

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 13 December 2023

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

In attendance: Cllr Tipp, 5 members of the public including two for planning only, the Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

142. **Welcome**

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

143. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Babey, Cllr Johnstone, Cllr Penman and Cllr Reilly.

144. **Declaration of Interests** – none

145. **Public Participation** none

146. **Approval of minutes of 15 November 2023**

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

147. **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

11224	The Thatched Cottage, Hill Street, Calmore, Netley Marsh SO40 2RX	Conversion and extension of existing oak framed outbuilding to form office/habitable accommodation ancillary to dwelling, including fenestration alterations, roof lights and flue	3. Permission, the proposals would retain an attractive building.
11012	Land of Brook House, Salisbury Road, Calmore, Netley Marsh SO40 2RQ	Development of 3 no. dwellings and associated parking	3. Permission, no objections and Council were interested in the environmental proposals.
01208	261 Woodlands Road, Woodlands, Southampton, SO40 7GJ	Front and rear single-storey and two-story extensions	3. Permission, the proposals constitute an improvement on the existing and are similar to neighbouring properties.
01460	Morgans Yard, Shepherds Road, Bartley, Southampton, SO40 2LH	Workshop	3. Permission
01455	Grafton, Ringwood Road, Woodlands, Southampton, SO40 7GY	Rear extension; 2no. rear dormer windows; demolition of existing extension	3. Permission, the proposals would appear to be an improvement and would clear up previous works.

Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

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

148.i **NFDC** Cllr Tipp advised the meeting that the hall improvements funding was being considered by NFDC, Various funding streams for businesses were outlined. The percentage allocation between business and community may need consideration. A Mystery Shopper scheme will run in the New Year, businesses can apply to be included. The Local Plan review will start in 2024 including consideration of the 5 year building land allocation.

149. **Matters Arising**

149.i **Ringwood Road and pedestrian crossing.** The CIL application has been submitted, but depends on HCC carrying out their evaluation. The Clerk will respond to the email from Nick Adams-King, pointing out; (1) advise HCC a target date for their evaluation to be complete to accord with deadline for CIL funding application; (2) correct the HCC reference to a 'school crossing', we are not applying for a 'school crossing' but a general traffic light controlled crossing to serve the village as a whole including the Church, users off the church hall such as scouts, pub goers to The White House, and access to the bus stop, as well as the school; (3) we do not accept that a weight limit on the A336 is out of the question and ask what right of appeal villagers have, Netley Marsh meets the relevant criteria; (4) request HCC reconsider designation of this road through Netley Marsh village as a 'diversion route' for HGVs, when the A31 could provide a more suitable alternative. How do we ensure that the Section 106 agreements on new developments include clauses to ensure HGVs relating the developments are restricted to using the A326. It was agreed on this last point that the Clerk would also contact NFDC and NFNPA Heads of Planning. It was noted that the wood yard has now closed.

Clerk to contact HCC/Cllr Adams-King

Clerk to contact Head of Planning of both NFDC and NFNPA

149.ii **Speedwatch** This will be an item on the next agenda.

149.iii **Update on Woodlands Rd dog waste bin** This will be an item on the next agenda.

149.iv **NFDC SID rota** the Clerk reported she has made a note that we have to apply each year.

150. **Members Report**

150.i **Woodlands Community Hall** no report.

150.ii Community Hall, **Solar and WIFI** options. This will be an item on the next agenda. To consider building changes permission there was a query on whether this is necessary, the Clerk will check with Land Registry. Grant application formal request awaited, This will be an item on the next agenda.

Clerk to contact Land Registry

150.iii Charges for using the **hall/retrospective invoices** received – paid December 2023

150.iv **Land Registry** complaint. No progress to date.

150.v **Gate** – area, lighting this depends on proposals by the Hall Committee. Progress on puddle/**drain/gulley** the Groundsman has worked hard on this and it is much improved.

150.vi **Play area**, gym, wet pour update it was agreed the Clerk will check January offers and pursue. It was agreed to book an winter, interim, Interim/Operational Inspection at a cost of £107.80.

To report on **zip wire** repair, the insurance claim has been agreed and work will take place when the ground state permits.

Clerk to monitor wet pour offers and progress.

Clerk to put zip wire work in hand

150.vii **Recreation ground**, update on: Path, Gardeners South will deal with this. Moles, the contractor is visiting again. Benches and Fencing the Clerk and Groundsman have this in hand. Signage new signs are ready to be installed. Plaques progress awaited.

Clerk to liaise with Groundman on benches and fencing.

150.viii **Noticeboards** nothing to report.

I 50.ix **Outlook** – articles for Spring 2024. Asking property owners with house flooding concerns to advise for inclusion in the HCC Flood Resilience list. Dates for 2024 as circulated by email agreed. The summer could be improved if a new editor is found.

I 50.x **Conservation Review** Cllr Haysom has completed some narrative for the extension in the south of the parish. Loperwood –north of parish proposals are too large for an email, this is all in hand and a meeting will be arranged for 24 or 31 January or 7 February.

The Clerk will check on hall availability.

I 50.xi Councillors **Solar Farm visit** Cllr Merrill reported this had been a fascinating visit, the managers of the site would be happy to support other areas wishing to look at similar schemes. There may be another visit when the weather is drier.

I 50.xii **Quadrant meeting** held 20th November this was the first meeting chaired by Mary Davies. Camping and overnight stays on car parks were discussed. It is planned to continue with quarterly meetings. Cllr Cook asked for Netley Marsh to be notified when it is our turn to host a meeting so that hall facilities can be better arranged.

I 50.xiii **Climate Science report** awaiting information from Cllr Johnstone, this will be an item on the January agenda..

I 50.xiv **NFALC EGM** and proposals for the future – there had been problems with the Zoom facility. A face to face meeting in Lyndhurst will be arranged in the New Year.

I 51. **Footpaths and Bridleways** footpath 2 and 5. No progress and nothing to report.

I 52. **Lengthsman** outstanding tasks/invoice autumn/winter work is in hand. The Clerk had been unable to contact the Lengthsman but endeavour to do so before the next meeting.

Clerk to contact Lengthsman

I 53. **Groundsman** – various extra works have been completed including removing ivy from the back of the garages.

I 54. **Southern Water** local sewage issues – despite an incident at Ashurst Bridge which had been on the news, once again there had been no direct contact from Southern Water. Cllr Tipp agreed that he would try to get information about a contact.

I 55. Hampshire County Council **Property Flood Resilience** an item will be placed in Outlook, it is already on the website. This will be raised with Cllr Penman. The Clerk is to ask the Lengthsman to have a look at properties on the west side of Woodlands Road south of The Gamekeeper up to Spot in the Wood and report on which properties need to be reminded to clean out all drainage ditches and culverts. The Clerk will then contact the property owners.

Clerk to contact Lengthsman and subsequently property owners.

I 56. **Clerks Report** no items not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

I 57. **Correspondence** a list of correspondence had been circulated. There were no matters requiring specific attention. Cllr Haysom reported that he will attend the Emergency Planning Focus Group.

I 58. **Moving PC email account and costs** If there new systems goes over 10 gigabytes there will be an annual charge of £14 per annum per 10gb usage, noted. Much work has been done to set up the new system and check and transfer the address book, this is complete. Work on maintaining the history of the records has been less straightforward and is continuing.

I 59. **Financial matters**

I 59.i **The following payments were agreed**

Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
Netley Marsh Community Hall	Online Dec	144.00		144.00
TLC Inv 2321-I 3rdquarter 3rd payment	Online Dec	15.00		15.00
Marcus Burt Groundsman	Online Dec	190.00		190.00
H Lawrence	Online Dec	304.55	8.33	312.88
R Cooper	Online Dec	466.72		466.72
SLCC HL 65.45	Online Dec	65.45		65.45
HMRC HL £252.20 RC £246 paye	Online Dec	498.20		498.20
	Total uncleared above			1,692.25

159.i **NFDC CIL application** – acknowledgement of the application submission had been received.

159.i **Budget review and precept application 24/25** including hall wifi, solar, play area refurb etc. £22584.00 for the period 1.4.24 – 31.3.25. Unanimously agreed, There is concern regarding ongoing reserves and it was agreed that in setting figures for 2025 – 26 consideration needs to be given to the amount of reserves - with the aim of holding 15 – 18 months precept in general reserve, and the setting up of a designated reserve for replacement of the play area, gym and recreation ground equipment, with this being reflected in the precept request for that year.

160. **Parish Matters**

160.i High Speed Broadband Cllr Haysom noted that the cabling has been done in the roads, but due to problems with other utilities, it is not available to residences. Clerk to contact HCC as the promoters of the scheme to bring HS Broadband to rural area. This to be an item on the next agenda

Clerk to contact HCC to try to clarify the situation.

161. **Confidential** *'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'*

Groundsman review of contracted pay; Following discussion it was agreed the current situation is not viable and the retainer for the regular work needs to be increased. From January 2024 it was agreed this will be £200.00 per month. The hourly rate for extra work to remain unchanged. An estimate of the hours worked on the regular weekly visits, excluding agreed extra work to be provided.

Clerk to advise the Groundsman

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7.45 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 17 January 2024