

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held at Netley Marsh Community Hall Friday 26 April 2019

Present:, Cllr Welbourn in the chair, Cllr Cook, Cllr Puttock, Cllr Shaw, Cllr Tipp and Cllr Penman (HCC)

Apologies: Cllr Antrobus,

In attendance:, MP Dr Julian Lewis, PCSO Richard Williams, Ian Sims (NFE Scouts), S & H Chapman, A Hatton, N Clifford, B Loades, speaker Helen Wallbridge, Ros Cooper Parish Clerks and Heather Lawrence Assistant Parish Clerk.

I Welcome

Chairman, Cllr Welbourn opened the meeting by welcoming all those present

2 Minutes of previous Annual Parish Assembly 20 April 2018

The Minutes had been agreed at the May 2018 meeting of the Parish Council and were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3 Business of the Parish Council 2018/19

Cllr Welbourn presented a report on the activities of the parish council in the previous year (See appendix 1).

4. Police Report

PCSO Richard Williams mentioned that Netley Marsh is relatively free of crime apart from a spate of outbuilding break ins. There has been a marked reduction in theft from cars though bike thefts are increasing. People calling on homes and targeting vulnerable people is a problem as are scams. PCSO Williams is happy to go and talk to be people who are or feel vulnerable if he is advised of them.

5. School report:

Due to the retirement of the Head of Foundation, there was no report on Netley Marsh School

6. MP Dr Julian Lewis

Dr Lewis was invited to speak at this point, he thanked all Parish Councillors for volunteering to make sure parishes are run for the benefit of their residents. He confirmed that the quarterly meetings with health service personnel and service users or their carers continue.

7. Netley Marsh Community Hall

Cllr Jackie Shaw read out the Chairman of the Hall Management Committee's report, (See appendix 2)

8. Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Derek Tipp gave the report. (see appendix 3)

9. Scouts report

Ian Sims reported in this 50th Anniversary year for Netley Marsh Scout Group. (See appendix 4)

10. District Councillors report

Cllr Tipp reported to the meeting on work at NFDC. (See appendix 5)

11. County Councillor Report

Cllr Penman reported on HCC matters (See appendix 6)

NFNPA Report

Richard Taylor NFNPA member had sent a report which was read by Assistant Clerk, Heather Lawrence. (See appendix 7)

12. Public Questions and comments:

Refreshments were then served

Helen Wallbridge leader of the Netley Marsh History Group then gave a most interesting illustrated talk on the residents of Netley Marsh who took part in World War I – some of whom are named on the war memorial and some who returned.

The Chairman thanked Helen for her presentation and the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed

April 2020

Appendix I

April 2018 – March 2019

The past year has been a busy and interesting.

At our Annual meeting in May I was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr. Puttock was re-elected as Vice Chairman. As usual, the council dealt with many matters, I would like to highlight the following points:

Planning

The Parish council continues with a dedicated planning session immediately prior to the Parish Council monthly meetings. This provides parishioners with a forum to comment on planning matters while keeping additional costs to a minimum. We oversaw 39 planning applications, which have been received and actioned during the year, this is a decrease on the 61 applications considered last year.

Housing

A housing need survey was carried out in the parish and identified a need for some low cost rented accommodation. To date there has been no progress on this. Residents will also be aware of proposals for land in the north of the parish together with land in the Totton and Eling Council area, we await developments.

Police

The Council keeps informed on police matters mainly through Hampshire Alert. We would welcome attendance at our meetings but have had to accept that this is rarely possible. PCs Steven Norris and PCSO Richard Williams are in touch with the Council from time to time. Richard hopes to start a speedwatch scheme in the Parish and we welcome him this evening. We would remind residents that they too can receive Hampshire Alert, sign up online

National Park

The Parish Council has been represented at Quadrant meetings over the past year. Richard Taylor is our representative at NFNPA and we welcome him to meetings as his other commitments allow.

Hall, Recreation Ground with the play area and outdoor gym

The Hall lease has now been renewed and the Council looks forward to continuing to work with the Hall Committee to keep this excellent facility available for the Parish. Our Groundsman James Shaddick inspects the play area, has implemented a new cutting regime making access to the field facilities easier and helps with other tasks around the parish as necessary. The trial period allowing dogs on leads to be exercised on the recreation ground as not a success and it was eventually decided to revert to banning dogs from the recreation ground as in the past. Additional fencing has been installed to separate the gym area from the play area. The Council are currently looking at installing some equipment for older children. A decision has been taken to have a shorter cut for the grass on the recreation ground from Spring 2019.

Finally on the Play area the Council were pleased to be able to install a bench in memory of Sally Arnold. The seat in memory of Basil Jeffery has been damaged and is now repaired, a further has been purchased and will be installed shortly.

Fencing has been installed around the southern boundary of the car park.

Tree House Some very enterprising youngsters built a tree house at the western boundary of the recreation ground. The Council congratulated them on their initiative and skills, but the structure had to be removed due to Health and Safety regulations.

Netley Marsh School

The Parish Council is no longer represented on the Netley Marsh School Governors but receives the school Newsletter which is very welcome as a means of communication and we welcome the new Federation Head Teacher and look forward to seeing him at these meetings in the future. The Council shares the School's pleasure at having found a new crossing patrol person.

Flooding

The situation on flooding, while still ongoing continues to see improvements. With HCC approval, the Lengthsman has cleared grips and created new ones in some areas. The problems at the A336 end of Tatchbury Lane continue despite various works to alleviate them, all we can say is that this is a work in progress.

Outlook

The "Outlook" is flourishing. It is published three times a year and has regular contributors along with a high number of occasional contributors. The Parish Council feels that this is a valuable contribution to the parish as a way of communicating with parishioners, and is grateful to Ramboll for continuing to print the newsletter as a service to the community. Local advertisements are welcome. Parish Councillors are most grateful to Tina Vine who continues as Outlook Editor, creating a vibrant and colourful newsletter. Tina and Cllr Jackie Shaw have now taken over organising the distribution of the magazine from Yvonne Newbiggin and the Parish Council thanks to all three as well as their distribution team. At the time of writing four more distributors would bring the team up to full strength.

Bus Services

The Council is pleased that Shareen Barnett, continues to represent the parish at the New Forest Passenger Transport Forum. Mrs Barnett has made the Council aware of some potential changes to the service from April 2019 involving a much reduced service.

A326/A336

The Council has concerns about the A326 and the proposed developments along the Waterside which will inevitably increase congestion with potential to impact the local roads. The Council requested a survey of use to establish the need for a crossing on the A336 near the Church/School, but the perceived use did not meet the criteria.

Footpaths

Following requests from parishioners, some years ago the Council made an application to change the designation of Footpath 5 to a Bridleway. We understand progress remains in the distant future but we remain hopeful. On other footpaths and bridleways to some extent the Council relies on members of the public to advise when works are required. The Lengthsman did sterling work on clearing footpaths 12 and 16 during the year.

Noticeboards

- Heather Lawrence continues to post agendas and other notices on the boards in the Parish. The Council was pleased to replace the board on Woodlands Road opposite Alpine Way during the year.

Speeding

- We continue to work with Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council to have a 30mph limit for the whole length of Woodlands Road.

Parish Website

This is regularly updated with minutes and agendas of meetings and other useful information. Links to various organisations are listed and more would be welcome.

Much work has been done relating to the new Data Protection regulations and individuals for whom we have email addresses, phone numbers etc., have been asked for permission for us to keep these on our records.

Woodhaven/Tatchbury

The Council continues to be concerned about the proposals by the Southern NHS Foundation Trust for Woodhaven and other developments at Tatchbury and has been active in making relevant representations. Liaison between the hospital authorities and the community has not been as good as had been hoped for, however, Dr Nick Broughton did attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss issues earlier in the year..

Boundary Review and Devolved Powers

- The Parish Council applied to NFDC to de-ward the parish, that is to say the parish would become one electoral ward with 7 councillors, rather than as previously two wards with 6 Councillors for the South Ward and 1 for the North Ward. The Council was pleased to hear that this will be actioned for the 2019 elections. We welcomed Cllr Neville Penman as our Hampshire County Council representative following the last HCC elections and are pleased to see him at our meetings when he is able to attend.

Broadband

- Disappointingly, broadband speeds continue to be variable – both the actual speed and in terms of location within the Parish.

Staff

- The Assistant Clerk is currently taking the Cilca qualification with NMPC support – in due course it is anticipated that this will lead to a change in the relative responsibilities of staff.

Councillors

As well as attending Parish Council meetings, Councillors give freely of their time to attend meetings organised by other bodies such as, Citizens Advice Bureau, New Forest Consultative Panel, New Forest Association of Local Councils, NFNPA Quadrant meetings and Netley Marsh Hall Committee.

Currently Councillors are: Derek Antrobus , Bridget Babey, Tim Cook, Les Puttock, Jacquie Shaw and myself Mike Welbourn. Cllr Martine Humphray recently resigned for family reasons.

Tea Party The Council is planning a tea party on Saturday 15 June, residents are invited but must advise the Council if they plan to attend in order for adequate refreshments to be provided.

In closing my report, I wish to thank my Vice Chairman, Les Puttock, all Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk and her Assistant Clerk, and James Shaddick our handyman, for all their support and commitment.

Cllr Mike Welbourn

Chairman Netley Marsh Parish Council

Appendix 2

Hall Chairman's report for the year 2018

General:

The Hall has continued to provide a well used facility for the local community. The regular weekly users are the Preschool, Brownies, Yoga and adult's dance classes. The monthly users have been the Gardening Club, WI, Parish Council. Neighbourhood Watch use the Hall twice a year.

The Preschool continue to be the main hirer of the Hall. On Weekends the Hall has been increasingly popular for private parties, particularly for children.

Financial Matters:

It has been a good year and the Hall's finances are in a healthy state. The main figures are as follows with last years figures in brackets.

Income	£9,434.25	[£9,726.25]
Expenditure	£11,196.52	[£8,636.47]
Total funds	£42,779.68	[£44,583.40]

Building Work, Maintenance and Repairs

The main work to the Hall has been the fitting of a folding ladder in the small hall to access the loft space. Some chipboard flooring was added in the loft which has provide some long term storage space for the hall. At the same time a new high level cupboard was fitted in the chair store which is being used by the Preschool and the Hall. The rubber seals in the windows of the main hall were replaced together with replacement of some of the handles. A new toilet pan was fitted in the Disabled toilet and new basin taps were fitted in the Female toilet.

Two new large tables were purchased to replace those the were broken or had gone missing. The oven was cleaned professionally during the summer holidays.

New Defibrillator

A defibrillator was fitted on the outside at the front of the hall by the Parish Council. A training evening in the use of the defibrillator was held for anyone who was interested.

Charity Commission Return - The annual return was prepared by the Treasurer and submitted online.

Health and Safety - Ian Harmer continued in the role of Health and Safety representative. The regular annual checks for fire safety, gas boiler service and gas safety check, electrical safety check including PAT testing and a fire drill check with Preschool were carried out.

Trustees - There was one change. The Preschool representative Nicola Healey left and the committee welcomed Deb Game to take her place.

Hall Lease - The solicitors have not released the lease documents due to delays in the return of the documents from Land Registry.

Thanks

To all the committee for their time during the year in particular to Anne Brown for her work as the Booking Clerk, Phil Carre for his contribution as the Treasurer and Ian Harmer for his work on Health and Safety. Bob White, Chairman

Appendix 3

Netley Marsh Neighbourhood Watch Report 2019

Our chairman Lavinia sends her apologies as she is away and so unable to be here this evening.

The Watch continues to remain active and sound financially. We held two successful and well-attended events in 2018 - The summer BBQ and the Christmas Party. Both of these events are free to members, who are asked to pay just £2 a year. Our aim is to build a sense of community and encourage members to get to know one another through these events.

At the beginning of this year a news letter was sent out to all homes in the area with an invitation to join us. Many have done so, but it is still not too late to join if, for some reason you have forgotten to send in your envelope with £2 enclosed.

This year we will again be having the Summer BBQ. It is on July 5 at 7pm here in Netley Marsh Community Hall. It is open to all members. We will be asking non-members to pay a contribution of £4 and would ask non-members to let us know in advance if they are coming.

Our Christmas Party will be on December 13, again here in this hall at 7pm. All members receive a further two newsletters through the year to keep them updated on NHW matters.

We are currently the custodians of a red telephone box in Woodlands Road at the junction with Alpine Road. Unfortunately the committee members who encouraged us to take this on have since left and we now realise that it is quite a daunting and potentially costly project. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help with its restoration. If you are interested please either let me know this evening or contact our chairman, Lavinia.

Appendix 4

Scouts report

Netley Marsh Scout Group was first formed officially and registered with the Scout Association on the 11th April 1969

Netley Marsh Scouts & Guides was first started by the local Vicar at the time Geoff Rowston who was Group Scout Leader and Margaret his wife was Brownie leader, Hazel Ponsford helped her, along with Peggy Spratley at cubs. Phillip Shields as scout leader. I believe Mazie Taylor was Guide Leader.

From 1969 until 1984 the Group was known as 28th Romsey Netley Marsh

In 1984 Romsey District became too big so they then decided to split all the Districts from across the New Forest and New Forest North, South East and West were formed and Netley Marsh were known as 6th New Forest North and still are today. The Guiding side still remains 1st Netley Marsh and 2nd Netley Marsh Brownies.

In the 1980's at the height of high numbers the Group had 2 Beaver Colony's, Two Cub Packs, Two Scout Troops and a Venture Scout Unit. Along with a Guide Unit, Two Brownie Packs and a Rainbow unit.

Sadly over the years the numbers had dropped off and we have now gone down to just one group in each of the six sections due to so many other clubs and social activities.

However I am glad to report at the end of March 2019 our numbers were up to 145 youth members and some 25 – 30 leaders and regular helpers.

To celebrate our 50th Year at the end of May we are putting on a special weekend Group Camp for our youth members and we have around 96 coming along for a fun packed weekend of activities and a special afternoon to celebrate being 50.

We have also invited ex Leaders and other former Group Members who gave their time to make Netley Marsh such a success. We have been busy for the last 18 months planning and fund raising for this special weekend.

Obviously our biggest fund raiser each year is the annual village fayre and carnival which is always very well supported and I believe is a major event in the community of Netley Marsh each year. We actually mark our 30th year since the Group started the carnival back in 1989.

If any one has any further questions or wishes to know more then please feel free to contact me at any time

Ian Sims

Group Scout Leader

Appendix 5

NFDC report

District Council Report 2019 by Cllr Derek Tipp

Last year I reported to you about the Council saving money by reducing the number of senior officers. This stream-lining of the Council continues as we strive for even greater efficiency. Over the last decade the Council's funding from government has been reduced by over 4.5 million pounds and yet we still produce a balanced budget and have maintained necessary reserves. A further £2 million of savings must be made by 2021/22.

We also continue to cut out non-essential services such as tourist information services which are now largely done on the internet. We are progressing a smarter working programme whereby staff no longer have their own office or desk, but are able to work from any work station using the internet. As a result we have more staff working at Appletree Court and so have let out the vacant space at Lymington Town Hall.

The Council is going paperless - though I will still try and cling on to a few scraps myself if re-elected.

The first stage of the review of our Leisure Centres has now been completed and the outcome is that the Council is now looking for a specialist partner (a not-for-profit Trust) to run them for us, giving the specialist knowledge we need to make them as efficient as possible and provide the best value for our customers. When I first came on to the Council the Leisure Centres lost over £2 million a year, now we are expecting to reduce this to much less than half.

As well as saving money the Council is looking at new ways of generating income. One new way is by investing in both residential and business property. We now own a building in New Milton housing a medical centre. Other purchases will follow. This should give us better returns than the current low rates available in the bond market. Investing in bonds is also a greater risk to the Council as its capital is no longer protected in the event of a future banking collapse.

As you are aware, this year's District Council tax increase is £5 per year or about 10p per week. Of course other authorities are added on to this, but I am reporting on NFDC's share.

The new local district plan is to be examined in public by the planning inspectorate in June and July of this year. If it is approved the District will permit about 500 homes to be built each year for the next 20 years, including 900 to the North of Totton within the Netley Marsh parish. The numbers could even be increased if the council's figures are not accepted, which is far from certain. This is bound to lead to a general increase in traffic and more pressure on local services.

The housing numbers are based on statistics which are independent of the Council. The government is determined to increase house building rates and it is understandable in light of the massive immigration numbers (in excess of 250,000 net per year) which show no sign of abating. An estimated 64,000 new households are expected in Hampshire by 2023.

There has been very little happening regarding any changes to local government in Hampshire, thankfully - though once Brexit is out of the way, whenever that may be, it could come back. We can see all the issues that have been raised in Dorset, and I expect it would cause similar problems here. New Forest District Council has asked the Boundary Commission to carry out a review of the number of councillors and ward boundaries after the current elections. It is likely they will reduce the number of councillors and increase ward sizes.

Finally I want to pay tribute to my colleague and fellow ward councillor for the past 16 years, Les Puttock, who is stepping down at this election. He and I have always worked closely together and I will miss his wisdom and knowledge. This time my running mate is to be Joe Reilly, former chairman of Copythorne parish council. I look forward to working with Bill, should we be elected next Thursday.

Appendix 6

HCC report

Cllr Penman gave some statistical information on the work carried out by various departments of HCC over the year. He had also submitted the following report

BACKGROUND

Hampshire's population is 1,370,700 (2017) the third most populous county in England (85% is rural and 15% urban). 123,000 live in Winchester District. Hampshire CC maintains 5400 miles of roads, 4300 miles of pavements, 133,000 streetlights, 481 schools, 45 libraries, 16 care homes for the older people, 9 residential homes for children and young people, 24 household waste centres and 5 country parks. Every year 94% of all household waste is diverted from landfill (40% recycled) and powers 50,000 homes. Hampshire has an 80% employment rate (UKA 73.9%) and 3.5% unemployment rate (UKA 5%).

BUDGET

The population of over 75 year olds will rise by 30% over the next seven years – an extra 5,500 people a year who may well need social care support, to varying degrees. The 2.99% increase in Hampshire's council tax will generate an additional £18 million. HCC council tax remains the 2nd lowest in England.

HCC's capital programme is a significant investment in Hampshire's infrastructure. Delivering schemes totalling £491.6 million between 2019 and 2022 and providing a boost for the local economy.

- £160 million of investment in new and extended school buildings in Hampshire in the period 2019/20 to 2021/22 to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire

- £122 million for structural maintenance and improvements of roads and bridges in Hampshire over the next three years

- £72 million for integrated transport schemes including £9 million specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements

- £94 million for major improvements of schools and other County Council buildings over the next three years

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

98.4% of children in Hampshire have been offered a place at their top three preferred primary school

98% of children have been allocated a place at their top three preferred secondary school

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION RESILIENCE

Over 5300 miles of roads are maintained by HCC. £10 million is invested annually on planned maintenance on top of government funding. The first of Hampshire's brand new Dragon Patchers has arrived to help repair the county's roads, damaged by the winter weather. The County Council has bought two Dragon Patchers for exclusive use in Hampshire.

Sites of road works and road maintenance are listed on the HCC website where problems can also be reported.

FLOODING

We had a walkabout on the 19/04/19 with Hampshire County Council emergency planning, the division that deals with flooding issues, Environmental Agency, NFDC, Totton & Eling Council and Southern Water. I Believe were hoping to attend with the lead resident Martin and myself. The Walk started at Tatchbury down to Calmore Road.

DIRECT BUS

I have been working with Southampton General Hospital NHS Trust and a bus company, to run a direct bus service to the hospital from Totton and route around Netley Marsh. The total required to start this service has been included in the air pollution survey conducted by NFDC and Southampton City Council. If the government gives the total amount required we will get the bus service required.

CRIME

I have held three crime meetings with 800 residents attending, with the new forest police inspector attending to report on the crime in Totton and surrounding areas. This is a on going problem and I will keep Netley Marsh Parish Council upto date on future meetings and will inform residents that would like to attend.

I can supply all warning signs to residents F.O.C.

Appendix 7

NFNPA report

From: Richard Taylor – NFNPA NE Quadrant Parish Member

Report for Netley Marsh Annual Parish Meeting – 26/04/19

70 Years of National Parks

This year is the 70th anniversary of National Parks. To celebrate this there are a series of events taking place centred around 'Year of Green Action' - a year-long drive to get more people from all backgrounds involved in projects to improve the natural world. Details of events in the New Forest can be found at -

<https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/communities/get-involved/year-of-green-action-in-the-new-forest/about-the-70th-anniversary/>

Revised Local Plan – 2016-2036

The new local plan examination hearings are now complete and details of these and the final consultation can be found on the NFNPA website on the 'Local Plan' pages (<https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/planning/local-plan/>). The most significant changes from the plan as first submitted are the inclusion of an additional site for housing at the former Ashurst Hospital (approx. 30 units for C2/extra care use), and the removal of the proposed housing site in Calshot village (approx.. 30 units). Hopefully the final version of the plan will be approved in the late summer/autumn.

Partnership Plan for the New Forest

Every National Park has to have a management plan – ours takes the form of the Partnership Plan and it is due for revision over the next year. This includes all the various organisations involved in the New Forest and sets out a plan of actions for the next 5 years. Please get involved in this process!