

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 16 October 2024

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

In attendance: Cllr Penman, Cllr Reilly, 5 members of the public, the Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

106. **Welcome**

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

107. **Acceptance of Office** - the meeting witnessed the signing of acceptance of office by Cllr Chris Smith who was welcomed to the Council.

108. **Apologies** for absence there were none.

109. **Public Participation** – see 114 i and vi

110. **Declaration of Interests** there were none

111. **Approval of minutes of 18 September 2024**

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

112. **Planning**

Planning and appeal decisions from NFNPA and NFDC were noted.

The following decisions were made for forwarding by the Clerk to NFNPA/NFDC as necessary.

Appl no	Address	Proposals	
01085	New Forest Care, Chinham Road, Bartley, Southampton, SO40 2LF	Change of use from B1 to C3 in existing mixed use building; removal of existing door and window and installation of new door and window	5. Accept Officer decision. The application appears to be contrary to the 30% rule, and SPI9, DP36 and DP49 are technical rules which the Parish Council feels are best dealt with by the qualified planning officer.
01007	Land To The Rear Of 306-310 Woodlands Road, Woodlands, Southampton, SO40 7GF	1 stable building; 2 open field shelters; extended access track	2. Refuse but accept Officer decision. There are a number of issues, including parking adjacent to neighbouring properties, camping in summer and motor home siting. The use appears to be changing from agricultural to recreational. The siting of the shelters is obtrusive in the landscape. Concerns re. proposals being in line with DP22 and SPI7.
00711	2, Fern Hollow, Bartley Road, Woodlands, Southampton, SO40 7GN	Outbuilding	3. Permission, the proposals appear to be proportionate and subservient to the original dwelling.

Clerk to send comments to NFDC/NFNPA

113. County, National Park & District Matters

113.i Cllr Penman reported on HCC matters including concerns over school transport and the crossing of the A326 on the route to Hounsdown School. Also information on reporting highways/flooding problems. A link is on the NMPC website. Copies of the report filed with minutes.

A number of members of the public raised issues regarding the withdrawal of school transport from children living north of the Gamekeeper pub. The meeting agreed that the issue of children crossing the A326 was a safety issue and in terms of health and safety may be a legal issue. Cllr Penman and two of those present are pursuing the matter. Similar proposals in 2001 were successfully appealed, trees and vegetation are now more mature and traffic volume has increased considerably. The HCC lead on transport Lulu Bowerman will visit the area and a meeting at the Community Hall will be arranged, HCC/Cllr Penman will cover the cost of this.

It was agreed that the only answer for the time being would be reinstating the transport to school service for the affected children until a proper crossing is provided..

All present were urged to respond the cycling/walking routes survey on the HCC website. Residents are encouraged to include NMPC Clerk in correspondence to HCC and Cllr Penman relating to these issues to enable the Council to consider residents views and support as is appropriate.

113.ii Cllr Reilly advised the meeting: new waste collection service being introduced during 2025-26. Concerns relating to parking scams are of concern. NFDC does not contact residents by text concerning these matters. The Marchwood Household recycling centre will remain open.

114. Matters Arising

114.i **Ringwood Road and pedestrian crossing** update on October 7th 2024. The Chairs and Vice Chairs, along with the Clerks, of Copythorne and Netley Marsh Parish Councils met with representatives of HCC Highways to discuss possible traffic calming measures that might be possible along the A336 which runs from the Cadnam (A31) roundabout in the Parish of Copythorne all the way through to the Goodies (A326) roundabout in the Parish of Netley Marsh.

The discussions will help shape possible bids to NFDC for separate Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund bids for traffic calming that are likely to be made by both Parish Councils in the next few months.

114.ii **Speedwatch** update - Sessions will be held on 8 and 25 November and 2 December. Cllr Johnstone and Cllr Haysom will join these.

114.iii **Woodlands Road dog waste bin** there has been no response from Forestry England, The clerk will send information to Cllr Penman who will assist with contact information. The current situation is that NMPC could be included in the NFDC collection round but Forestry England have to give permission for the installation of a bin on their land near Alpine Road.

Clerk to send information to Cllr Penman and pursue as appropriate.

114.iv **High speed broadband** This was mentioned at the recent Clerks/NFDC CEO meeting. There are a lot of difficulties and NFDC are aware.

Clerk to copy emails to Councillors.

114.v **A326 North Improvement** nothing to report.

114.vi **HCC school transport policy and concerns for the local school walking route** see 113.i above.

115. **Members Report**

115.i **Woodlands Community Hall**

Lighting work is complete and the invoice was approved for payment. The light work included works in the roof of the building relating to the solar panels which could provide light and power in case of emergency. This will be noted in the Emergency Resilience plans.

The works on the height barrier and lower gate also complete and payment authorized. The old gate has been installed at the field access point and the key safe is in operation. It was agreed that generally speaking hirers should not need access to the top barrier lock. The system as is will continue and if problems arise this will need to be reconsidered. The ramp to the rear hall access is complete. The path now reaches the field gate.

The Council expressed its thanks to the Community Hall Committee for their work on these improvements which are of great benefit to residents

115.ii **Play area and gym**, all in order. **Recreation field** is very wet, the question of a season for field hire will be an item on the next agenda. The contract wording may need adjusting. **Benches** two have been removed as agreed. **Hedging** nothing further to report.

115.iii NFNPA conservation review response from NFNPA awaited, Cllr Cook will follow this up.

116. **Future maintenance of the path around the recreation field** the quote from Gardeners South for £160.00 to the end of 2024 and £995.00 + VAT for 10 months, February to the end of 2025 was agreed to be accepted.

Clerk to contact Gardeners South

117. **Update on the Winter Outlook** – copies were circulated and copies for delivery handed out at the end of the meeting. Clerk information has been limited to email contact only.

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

119. **Lengthsman** The Clerk has been in touch with the Lengthsman, issued work requests for the pre-winter checks and requested invoices to date should be submitted. Noted.

120. **Groundsman Work requested is in hand.** The Groundsman has confirmed he is unable to continue after 31 October. Cllr Haysom agreed to check litter bins and the Clerk will do the weekly checks on the play area.

121. **Clerks Report** no report. RFO confirmed she will order the wreath for delivery to the Chairman. The War Memorial needs cleaning prior to 11 November. No decision made on who will do this.

Clerk to organise War Memorial cleaning.

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

Sir Julian Lewis MP	Field on corner of Bourne Road-Chineham Road-A336	Cllr Johnstone will take some photos and these and response will be sent by the Clerk
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123. Financial matters

Netley Marsh Parish Council

Finance Report

Oct-24

Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
TLC Inv web maint 15 inv249	Online	15.00		15.00
Marcus Burt Groundsman	Online	705.00		705.00
Gardeners South Aug grass pay 2 cuts tbc	Online	246.00	49.20	295.20
BDO External Auditor inv 00579357	Online	210.00	42.00	252.00
RBL donation re. wreath	Online	50.00		50.00
H Lawrence including barrier signs	Online	607.69	18.27	625.96
R Cooper	Online	317.68		317.68
Woodlands Comm Hall - interviews tbc	Online	36.00		36.00
Advertiser & Times Clerk adv	Online	350.00	70.00	420.00
R Duell car park barrier£5605+ field gate 250+	Online	5,855.00	1,171.00	7,026.00
M Welbourn for Southern Stronghold lock	Online	60.32	12.07	72.39
Electrical Ventilation Renewables Ltd CP lights	Online	6,150.00	1,230.00	7,380.00
SLCC Clerk Adv	Invoice awaited	78.00	15.60	93.60
	Total uncleared above			17,288.83

123.i October online payments as above approved.

123.ii Transfer from High Interest Account, resolved, when withdrawal requested funds are removed from the High Interest Account and appear in the online banking. The interest paid is not reduced.

123.iii Review bank reconciliation to 30 September 2024 and compare to budget – this will be an item on the next agenda

123.iv Budget, three year plan and future projects list. The first draft was agreed and the following items were agreed to be added for a second draft to be circulated prior to the next meeting; Picnic Benches, dog bins and hall noticeboard and signage.

RFO to adjust figures and circulate.

124. **Parish Matters** – the visibility of the signage near the Woodlands Road (Ashurst end) cattle grid has been reported to HCC. If necessary this will be forwarded to Forestry England and subsequently The New Forest Verderers.

Clerk to follow up as necessary.

125. Confidential

It was agreed that 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 in accordance with the 'The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960', and they were instructed to withdraw

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 20 November 2024 at 7.00 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 20 November 2024