

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 17 May 2023

Present: Cllr Welbourn, (Chairman), Cllr Cook, Cllr Haysom, Cllr Johnstone, Cllr Merrill and Cllr Shaw.

In attendance: Cllr Reilly, Cllr Tipp, two residents, the Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

29. **Welcome**

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

30. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Babey and Cllr Penman.

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

32. **Public Participation** – there was none at this point

33. **Approval of minutes of 18 April 2023**

The minutes having been circulated were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

34. **Planning**

Planning and appeal decisions from NFNPA and NFDC were noted.

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

00494	Calamere, Loperwood, Tatchbury Mount, Calmore, Southampton, SO40 2RT	First floor extension	1. Permission but would accept Officers decision. The issue of whether the application was in accordance with the 30% rule needed clarification.
00469	Carlton House, Ringwood Road, Woodlands, Woodlands, SO40 7HT	Removal of all existing windows and installation of new replacement windows, 2 new window openings, 2 current window openings to be made larger, 1 door removed and opening filled in to take a new window	5. Officers decision, it was felt the issues were technical regarding design of the windows and were best decided by the professional planners

Clerk to send comments to NFNPA

35. **County, National Park & District Matters**

HCC no report available

NFNPA awaiting election of new Parish representative

Cllr Reilly/Tipp commented on the flooding problems, the medals and their grants. Cllr Tipp had been thanked for his grant for the coronation medals which had been well received by the Pre-School and the School. There was much discussion about Ringwood Road. It was agreed the question of the weight limit and the crossing should be approach separately. There was also a question of a width limit though this will not be pursued at this time. It was agreed that Copythorne Council, Netley Marsh Parish Council, Sir Julian Lewis MP and the school and all interested parties. All need to liaise on this. The Clerk will endeavour to set up a joint meeting. Clarification is also needed on why our applications have failed, what is the procedure and what appeal procedures are available. It was noted that there has been a suggestion that the contractors for the Marchwood and Fawley Waterside developments may have clauses in their contracts, limited their lorries to using the A326 and specifically forbidding use of the A336 unless a

diversion in in place. It is not clear which organisation/authority would impose this. Cllr Cook will prepare a draft submission on both the crossing and weight limit.

Clerk to contact Copythorne PC, the School and MP

36. Matters Arising

36.i Ringwood Road update including crossing – see item 35 above. It was noted that both Cllr Haysom and Cllr Johnstone had volunteered for Speedwatch.

36.ii Update on SID no further information available at present. The Clerk was asked to contact NFDC to ensure we are on the rota for their SID to be sited in the Parish.

Clerk to contact NFDC

36.iii Tatchbury Lane flooding update and water discharge on to highway - awaiting further information from Cllr Penman. The Clerk will remind him.

Clerk to contact Cllr Penman

36.iv Name suggestions for the new housing development on land north of Salisbury Road it was agreed to suggest Alford's Acres (much of the land in the area has been farmed by the Alford family over several generations). The RFO pointed out an article regarding new developments and things Parish Councils should be aware of in a recent SLCC magazine, it was agreed to copy this to Councillors.

RFO to scan and circulate article

Clerk to contact Bloor Homes

37. Members Report

37.i Woodlands Community Hall Cllr Shaw reported. The lease is still a work in progress. There have been some maintenance issues which will be dealt with. It is hoped to have vertical table storage soon, the electricity meters are to be replaced, solar panels are being considered with signage to indicate to residents on the savings made. Cllr Johnstone is helping with this. The question of wifi was raised, it was agreed the council might consider a grant towards the costs of this and it will be an item on the next agenda. The Hall Committee had also discussed the opening up of the recreation ground. This is a public area open to all, the drive-in gates are locked to prevent illegal access but the area is open to the public on foot at all times. The Clerk will prepare an item for Outlook.

Clerk to prepare article for Outlook.

37.ii Testwood Lakes AGM report Cllr Haysom spoke to the report which had been circulated. There is considerable concern about vandalism at the site, also about the access from the new developments close by. Plans are in hand to celebrate the sites 50th Anniversary.

37.iii Play area, zip wire, gym, recreation ground all in good order. The annual inspection has just taken place and will be an item on the next agenda. The new groundsman will be asked to put any works in hand.
Fencing of recreation ground, it is felt that the Clerk, new Groundsman and some Councillors need to walk the boundaries and report on the state of the fences.

Clerk to set up a joint meeting to walk the boundaries and inspect fences.

37.iv Update on work to extend the pathway – this is awaiting the ground drying out.

37.v Outlook – Summer 2023 to include an advert for a new Editor, an article on use of the recreation ground.

Clerk to prepare advert and article.

37.vi Conservation review: A meeting had been held earlier in the day, maps distributed and clarification given on what is needed. Those Councillors involved, Cllr Cook who will chair the working group, with Cllrs Haysom, Johnstone and Shaw will now

look at the area and compare with the 2009 report. They have suggested enlargement of the Conservation area in the Loperwood area and in the Alpine Road/Hazel Grove area of Woodlands Road. The Clerk will issue the working group with fluorescent jackets.

Cllrs to review the area and compare with the previous report.

Clerk to issue fluorescent jackets

37.vii Annual Parish Meeting feedback – the speaker had been excellent.

38. **Update on groundsman recruitment**, the contract has been offered to Marcus Burt, Retainer to remain at £150/month with an hourly rate of £20.00 for additional work, to be reviewed March 2024.

39. **Additional tree works** it was agreed to accept the quote from FutureArb in the sum of £2250.00 plus VAT to remove two trees on the north boundary of the recreation ground, and to reduce three trees on the boundary east of the Pre-School garden. Once a date has been agreed the Pre-School will be advised as will the resident who had concerns.

Chairman to negotiate date with FutureArb

Clerk to advise Pre-School

39. Additional tree works **problems Woodlands Road / Priestlands Close** no update from HCC. The Lengthsman will be asked to have a look at ditches in the area and report back.

Clerk to contact Lengthsman.

41. **Footpaths and Bridleways** including footpath 12 nothing further to report on progress, however the path is now completely overgrown. The Clerk will follow up again with HCC. Footpath 2 is also a concern as it is blocked by trees, the Clerk will advise HCC.

Clerk to contact HCC.

42. **Lengthsman** see item 40 above.

43. **Clerks/RFO Report** the new bench has been delivered, the Groundsman will be asked to install it near the orchard together with the coronation orchard plaque which had been mounted on oak by the Chairman who was thanked. The Clerk will sort out bench plaques. The coronation medals have been received and distributed. The RFO had been to the internal auditor and also delivered items to Hampshire Archives.

Clerk to liaise with Groundsman.

44. **Correspondence** a list of correspondence had been circulated. There were no matters requiring attention

45. **Financial matters**

45.i The following payments were approved.

Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
Gardeners South	Online Apr	193.80	38.76	232.56
TLC Inv 219 1st quarter 2nd payment	Online May	15.00		15.00
Gardeners South Inv 3148	Online May	387.60	77.52	465.12
J Murray internal auditor	Online May	205.00		205.00
FAST APM speaker	Online May	100.00		100.00
BHIB annual insurance	Online May			

		574.63		574.63
Future Arb (tree work)	Online May	2,295.00	459.00	2,754.00
H Lawrence	Online May	491.33	10.39	501.72
R Cooper	Online May	274.65		274.65
A N Manan refund deposit rec. booking	Online May	50.00		50.00
HALC	Online May	581.38		581.38
	Total uncleared above			5,754.06

An additional payment was made to the Clerk for the invoice for the coronation medals. This will appear on the June payments list.

45.ii . The Internal Auditor letter had been circulated, was considered, the changes to AGAR had been done, noted.

45.iii. Section 1 of the 2022-23 AGAR as well as the variations list and Bank Reconciliation had been circulated, and were agreed, noted and signed.

45.iv. Section 2 of the 2022-23 AGAR had been circulated, was agreed, noted and signed.

45.v. Donation for APM refreshments to Associated Countrywomen of the World was agreed as £20.00

46. **Parish Matters**

46.i **Bourne Road verges.** Photos and information awaited from Cllr Babey.

46.ii **Parish Representative for the North East Quadrant NFNPA.** It was agreed NMPC would nominate Cllr Johnstone.

47. **Confidential** - No matters were taken.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 7.45 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 21 June 2023