

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 16 November 2022

Present: Cllr Cook (Vice Chairman) in the chair, Cllr Babey, Cllr Haysom, Cllr Johnstone and Cllr Shaw.

In attendance: Cllr Reilly, one member of the public the Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

122. Welcome

Cllr Cook welcomed Councillors and Members of the Public to the meeting

123. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Welbourn, (Chairman) and Cllr Merrill

124. **Declaration of Interests** – there were none

125. **Acceptance of** office new Councillor Adrian Johnstone signed the relevant forms.

126. **Public Participation** none.

127. Approval of minutes of 19 October 2022

The minutes having been circulated were proposed by Cllr Shaw, seconded by Cllr Haysom, agreed and were signed by the Vice Chairman.

128. Planning

Planning and appeal decisions from NFNPA and NFDC were noted.

128.i The following decisions made by the planning sub-committee were ratified to be passed to NFNPA

00701	7 Lanesbridge Close, Woodlands, Southampton, SO40 7GG	One & two storey extensions	3 approve subject to the proposals being inline with policies and bearing in mind that the parish briefing was not available.
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128.ii It was noted that the new NFNPA planning portal is not user friendly, does not show the decision on the decision list and is not as good for Parishes as the old system. The Clerk should raise this with NFNPA.

Clerk to send comments to NFNPA

129. County, National Park & District Matters

129.i Cllr Penman HCC no report.

129.ii Cllr Taylor NFNPA no report.

129.iii Cllr Reilly advised the meeting that NFDC are consulting on improved legal steps to enforce rules preventing feeding and petting of animals on the Forest. He also mentioned that in view of the cost of living crisis there are grants available to help local organisations create warm spaces for residents during the winter. He also reported that Freedom Leisure are closing the sauna and hot room facilities at local leisure centres until the spring.

Clerk to circulate information on warm spaces.

130. Matters Arising

130.i **Ringwood Road** update, there has been no progress. It was agreed to keep pursuing the issue, the road meets criteria for a weight restriction, the issue of enforcement is no different on the west side of the A326 to that on the east side. It was agreed to include an item in the next Outlook asking residents to write individually to HCC and the relevant Councillors, Cllr Heron, Cllr Nick Adams-King and Cllr Penman as well as the other councillors involved in decisions on roads.

Clerk to contact HCC Highways and Councillors

Clerk to prepare an article for the Spring Outlook.

130.ii **Tatchbury Lane** flooding update – there is a considerable amount of water and run off in the lane and there has been a fatal accident. The grid on the ditch at the end of the lane where it joins the A336 is clogged with leaves. It was agreed the Clerk to contact HCC asking for all the usual ditches in the parish to be jetted as a matter of urgency.

Clerk to contact HCC Highways

130.iii **Japanese Knotweed** update, nothing to report. The Clerk was asked to contact the owner again.

Clerk to contact the property owner.

131. The Parish Plan review and update of the plan was considered: It was agreed that as a Parish Plan has no legal relevance this would not be the best use of time or funds. The question of a neighbourhood plan for the long term to be considered on the next agenda. Various issues relating to items in the existing parish plan were discussed. Fencing and piping of a ditch by the car wash establishment are a cause of concern, as is the matter of 7 day working. Car storage on the old Car Boot Sale site is also a matter of concern. Agreed Clerk to contact NFNPA regarding potential enforcement of these issues and HCC Water Management department.

Clerk to contact NFNPA

Clerk to contact HCC

132. **Members Report**

132. i Community Hall & Lease update The lease awaits names being added to the Land Registry documentation, the Hall Committee have this in hand. The report circulated was noted and the consideration of a wifi connection was welcomed. It was pointed out there are grants available at present for solar panels on community buildings.

It was agreed that the next meeting will consider the issue of extending the path round the field so it connects with the play area, an item to be included in the budget for this. The gate from the car park onto the field has been damaged and the catch for this and the adjacent pedestrian gate are too close together causing difficulties – this will be looked into.

Clerk to report on issues with the gates

RFO to include path finance in the budget

132. ii Play area; Recreation ground: gym equipment: Zip Wire, all in order, inspections are carried out by the Clerk. No report has been received from Wicksteed so the invoice remains unpaid. Outstanding items from the inspection report are in hand with Robbie Duell.

132. iii Soak away ditch to reduce mud into the hall and other winter work, no action for the time being.

132. v Outlook, the Winter Edition has been delivered, another excellent edition.

132. vi NFALC meeting held on 20th October 2022 Cllr Welbourn attended, report for the next agenda.

132. vii Remembrance Service 13th November 2022 Cllr Cook represented the Parish Council, it was well attended.

133. **Bench inspection report**, purchase of additional bench, this is in hand, item for next agenda.

134. **Tree survey** and other tree works, this will be put in hand after leaf fall and will include the oak on the boundary between the Pre-School garden and the adjacent property.

135. **Footpaths and Bridleways** - Footpath 12 the response from the new HCC Rights of Way Manager, Keith Honeychurch was welcomed. It was agreed to ask for a probably timescale. Benjamin Partridge is the new Ranger for the area, agreed to invite him to the January meeting. Footpath 5 was also mentioned, the request to consider a return to a Bridleway is in the system.

Clerk to contact Keith Honeychurch and Benjamin Partridge.

136. **Speedwatch – the need for new members**, noted, an item will be included in the next Outlook and on the noticeboards.
Clerk to prepare Article for Outlook and notice for noticeboards.
137. **Lengthsman** the usual winter list of tasks has been passed to the Lengthsman. The War Memorial and surrounds looked good for the Remembrance Day Service.
138. **Platinum Jubilee Trees, additional Oak tree** and date for planting. Cllr Welbourn had suggested that he arrange for delivery on a day when his gardener could plant the trees – hours to be paid by NMPC, agreed. The oak to be planted centre top of the recreation ground, fruit trees in the area backing on to Woodlands Road to the north of the car park.
139. **Clerks Report noted, VAT**, no acknowledgement of submission under new system, RFO to follow up.
RFO to contact HMRC VAT Unit
140. **Correspondence** a list of correspondence had been circulated. Matters requiring attention were

HALC	Consultations on Boundary Commission and Minerals and Waste	Noted.
NFDC	Election information to be precisised for next report	RFO to precis information.

141. **Financial matters –**

141.i The following payments were authorised

Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
Gardeners South inv 2946	Online Nov	346.00	69.20	415.20
TLC website month fee & Outlook print Inv2108+2146/2	Online Nov	235.00		235.00
Tina Vine Outlook Editor	Online Nov	50.00		50.00
RBL Brockenhurst Wreath+donation	Online Nov	50.00		50.00
H Lawrence	Online Nov	399.08	1.12	400.20
R Cooper	Online Nov	280.41	0.34	280.75
Wellow PC NMPC inv paid incorrectly from Lengthsman Ac 2021	Online Nov	50.00	10.00	60.00
Information Comm - Data Protection registration	Online Nov	40.00		40.00
SLCC HL Mem No 1002726	Online Nov	66.96		66.96
SLCC RC Mem No 12422	Online Nov	80.00		80.00
	Total uncleared above			1,678.11

141.ii The bank reconciliation had been checked and will be agreed by the Vice Chairman.

141.iii 2022 National Pay Awards effective from 1st April 2022 was agreed and had been implemented in accord with contracts of employment. The increase in holiday allowance effective from 1st April 2023, agreed as part of the staff contracts.

142. **Parish Matters**

I42.i Cllr Haysom reported problems with parking on the verges in Woodlands Road, Forestry England have blocked the access area by the phone box and consequently people are parking on the verges. Agreed Clerk to contact Forestry England asking if they appreciate the unintended consequences of their actions. Also an overhanging tree problem at 8 The Orchard, the Clerk will look at this.

Clerk to contact Forestry England

Clerk to look at tree problem and report back

I42.ii Cllr Cook asked about progress on the SIDS machines, purchase of a NMPC machine and/or inclusion of Netley Marsh on the NFDC rota. Agreed the Clerk to look into this.

Clerk to look into SIDS machine siting and inclusion in NFDC rota.

I42.iii Cllr Johnstone showed a booklet of Cost of Living information – he will let the Clerk have a link to it.

Clerk to circulate link

I43. Items for the next agenda updated precept, SIDS Machines, bench inspection, NFALC meeting report. neighbourhood plan, extension of path on recreation field.

I44. Confidential No matters were taken.

There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 14 December 2022 at 7.15 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 14 December 2022