

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 21 February 2024

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

In attendance: Cllr Penman, Cllr Tipp, 10 members of the public, the Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

182. **Welcome**

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

183. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Babey, Cllr Johnstone, Cllr Reilly,

184. **Declaration of Interests** – None

185. **Public Participation** By prior arrangement a presentation was given on outline plans for the Solar Farm at Fletchwood Lane. Various questions regarding biodiversity, public access, plans for the end of the life of the solar panels, reduction in back up land etc., were discussed. A site visit was offered. It is anticipated that a planning application will be submitted early summer 2024.

At the request of a member of the public it was agreed to take items 11, 14 and 16 on the agenda immediately after the County and District Councillor reports.

186. **Approval of minutes of 17 January 2024**

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

187. **Planning**

Planning and appeal decisions from NFNPA and NFDC were noted. Cllr Merrill stated she would not vote on 01511 as she felt she could not be impartial on the application.

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

01511	153 Forest Corner, Woodlands Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7BH	Fence and Gates	4. Refuse: There were concerns about work being done without permission. The height and style of fencing were inappropriate in the forest setting and damage the character of the conservation area. The fence does not appear to follow the line of the original fence, There are questions about encroachment. There is particular concern about the filling of a ditch and about various comments associated with the application. Permission for this application would set a very concerning precedent.
01619	Down Park Farm, Bartley Road, Woodlands, Southampton, SO40 7GN	Agricultural outbuilding; demolition of existing agricultural outbuilding	3. Permission , footprint is as existing, it is only height which is a material changed.
01602	Meadow View, Tatchbury Lane, Winsor, Southampton, SO40 2GZ	Ground floor rear extension; porch; alterations to doors and windows; demolition of existing rear extension, garage and car port	3. Permission

0074 4	Scatterbrook Stables, Ringwood Road, Woodlands SO40 7GX	Appeal: Description 7no. shepherds huts; 2no.timber and metal clad shipping containers to facilitate toilet block with timber decking; recycling/waste storage; parking and turning area; footpaths and associated landscaping: cesspit	No change of comment:

Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

187.ii **24/00093CONS Tree application – removal of trees at 199 Woodlands Road** – the homeowner wished the Council to be aware that the application had not been submitted by him, but by his insurance company apparently without his prior knowledge. Noted.

188. County, National Park & District Matters

188.i **Cllr Penman** reported on **HCC** matters. There are discussions on more cuts to budgets and capital expenditure. The dog bin is in hand and Cllr Penman will meet the Dog Warden later in the week. The Government has given an additional £1.3 million for pot hole repairs. The Ringwood Road survey has been done – it was pointed out that NMPC needs sight of this as a matter of urgency if their grant application for the crossing is to have any chance of success. Cllr Penman will follow this up.

Mention was made of two out of control dogs who had recently killed two deer and a dog in residents gardens. Cllr Penman will follow this up with the Dog Warden.

188.ii **NFNPA** No report

188.iii **Cllr Tipp NFDC** advised the meeting that budget setting will take place next Monday. If the draft figures are agreed the NFDC charge on a Band D property will be £199.73. The draft is a balanced budget. The new wheelie bins will come in for 2025 and increased recycling will be possible once the new recycling facility is available, hopefully by 2026. Cllr Tipp reported that bringing up District council housing to Energy Level Certificate 3 level by 2030 will cost £15 million. To make the properties net zero by 2050 will cost £115 million. Cllr Tipp urged all to respond to the HCC budget consultation, he was particularly concerned about the potential closure of waste recycling facilities.

Cllr Tipp was asked if he was aware of what is happening about the development at Milvina Close, he will make enquiries.

189. **Hampshire County Council Property Flood Resilience** – Cllr Penman reported that the local area is currently being looked at, a report will be forthcoming. He will request that NMPC are invited to send a representative to a site meeting. He hopes to have clearer information in time for the Annual Parish Meeting.

190. **Responses to ditch letters**, actions and future plans. A few replies have been received. It was pointed out that once the closing date is passed we can pass information to HCC to follow up. They have the power to enforce ditch/culvert clearance, or do the work and bill the property owner. A query had been raised about Eling Tide Mill retaining water in the pool, this then backs up Bartley Water which may contribute to flooding problems in the area. Cllr Penman will make enquiries.

191. **Southern Water local sewage issues/contact**. There is a problem at Ashurst Bridge and removal of effluent is currently by lorries – they use the layby near Bourne Road and they are in use 24 hours a day contributing to the traffic problems on Ringwood Road. It was agreed Cllr Penman will provide Southern Water contact information to the Clerk who will contact SW asking what their plans are for a long term solution to the problem.

Clerk to Contact Southern Water

192. Matters Arising

192.i Ringwood Road and pedestrian crossing There is a feeling that HCC are delaying things so that resident fatigue will make the problem go away. Cllr Penman will chase this- see 188.i above.

192.ii Speedwatch item for the next agenda

192.iii Woodlands Road dog waste bin see 188.i above.

192.iv High speed broadband no update has been received. The problem appears to be to do with BT poles. Cllr Haysom will follow up.

192.v Grant Making policy a policy outline and application form had been circulated and was agreed for future use for grant applications.

193. Members Report

193.i Community Hall, Solar, WIFI and CCTV options. The Hall Committee grant application has been successful and they plan to make up the difference from their own funds. It is anticipated that the Parish Council will therefore cover much of the cost of the proposed gate lighting and new locking systems. It was agreed to ask the Hall Committee what they see as the solutions for the car park, gate and locking systems so that these can be taken into account by NMPC. It was agreed to accept the offer of grant assistance from Cllrs Penman and Tipp towards these expenses. Cllr Reilly will also be approached. It was noted that BT had been unable to find the hall to install the wifi!

Clerk to contact councilors re. grant monies.

The Hall booking secretary had contacted the Clerk suggesting that NMPC may pay half the monthly internet bill once wifi is installed, this has not been discussed.

193.ii Land Registry/Solicitors enquiry re ownership of the Community Hall building – the solicitors have confirmed that the parish Council own the hall building and lease it to the Hall Committee.

193.iii The necessity of building changes permission was discussed in light of 193.ii and permission for the work on the solar – wifi and cctv proposals was agreed.

193.iv Grant application from Woodlands Road Community Hall see 193.i and 193.iii above.

Clerk to contact Hall Committee re. 193.i, 193.ii and 193.iii

193.v Play area, gym and signage – all in good order, signage delivery is awaited.

193.vi Playground inspection an interim inspection has been carried out, some low or very low risk problems were identified and the groundsman is looking at these.

193.vii Wet pour repair – quote still awaited,

193.viii Benches, await inspection; hedges, all in hand; noticeboards nothing to report; fencing Cllr Welbourn had looked at the fencing with the groundsman, they recommended barbed wire fencing on the northern boundary, on the far side of the ditch. It was agreed to ask Gardeners South to clear the bramble on the boundary near the zip wire and as soon as the weather is suitable to carry out the weed killing on the footpath as previously requested and agreed.

Clerk to contact Gardeners South

193.ix Outlook – Spring 2024 edition is all in hand.

193.x Conservation Review Cllr Cook reported the working group work has been submitted and was well received. They had met with NFNPA representatives, and await their response.

193.xi Report of NFALC EGM and proposals for the future, minutes are awaited.

193.xii Report on Emergency Planning & Resilience see 189 above. Cllr Haysom has prepared an article for Outlook.

193.xiii Report from Quadrant meeting held 15th February, item for next agenda, Cllr Johnstone attended.

194. **Footpaths and Bridleways** including footpath 2 and 5. No information received.
195. **Lengthsman** - work to do including review of flooding and any necessary action. It had not been possible to work on the field opposite the layby on the A336. There is a problem with the drainage and with blocked ditches, As the field floods, there is a welfare issue with horses in the field in standing water. All planned work is up to date.
196. **Groundsman** – work to do and update on works already agreed. All up to date. Cllr Welbourn and Mr Burt will carry out work on the car park fencing and gate to the field when weather is suitable.
197. **Renewal of contract for website provider**, TLC from 1 April, the annual website hosting charge will be £84.00 and the hourly rate will be £17.50. While the increases are quite large in percentage terms, their fees are very competitive compared to other providers and they have not in the past charged for help over the phone. Agreed to accept.

Clerk to contact TLC

198. **Grass cutting quote** for 2024 Gardeners South £123.00 per cut. Agreed to accept.

Clerk to contact Gardeners South

199. **Portrait of the King** agreed one will be ordered, free of charge and the Clerk will approach the Hall Committee asking if it may be hung in the hall.

Clerk to contact the Hall Committee

Clerk to order the portrait

200. **Clerks Report, noted** with the addition of: Two field hire requests for when the Clerk is away during the summer. Noted. The Clerk is booked on a playground inspection course to update her qualification, agreed.
201. **Correspondence** a list of correspondence had been circulated. Matters requiring attention were;

HALC	Annual Conference 20-3-24	Noted
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202. **Financial matters** the following payments were approved.

Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
Gardeners South (hedge cutting)	Online Feb	590.00	118.00	708.00
TLC Inv 2321-1 3rdquarter 3rd payment	Online Feb	15.00		15.00
Marcus Burt Groundsman	Online Feb	200.00		200.00
H Lawrence	Online Feb	573.31	37.31	610.62
R Cooper	Online Feb	352.70		352.70
Vitaplay	Online Feb	2,010.00	402.00	2,412.00
Mint Gardens (car park weedkill)	Online Feb	50.00	10.00	60.00
	Total uncleared above			4,358.32

203. **Parish Matters**

203.i **Annual Parish Meeting** – the usual invitations have been sent. **Speaker** – it was agreed to invite Hampshire Search and Rescue and if they are unable to come, Hampshire Air Ambulance. It was also agreed to invite the Transport Representative to attend and give a short report. The RFO will organise refreshments as usual, with help from The Clerk and Cllr Merrill, a small donation will be given to ACWW for this service.

Clerk to contact Hampshire Search and Rescue and if necessary Hampshire Air Ambulance.

203.ii **Councillors' items** – A draft letter regarding the application for a weight restriction on the A336 and how it has been handed by HCC had been circulated and with some amendments was agreed. To be sent once the crossing survey results have been received.

Clerk to write to HCC in due course.

204. **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 20 March 2024 at 7.45 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 20 March 2024