportunity to:

- Enhance local biodiversity and green infrastructure.
- Promote environmental stewardship and community pride.
- Engage residents in a positive, inclusive, and visible project.

Should the Council wish to proceed, it will need to:

1. Confirm a suitable planting location (e.g., playing field boundary, nature reserve edge, public open space).
2. Decide whether the planting will be:
 - A community-led event (e.g., inviting residents, schools, or local groups to participate).
 - Undertaken by volunteers or contractors for operational efficiency.
3. Ensure ongoing maintenance and watering responsibilities are considered, especially in the first few years of establishment.

Financial Implications:

Minimal to none if trees are provided free of charge. Potential minor costs for stakes, guards, signage, or refreshments if a community event is held. Future maintenance costs for tree works subject to planting scheme chosen.

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Income received:

Rental Income - Hall & Land		£ 724.00
Interest		£ 142.03
BDC-PAY		£ 26,999.50

Expenditure

VODAFONE LTD		£ (27.00)
Hall Cleaning		£ (158.58)
Hall Maintenance		£ (44.70)
Acer Landscapes		£ (360.00)
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(E.ON NEXT LTD)		£ (42.63)
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Notts ALC		£ (45.00)
Burgess Print		£ (49.00)
SPALDINGS LTD	Mower Repair	£ (464.27)
WARDELL ARMSTRONG	Land agency fee	£ (90.96)
(O2)		£ (16.84)
Hall Heaters		£ (111.96)
Service Charge		£ (6.00)
(VODAFONE LTD)		£ (27.00)
Direct Debit (ICO)		£ (47.00)
Acer Landscapes		£ (360.00)
Acer Landscapes		£ (68.00)
(E.ON NEXT LTD)		£ (56.30)
(E.ON NEXT LTD)		£ (41.12)
Hall Maintenance & Cleaning		£ (19.48)
Clerk Administration		£ (119.99)
Direct Debit (O2)		£ (16.84)
Service Charge		£ (6.00)

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