

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Ten members of the public, 2 representatives of the press, Cllr Penman, Cllr Tipp, the Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

126. **Welcome**

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

127. Apologies for absence had been received from - Cllr Shaw due to family circumstances, accepted: Cllr Joe Reilly.

128. **Public Participation** – none.

129. **Declaration of Interests** – none.

130. **Approval of minutes of 16 October 2024**

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

131. **Planning**

Planning and appeal decisions from NFNPA and NFDC were noted.

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

Appl no	Address	Proposal	NMPC Comment
24/01181LDCE	Rufus Cottage, Bartley Road, Woodlands, Southampton, SO40 7GP	Proposal Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for existing conservatory and extension to detached garage (use class C3)	The Council had no comments to add
24/01162	Stable Cottage, Ringwood Road, Bartley, Southampton, SO40 7LD	First Floor Extension	4. Refuse with the proviso that the application could be reconsidered once a planning application for the original situation which arose from a certificate of lawful development has been applied for and determined.
24/00919	174 Spot In The Woods, Woodlands Road, Woodlands, Southampton, SO40 7GL	Change of use of existing building from C1 hotel to C3 residential; replacement glazed balustrading to existing first-floor terraces; removal of faux mono-pitched roof	3. Permission for the change of use, with the condition that the other proposals – retrospective - be applied for as a separate application. Some of the proposals may be contrary to policy. The raised terrace was a particular problem. Much discussion took place with many comments from the public. It was found very difficult to make a

			recommendation to NFNPA due to the change of use and a number of other proposals all being put into one application.
24/10909	The Hollies, Hill Street, Netley Marsh SO40 2RX	Replacement dwelling	3. Permission. The proposals are not visible from the road and will not affect neighbouring properties.

Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

I32 .County, National Park & District Matters

I32.i Cllr Penman passed a report to all Councillors and Clerk and expanded on this, re. budget, school transport and solar energy. Cllr Penman will ask a representative from HCC school transport to attend the January Parish Council meeting to discuss the proposal to replace manned school crossings with traffic light crossings. Copy attached to the minutes. Noted.

I32.ii Cllr Tipp NFDC advised the meeting on CIL funding, and noted no apples should be put in garden waste. Noted.

I33.Matters Arising

I33.i Ringwood Road and pedestrian crossing update the potential costs which have now been advised mean that even with a CIL application a crossing is beyond the budget of NMPC. A feasibility study would be £25,000.00 this will be a much more long term plan than originally thought. It was agreed a three year plan needs to be considered with budgeting. Noted.

I33.ii Speedwatch update 3 Councillors would like training. Clerk will chase this up.

Clerk to follow up Speedwatch training.

I33iii Update on the potential Woodlands Rd dog waste bin Forestry England have advised that they will not give permission for a bin on Forest land opposite Alpine Road. It was agreed that other bin sites need to be established, possible one at the A336 end of Ringwood Road. This will be considered in conjunction with the budget. Noted.

I33.iv High speed broadband, the many contrary interests involved, sharing poles, ducts, and planning issues etc., are creating problems in providing some properties with up to date internet connection speeds, Noted.

I33.v A326 North Improvement nothing to report. Noted.

I34. Members Report

I34.i Community Hall Cllr Johnstone reported. Hall decoration is ongoing. The lighting timing is being looked at. An EICR test regime is required on a five year rota. The Hall committee have this in hand. Extra storage is now available in the roof space. The kitchen will be refurbished. It was pointed out that tiles at the entrance to the table/chair storage room are lifting and a health hazard. The ladies toilet needs checking. Key tags are now on the keys in the key safe. Noted.

I34.ii Update on play area, gym, recreation field, benches and hedging, the Clerk had done a playground inspection. The path has had weed treatment. Noted. The Clerk reported that the rocker has some rough wood, she will find someone to smooth it. Also the Multi Play unit is deteriorating. Noted.

Clerk to organize someone to look at the rocker unit.

I 34.iii To consider quote for operations inspection in January 2025 £115.00 + VAT, agreed inspection to take place in January. Clerk to book inspection.

Clerk to book inspection

I 34.iv Field hire – months to make available. It was agreed that core months will be June to September inclusive. Mar to May and October are subject to weather and our contract needs to make this clear. The Hall booking clerk needs to be made aware of this and to advise hall bookers who require the field of these issues. Clerk to amend contract and advise Hall booking secretary.

Clerk to update contract and contact Hall booking secretary.

I 34.v Update on NFNPA conservation review, nothing received from NFNPA, Cllr Cook will follow up.

I 34.vi NFALC meeting held 13th November 2024 NMPC were not represented, noted.

I 34.vii Remembrance Sunday service 10th November 2024 Cllr Smith had attended on behalf of NMPC and report all went well apart from one or two impatient motorists. Noted.

I 35.**Footpaths and Bridleways:** Merrill reported Footpath 12 is now walkable again with new fencing installed at the Loperwood Bridge end of the path. Agreed Clerk to thank the property owners. No further information on Footpath 5.

Clerk to contact the property owners.

I 36.**Lengthsman:** Grips and most of the winter preparation works are complete. Noted. Cllr Smith reported that the footway along the north side of the A336 from Tatchbury Lane to the School is in need of attention. Agreed the Clerk will contact Highways.

Clerk to contact Highways.

I 37. **Clerks Report:** CIL meeting, VAT claim, school transport meeting and SSEN re. wires in tree by hall, and Cllr Smith on training in February, all noted.

I 38.**Correspondence** a list of correspondence had been circulated. Matters requiring attention were

St Matthews Church	Defibrillator	The Council did not feel able to take on maintenance of the extra defibrillator. Clerk to advise the Church.
HALC	Remote Attendance/and Proxy Voting consultation	Councilors were recommended to respond to the consultation.

I 39.Finance

I 39.i The following payments were agreed –

November online payments were agreed, see page 4

Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
TLC Inv web maint inv2567 2nd payment £15.00	One payment 365.00	15.00		15.00
TLC Outlook 2567 October 2024 £350.00		350.00		350.00
Marcus Burt Groundsman	Online	207.21		207.21
Gardeners South Aug grass pay 2 cuts tbc	Online	123.00	24.60	147.60
NFDC GIS annual fee	Online	104.17	20.83	125.00
H Lawrence	Online	734.83		734.83
R Cooper	Online	618.53	8.63	627.16
Information Commisioner Data Protection	Online	40.00		40.00
Advertiser & Times Clerk 2nd inv 1st Ad.	Online	80.00	16.00	96.00
SLCC Clerk Part £75.20 RFO £105	Online can be trs to new clerk	180.20		180.20
Woodlands Comm Hall - interviews 27/11	Online	24.00		24.00
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	Total uncleared above			2,597.00
Woodlands Comm Hall – Interviews tbc	cancel payment on Oct list	36.00		
RBL donation re. wreath	Cancel payment on Oct list rc paid & claimed above	50.00		

139.ii Dispensation for Cllr Smith was agreed and signed.

139.iii Review bank reconciliation to 30 September 2024 and comparison to budget was agreed.

139.iv Budget, the draft figures were considered. In view of recent expenditure and the reduction in reserves, It was agreed the RFO to prepare a final draft for the December meeting showing a 50% and a 60% increased in the parish precept. Also splitting the essential expenditure and discretionary expenditure. It was agreed that a three year plan and future projects list are needed. A separate meeting may be needed to discuss this.

139.v Updated Financial Regulations – a draft had been circulated and was agreed.

139.vi The RFO pointed out that with the new banking arrangements transfers between NMPC accounts now need authorisation as if they were payments. In order to maximise interest, this may involve authorisations at various times and Councillors need to be aware of relevant requests. Noted.

139.vii RFO report that the bank is changing our account to a Community Account and it will attract a monthly fee of £4.50. Noted.

140. Parish Matters

140.i Cllr Haysom reported problems with a farmer diverting water on his fields which is affecting Hazel Grove and the adjacent pumping station. Noted. Cllr Smith had looked at the culvert near the corner of Bartley Road, this needs clearing. Clerk will contact Highways. Cllr Haysom had received an email from a Resident concerned about footpath access near A36/Aldi store. The Clerk will check if this is in Netley Marsh parish.

Clerk to contact HCC Highways

Clerk to check footpath is in Netley Marsh parish

141. **Confidential** – 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'

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 11 December 2024 at 7.00 pm Woodlands Community Hall

NOTE 2nd WEDNESDAY

Signed:

date: 11 December 2024