

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 15 November 2023

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

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

123. **Welcome**

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

124. Apologies for absence None

125. **Declaration of Interests** – None

126. **Public Participation** None

127. **Approval of minutes of 18 October 2023**

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

128. **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

01424	Oak Cottage, The Crescent, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7AQ	Single storey extension (orangery)	3. Permission there is no neighbour impact
10540	Brook House, Salisbury Road, Calmore, Netley Marsh SO40 2RQ	RE-CONSULTATION Development comprising 9 units, parking, landscaping and access via existing enlarged entrance; retention and extension to Brook House to provide a two-storey rear extension	3. Permission some original concerns have been addressed, no further objections

Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

It was noted that notification of the decision on the Hill Street proposals is still awaited.

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

129.i Cllr Penman reported on HCC matters. Cllr Penman report success in principle on grant funding and approval of a crossing on Ringwood Road. RFO to contact Cllr Tipp and complete CIL application forms in the sum of £125,000.00. However, while the HCC inspection may not meet the grant deadline it is understood the crossing has been approved in principle. HCC have a large shortfall in their budget. This will be covered by reserves for the time being but is not sustainable beyond 2026.

RFO to contact Cllr Tipp and complete the CIL application form.

129.ii Cllr Reilly/Tipp advised the meeting that 24 November is the cut off date for the garden waste bin free allocation.

130. **Matters Arising**

130.i Ringwood Road and pedestrian crossing concern was expressed about the weight limit not being pursued. It was agreed as the crossing had appeared to be a possibility this had taken precedence but the meeting agreed that once the crossing is installed, then the weight limit will continue to be pursued.

130.ii Speedwatch more information, equipment and a date for training are awaited. Roads to be targeted include: Ringwood Road, Woodlands Road, Bartley Road, Loperwood and Salisbury Road.

130.iii Update on Woodlands Rd dog waste bin nothing to report, noted. Clerk to follow this up.

Clerk to contact Cllr Penman

130.iv NFDC SID rota the machine is in situ in Ringwood Road. The Clerk was asked to contact NFDC to ensure we are on a regular slot for the machine, rather than an occasional one of deployment.

Clerk to contact NFDC

130.v Remembrance Sunday was held outside due to the church being closed for repair work.

131. Members Report

131.i Community Hall, Solar and WIFI options. Cllr Johnstone gave a presentation outlining the plans and costs. Total costs are anticipated to be £31860 and an application for 50% funding from the NFDC CIL budget is being made. It was agreed to consider increasing the grant allocation when looking at the budget. The Clerk will contact the hall committee asking them to submit a formal application to install the solar panels and associated infrastructure and also an application for grant funding towards the project. These will be an item on the next agenda. There were concerns that similar grant applications might be received from other local halls. These will have to be considered on a case by case basis but it is unlikely that more than one application could be considered in any one financial year.

Clerk to contact Hall Committee.

Charges for using the hall/**retrospective invoices**; invoices awaited.

Land Registry complaint. No progress, noted. The Clerk will chase again.

Clerk to follow up with solicitors/land registry

Gate – The meeting considered recent problems regarding, locking, puddle and lighting. Following a problem with a hirer it was agreed:

The gate is to be kept locked. Lighting near the gate/lock needs to be considered and will be an item on the **next agenda**. The puddle is a problem, the Groundsman has suggested having a proper gulley which he could install, this was agreed.

Agreed all **emails** regarding hall to be copied to Cllr Johnstone.

131.ii Play area, gym including solution for shrinking wet pour and consider quotes. See 134 below.

To consider zip wire repair quote. The insurance claim has been agreed and the Clerk was asked to put the work in hand with VitaPlay, estimated cost £2412.00 incl VAT

Clerk to contact VitaPlay

131.iii Recreation ground, update on assessment of path – agreed Gardeners South quote for £180.00 + VAT to weed kill the path to be accepted – timing subject to weather conditions.

Clerk to contact Gardeners South.

Moles, are now in evidence again, the Clerk will contact Forest Pest Control.

Clerk to contact Forest Pest Control.

Benches no action at present, wait for the ground to be in a suitable state for installation

Hedge cutting. Gardeners South quote of £590.00 plus VAT accepted in September, written quote now received. Timing subject to weather conditions, but to be done prior to the next bird nesting season.

Clerk to contact Gardeners South.

Fencing – see groundsman report, 134 below.

Signage Clerk to source one replacement sign. Plaques for benches awaiting family permissions.

Clerk to contact Mrs Antrobus and Mrs Puttock.

131.iv **Noticeboards** no action need, noted.

131.v **Outlook** Tina Vine joined the meeting briefly, returning the computer and files. She was presented with a £50.00 voucher as thanks from the Parish Council and flowers and wine from the Clerk.

131.vi Update on **Conservation Review** good progress has been made, Cllrs Cook, Haysom and Johnston will liaise to complete their tasks.

131.vii Councillors **Solar Farm visit** 17 November, Cllr Johnstone and Cllr Merrill will attend.

132. **Footpaths and Bridleways including footpath 2 and 5.** Nothing to report.

133. **Lengthsman Review outstanding tasks**, ditch work at Priestlands and week kill and the hall car park completed. Other work in hand. Invoice awaited when work complete

134. **Groundsman** – Fencing gaps have been identified, Clerk will liaise and ask for a quote for remedial works. Gully by gate, Groundsman to be asked to install a better solution and put this in hand. Wet pour problems in gym area, Groundsman will try to resolve, noted. [subsequent to the meeting, Groundsman has reported he is unable to resolve this issue]. Wet pour problems in play area quotes to be obtained. Other work (see 131 above) work to be put in hand when ground conditions allow.

Clerk to contact and liaise with Groundsman.

135. **Southern Water Sewage Spillage** – update from Cllr Tipp awaited. Cllr Haysom reported effluent from sewage outlet near Woodlands Road/Alpine Road area very bad during recent rains.

136. **Hampshire County Council Property Flood Resilience to consider any properties.** Item to be included on the website asking property owners to self identify if they have actually been flooded. Advice from HCC awaited.

Clerk to put item on website

137. **Clerks Report** noted.

138. **Correspondence** a list of correspondence had been circulated. Matters requiring attention were

NFNPA	Pop up campsite consultation and Article 4 Notice	Cllrs to respond if they wish
Police and Crime Comm:	precept consultation	Cllrs to respond if they wish
NFALC	The Future and EGM agenda	noted

139. **Financial matters**

139 i The following payments were agreed.

Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
Gardeners South Inv No Inv 3379	Online Nov	219.57	43.91	263.48
TLC Inv 2321-I 3rdquarter 2nd payment	Online Nov	15.00		15.00
Marcus Burt Groundsman	Online Nov	167.80		167.80

H Lawrence	Online Nov	542.60		542.60
R Cooper	Online Nov	389.51		389.51
Information Commissioner Data Protection	Online Nov	40.00		40.00
Forest Pest Control	Online Nov	130.00		130.00
SLCC HL 101 RC + 2022 2 x 80	Online Nov	160.00		160.00
	Total uncleared above			1,708.39

139 ii Bank Reconciliation to 30 October Cllr Cook confirmed that he had checked this and it appeared correct.

139 iii VAT claim (126/2/2023) to 30 Sept 2023 submitted 20 Oct 2023 noted

139 iv NFDC CIL payment the application will be made prior to the deadline.

RFO to deal with this.

139 v Budget review and precept application 2024/25 including hall wifi, solar, play area refurb etc It was agreed to increase the budget figure for a grant to the Hall to a maximum of £8000.00. It was also agreed to increase the precept by 5%. Figures to be updated and re-considered at the December meeting.

RFO to amend figures and circulate.

139 vi To consider agricultural rent for field west of recreation ground it was agreed to make no change.

140. **Parish Matters** Cllr Johnston suggested the Council look at recent Climate Science information for local Council. Agreed Cllr Johnstone will circulate the information and this will be an item on the **next agenda**.

141. **Confidential** 'That in view of the special/Confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw'

Staff salary scales. The Clerk and RFO left the room for the discussion. It was decided to reclassify the points applicable to the staff salaries to Point 10 – Point 20 on the NJC/NALC scale. Current staff to be placed at Point 16 from 1 December 2023. Consideration is to be given to the Groundsman remuneration, Clerk to circulate date when the Groundsman started with NMPC, item for the next agenda.

RFO to make necessary adjustments

Clerk to circulate information

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm.

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 13 December 2023 at 7.45 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 13 December 2023