

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 15 May 2024

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

In attendance: Cllr Penman, 6 residents, the Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

31. **Welcome**

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

32. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Babey, Cllr Cook and Cllr Merrill and Cllr Tipp. As Cllr Babey had been unable to attend meetings since November 2023 it was decided that while Councillors were sorry about her health problems, it was felt that the six month rule should apply so that a more active Councillor could be co-opted which would be of benefit to the Council.

Clerk to contact NFDC re the cooption procedure

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

34. No matters were raised by the Public.

35. **Approval of minutes of 17 April 2024**

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

36. **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

Appl no	Address	Proposals	
24/0044 OSCP	Application for Scoping Opinion under regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for a solar park, associated infrastructure and landscaping	Land off Fletchwood Lane, Totton, Southampton, SO40 7DZ	Noted
00202	205 Woodlands House, Woodlands Road, Woodlands, Southampton, SO40 7GL	One and two storey extension to the existing care home; 3no. pergolas; 2no. outbuildings; replacement and extensions to hardstanding; infill existing pond and creation of new pond; associated landscaping	4 Refuse. It was considered the proposals, being in the order of a 70% increase in accommodation, were overdevelopment of the site. The access track is unsuitable for additional traffic and the impact of additional use would affect neighbouring properties. The impact on the conservation area would be unacceptable. Loss of trees is a concern as the condition of the properties ditches and culvert already contributes to flooding of neighbouring properties and less trees would inevitably contribute to more surface water run off.
00270	Langford Farm, Paradise Lane, Woodlands, Southampton, SO40 7GS	Change of use from Dwelling house (C3) to Mixed Use Dwelling house (C3); Bed & Breakfast (C1)	4. Refuse. It was felt the increase in traffic caused by B&B customers would be totally unacceptable on this very narrow road.

00389	2, Purkiss Close, Woodlands, Southampton, SO40 7HS	Air source heat pump	2. Refuse but accept officers decision. While the provision of an air pump is acceptable, the visual impact in the front of the property was felt to be unsuitable, particularly in the conservation area.
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Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

37. County, National Park & District Matters

37.i Cllr Penman reported on HCC matters. His report was circulated to Councillors. Cllr Nick Adams King will become leader of HCC. There will be a new appointee on roads. All fault reports must be reported by residents. If the tracking number is passed to Cllr Penman he will follow up. There will be test runs on winter salting. Netley Marsh will be included in this. More support is now available to Hampshire farmers. A query on Totton Western Bypass had been lodged, but closed with no action taken. This was considered unacceptable.

Clerk to prepare an item for Outlook on reporting faults and passing on the tracking number to the County Councillor.

38. Matters Arising

38.i **Ringwood Road** and pedestrian crossing - a response to Sir Julian Lewis MP's letter is awaited.

38.ii **Speedwatch** this is having a positive effect and further training is being arranged.

38.iii **Woodlands Rd dog waste bin** – a pony proof bin is required. Annual service charge via NFDC is £1225.00 for a weekly collection. The Clerk will get costs for purchase of bin, and also a comparative service charge from Forestry England. Item for the next agenda.

Clerk to find and circulate comparative costs.

38.iv **High speed broadband** reply from HCC awaited.

38.v **A326 North Improvement** Clerk to follow up following timing changes to the arranged meeting which precluded the Chairman and Clerk attending.

Clerk to contact HCC

39. Members Report

39.i **Woodlands Community Hall** Cllr Johnstone reported: External lighting round the building plus three lamps in the car park, £6150.00 plus VAT. The Council agreed to these proposals but pointed out that the car park works – in this instance including the external lighting on the building – should be commissioned and paid for by NMPC as the Council is responsible for the outside areas.

The proposals also include; a height restrictor at the gate so that the gate did not need to be locked, £1300.00 plus VAT. Car park is monitored by CCTV. A sign stating no overnight parking could be installed. A Maglock could also be considered. Two EV chargers have been discussed. The question of planning permission needs to be clarified. In principle the Council have no objection to the proposals but would like to see final plans before agreeing to implementation.

The Hall committee reported that access to the outside door of the changing room is difficult as the ground is so soft and often flooded. Agreed Council will put a path from the door to the footpath and car park.

The Council expressed their thanks to the Hall Committee for their work in upgrading the hall and access.

Clerk to check re. planning permission requirements

Clerk to get quotes for the path from the changing room outside door to the footpath and car park.

39.ii **Play area, gym & field.** There are moles again, including in the gym/play area. The grass is much too long, contractors to be contacted to get the usual programme of cuts started.

Clerk to contact the mole contractor
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39.iii **Quote for wet pour** by gate between pre-school area adjacent to the hall and the play area. Vitaplay quote of £395.00 plus VAT if the work is done with the wetpour and see-saw surface work was accepted. Clerk to chose colour for repair beneath see-saw

Clerk to contact Vitaplay and put works in hand

39.iv **Benches, hedges, fencing and noticeboards**, inspections and maintenance will commence now the ground is drier. Calmore Cricket Club have accepted and thanked the Council for the donation of the adjacent noticeboard. Noted.

Clerk to do the bench inspection and liaise with groundsman on maintenance work.

39.v NFNPA conservation review – reply awaited – item for the next agenda.

39.vi Testwood Lakes AGM held 23rd April – Cllr Haysom reported. 2300+ students have visited via school visits and 3500+ visits via education programmes. Liaised with local schools regarding behaviour on-site, resulting in fewer anti-social incidents. Also more university and further education college visits. Bird breeding going very well. Fodder continues to be provided to giraffe's in Marwell Zoo during the winter. Cows in field from April to November and meadow's harvested. Concern that Zander fish have been detected, this is a non-native species. Sailability continues successfully. Noted.

39.vii Annual Parish meeting feedback, the speaker had been interesting, the number of residents attending had once again been disappointing.

40. **Footpaths and Bridleways** nothing to report.

41. **Lengthsman** has agreed to monitor roads for potholes as he passes through the parish. Will also check grips etc., prior to winter. Noted.

42. **Groundsman**, work in hand now the field is drying.

43. **Clerk/RFO report** - VAT claim to 31 March 2024 has been submitted, noted.

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

HALC	Accountability in Public Life	Councillor comments to RFO/Assistant Clerk by 7 June for onward transmission
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45. **Financial matters**

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Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
Lyndhurst PC Play Inspection course 1/2	Online cleared	92.00		92.00
TLC Inv	Online	15.00		15.00
Marcus Burt Groundsman	Online	275.69		275.69
H Lawrence	Online	372.18		372.18
R Cooper	Online	427.25		427.25
Clear Ins Management Ltd Ann Insurance	Online	616.72		616.72
ACWW - APM refreshments	Online			

		20.00		20.00
Hampshire Search & Rescue APM Speaker	Online	50.00		50.00
John Murray Internal Auditor	Online	225.00		225.00
	Total uncleared above			2,093.84
	Transfer curr to Dep ac £11k			
Income (£11292 Precept + Ads/rent £517)	Lloyds Current Ac	11,809.00		
includes precept transfer	Lloyds Deposit Account	39.24		
	High Interest Ac inc to 29 Apr	31.27		

- 45.i **May online payments** had been circulated as above and were approved.
- 45.ii **Internal Auditors letter re. 2023-24 accounts** together with the Internal Audit report had been circulated and was accepted, proposed Cllr Haysom, seconded Cllr Welbourn. The VAT query had been followed up and resolved.
- 45.iii **Annual Accounts and Pro-Forma (AGAR)** – had been circulated and was agreed. Proposed Cllr Welbourn, seconded Cllr Haysom.
- 45.iv **Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2023-24** had been circulated and was agreed and signed. Proposed Cllr Johnson, Seconded Cllr Shaw.
- 45.v **Section 2 Accounting Statements 2023-24** had been circulated and was agreed and signed. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Johnstone.
- 45.vi **Hall Invoice**, it was noted that no invoice had been received for the APM, nor for a conservation review meeting. Cllr Johnstone will remind the Hall Booking Clerk.

RFO to send papers to External Auditor and put on website

46. Parish Matters

- 46.i **Cllr Johnstone** mentioned that the hall will be decorated this year. The TV will be put in a cabinet. The Hall committee would like to put a plaque on the wall regarding the grant received for the solar panel and associated works. Agreed, and requested that a site for the picture of the King should be identified and the picture put up at the same time as the plaque.

Clerk to contact the Hall Committee

- 46.ii **Priestlands Close** trees. Resident needs to make a tree planting request to HCC.

Clerk to advise resident.

- 46.iii Field booking 25 May Cllr Shaw will check all is in order after the event and notify RFO re return of deposit.

47. Confidential - No matters were taken.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 19 June 2024 at 7.15 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 19 June 2024