

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 20 March 2024

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

In attendance: Cllr Penman, Cllr Reilly, 3 members of the public, two representatives from Enviromena the NMPC Public Transport representative, the Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

205. **Welcome**

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

206. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Babey

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

208. **Public Participation** A resident, on behalf of a number of residents, raised concerns regarding ongoing work at a property in Woodlands Road, clerk to contact NFNPA enforcement. It was suggested residents could contact the police about other matters, contact information is on the NMPC website. Clerk to check reports with the PCSO.

209. **Approval of minutes of 21 February 2024**

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

210. **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

24/00239 SCP	A326 Waterside	Application for Scoping Opinion under regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for road enlargements and alterations; paths; associated works	No comment required.
00168	Forest Meadow, Martins Lane, Woodlands, Southampton SO40 7GZ	Single storey extension; removal of existing conservatory; addition of rear dormer	3. Permission,
01683	Thornlands Farm, Fletchwood Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 7DX	Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic farm; associated infrastructure, engineering works, access and landscaping	3. Permission – there will be bio-diversity gain, the land is mostly low grade, there is no battery system so noise will be minimal, renewable energy is vital. Public footpath will be retained. NB: Cllrs were assured that any damage to access road during installation or subsequent working will be repaired by Enviromena
00156	Land East of Petlake Farm, Plots K, M & O, Ringwood Road, Bartley	Erection of a means of enclosure, 1.2m high perimeter stock fence and	4 Refuse, gates, fencing and hardstanding in this situation are not acceptable in the

	SO40 7LA	field gates.	conservation area. It is felt the proposals are not for genuine agricultural use but are more recreational.
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Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

211. County, National Park & District Matters

211.i Cllr Penman reported on **HCC** matters. A crossing on the Ringwood Road may be included in the new A326 by-pass works. Netley Marsh Parish Council requested Cllr Penman to ensure that the HCC survey report is forwarded to the Clerk/RFO to ensure that our application for CIL funding for the project is considered for the next allocation in the autumn. This should ensure that Netley Marsh does not lose out due to the lack of the HCC report as has happened this spring.

Clerk to contact HCC

Cllr Johnstone expressed concern at the proposal to cut funding for highways drainage, local council grant cuts, the homeless budget being cut to zero yet arts and museums will still be supported. Noted with concern. All Councillors were again asked to respond to the HCC survey/consultation, a link is on the agenda for this March meeting. Noted.

211.ii Cllr Reilly **NFDC** urged all who were able to attend the meeting with Southern Water on 21 March at West Totton Community Centre.

212. Matters Arising

212.i **Ringwood Road** and pedestrian crossing updatesee 211.I above

212.ii **Speedwatch** update, nothing to report.

212.iii Update on the potential Woodlands Road **dog waste bin**, Cllr Penman understands the Dog Warden will install this.

212.iv **High speed broadband** Cllr Haysom reported that properties on Woodlands Road are able to access HSB but those off Woodlands Road cannot. No progress and none expected, Cllr Penman agreed to take this up with HCC to try to find a contact which the Parish Council can follow this up with.

213. Update on the HCC Passenger Transport Forum Mrs Barnett reported with concern the cuts in support proposed and urged all present to respond to the HCC Consultation/Survey as 211.i. HCC appear to plan to withdraw all support except where there is a mandatory requirement. However, the £2.00 fare incentive will continue till December 2024.

214. Members Report

214.i **Woodlands Community Hall** Cllr Johnstone – Solar panels will be installed at the beginning of April. Wifi in in but codes are needed.

214.ii The hall committee are seeking further clarification regarding the actions during the time of the construction of the hall between 1983 - 1987. Arrangements will be made for the relevant Parish Council minutes to be collected from the archives and a copy will be given to the hall committee. Originals to be returned to the Archives. Car Park gate, lighting and access are still be decided on. The Hall Committee have agreed to display a portrait of the King, the Clerk has ordered this.

Clerk to collect old minutes from archives, copy and arrange for return of the originals.

214.iii **Play area, gym, recreation field** - Signage, this is now with the Groundsman ready for installation; Moles are in evidence again, the field is very wet – the Groundsman has been asked to monitor for mole activity; the area at the gate from the small wet pour area outside the hall to the play area is very muddy and sunk. It was agreed to ask the Groundsman if he could put some plastic grid in place which could be filled with soil and grass sewn so that it could then be mown.

Clerk to contact Groundsman

214.iv **Wet pour repair** two quotes were considered. There were some queries which the Clerk will raise with Vitaplay which was the lower quote.

Clerk to contact VitaPlay

214.v **Benches, hedges, fencing and noticeboards** these items are outstanding while the ground is so wet. Cllr Welbourn will approach Calmore Cricket Club offering them the noticeboard outside the club.

214.vi **Spring Outlook**, new format looks fresh and Clerk was congratulated on this. Costs have inevitably increased to something in the region of £500 per issue less advertising income. However it was felt the magazine is a valuable service to residents and will continue.

214.vii **Conservation Review**, the working group have finished their work and submitted it to NFNPA and await their comments. All involved were thanked for their input. An article will be prepared for the website, subject to approval by David Ilsley, NFNPA.

Clerk to prepare article and submit to David Ilsley and subsequently put on website.

214.viii **Emergency Planning & Resilience** an article has been included in the spring Outlook and responses awaited. The Clerk will attend a meeting on progress of the scheme on 27 March.

214.ix **Quadrant meeting** held 15th February – Cllr Johnstone reported, Fly tipping is a concern as are animal accidents. A fly tipping group is to be set up. Forestry England changes, waste and biodiversity increase were all discussed. It was noted that new developments adjacent to the National Park will in future have to show how they benefit the National Park. See report attached.

214.x **Consultative Panel** meeting held 7th March – Cllr Merrill reported. The Chairman Brian Tarnoff was re-elected, Discussions included all those mentioned under the quadrant meeting as well as new regulations relating to ice cream van licences and other outlets. There was concern about relaxing planning regulations and about youth organisations being exempt from Campsite article 4 notices. The Ramblers would like to liaise with all parish councils on keeping footpaths clear. The Parish Council contact information is available on the website.

214.xi **NFALC** meeting had been held. NMPC had not been notified of the meeting. The Clerk has contacted NFALC Admin to ensure they have NMPC up to date email addresses.

215. **Hampshire County Council Property Flood Resilience** The Environment Agency is dealing with, the Clerk will email them to ensure they are aware of Council boundaries. Some properties in Netley Marsh are listed, when known other properties should be advised with the permission of property owners.

Clerk to contact the Environment Agency

216. **Footpaths and Bridleways** Footpath 2, Cllr Cook will check if the obstruction has been removed. Footpath 12, is blocked by a tree. There is an overgrown hedge near Lanesbridge. The Clerk will liaise with a resident and report the problems.

217. **Lengthsman** It was agreed RFO to pass details of properties where no response to the ditch/culvert clearance letter has been received. The Clerk will ask the Lengthsman to inspect the ditches/culverts of these properties and report back. As necessary information will be passed to HCC Ordinary Watercourses Department.

RFO to pass information to Clerk

Clerk to contact Groundsman

Clerk to contact HCC Ordinary Watercourses Department in due course.

218. **Groundsman** work in ongoing re play area, recreation ground, gate hinges and fencing as ground conditions allow. The Chairman is liaising with the Groundsman on these matters. The Groundsman will be asked to jet wash the wet pour areas of the play area and outdoor gym. The play ground fence needs attention.

Clerk to contact Groundsman

219. **Southern Water local sewage issues** The Clerk and some Councillors are attending the event on 21 March in West Totton when it is hoped some answers may be given.

220. **Clerks Report** noted.

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

A Resident	Fletchwood Lane	Expressing concern that the road surface is deteriorating. Clerk to contact resident for further information
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222. **Financial matters**

222.i Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
TLC Inv 2321-I 3rdquarter 3rd payment	Online	15.00		15.00
Marcus Burt Groundsman	Online	200.00		200.00
H Lawrence	Online	302.65		302.65
R Cooper	Online	261.80		261.80
HMRC 268.00+189.40	Online	457.40		457.40
	Total uncleared above			1,236.85

222.ii The above amounts were approved for payment.

222.iii Higher interest bank accounts, these are to be investigated, information circulated and an account opened.

222.iv Recreation Ground regular user exercise class, rent to remain unchanged.

223. **Parish Matters**

223.i **Annual Parish Meeting** arrangements are in hand. The draft report had been circulated and was approved subject to any changes prior to the April Parish Council meeting.

223.ii **Councillors' items** Cllr Johnstone reported that Copythorne Parish Council would appreciate joint working with Netley Marsh on flooding issues.

A326 Scoping Opinion – Northern Developments, the Clerk will make enquires. This will be an item on the next agenda.

224. **Confidential** – holidays being carried forward for a period of 3 months maximum agreed.

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 17 April 2024 at 7.45 pm Woodlands Community Hall
APM 26 April 7.00 pm at Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 17 April 2024