

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 11 December 2024

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

In attendance: Cllr Penman, Cllr Tipp, 7 members of the public, the Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

142. **Welcome**

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

143. Apologies for absence had been received from - Cllr Johnstone, due to work commitments, reason given accepted.

144. **Public Participation** – a resident spoke about drainage in the Tatchbury Lane/Ringwood Road A336 junction area: Surface water is draining down Tatchbury Lane and across the A336. The Culvert – which is in adequate in size, has been cleaned by residents, ditches are in need of digging out, silt is building up. Particularly between Orchard and A336. The resident will liaise with Cllr Penman/HCC and the lead on Roads and transport will be asked to look at this during her expected visit. Agreed this will be an item on the next agenda and the Clerk will email Highways asking for the culvert to be properly cleared as a matter of urgency.

Clerk to contact Highways

145. **Declaration of Interests** Cllr Haysom declared an interest regarding planning application 01189

146. **Approval of minutes of 20 November 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2024 having been circulated were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

147. **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.

24/01393C AC	Woodhayes, Bartley Road, Woodlands, SO40 7GN	Outbuilding; Demolition of existing	3 Permission providing a condition is imposed stipulating there should be no habitable accommodation.
24/01189	Little Nutwood Cottage, Hazel Grove, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7AJ	Two storey extension; single storey extension; alterations to doors and windows; 7no. roof lights	3. Permission , the proposals are in line with neighbouring properties.

Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

148. **County, National Park & District Matters**

148.i **HCC** Cllr Penman reported on HCC matters. Following a visit by the Education and Childrens services leads from HCC it has agreed that with an engineer they will walk the route from Hounsdown School to Netley Marsh on 19 December. It is hoped parents will join them, A leaflet on devolution was circulated. Cllr Penman suggested that if the empty

building opposite the church is demolished then a crossing could be considered. If not then a weight limit on the A336 could be considered. An anonymous gift of wine had been donated to a local community raffle as Cllrs are not allowed to accept gifts. Noted.

148.ii **NFDC** - Cllr Tipp advised the meeting on the car park consultation and two free parking days on 21/22 December. The local plan calls for sites for housing and employment opportunities, the national planning update is anticipated and will include a requirement for Bio-diversity net gain. A scheme at Keyhaven involves Bio-diversity credits, there is concern about Nitrates in the Solent. Noted.

149. **Matters Arising**

149.i **Ringwood Road** see 144 above. There was nothing further to report, noted.

149.ii **Speedwatch** update, forms are to be completed by the trainees and training will then be arranged., Noted.

149.iii **High speed broadband**, nothing to report, noted.

149.iv **A326 North Improvement**, nothing to report, noted.

150. **Members Report**

150.i **Community Hall** no report for this meeting. Field hire month restrictions have been sent to the Hall Booking Administrator, noted.

150.ii Update on **play area, gym, recreation field** – the playground interim inspection is arranged with Vitaplay for January, noted.

150.iii Update on **NFNPA conservation review**, response from NFNPA awaited, noted.

150.iv **NFDC Community Resilience Forum** held 4th December 2024 had used a power outage scenario for the workshop element. Should contacts be established. The Netley Marsh Community Hall with its solar power could be used in this situation. Noted.

150.v **Outlook 2025** dates need to be established. The Clerk will liaise with her replacement over this. Noted.

151. **Footpaths and Bridleways** Footpath 12 letter awaiting confirmation of which property is involved. The Clerk and Cllr Merrill have this in hand, noted.

152. **Lengthsman** Photos of Woodlands Road have been received, particularly near the nursing homes. The care home drain has collapsed and the home has contractors coming to deal with this. One property on Woodlands Road has a ditch which needs to be dug out, agreed the Clerk will write to the owners.

Clerk to write to the owners of a property in Woodlands Road.

153. **Clerks Report**, nothing included, noted.

154. **Correspondence** a list of correspondence had been circulated. There were no matters requiring attention, noted.

155. **Financial matters**

Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
TLC Inv web maint inv2567 2nd payment £15.00	Online	15.00		15.00
H Lawrence	Online	361.83	5.85	367.68

R Cooper	Online	454.57		454.57
Advertiser & Times Clerk 2nd ad	Online	250.00	50.00	300.00
HMRC - PAYE	Online	761.76		761.76
	Total uncleared above			1,899.01

155.i The above **online payments** were approved.

155.ii Budget and precept for 2025/26 Following circulation of the new format of figures it was agreed to increase the precept by 60% giving a figure of £44.17 per year for a band D property. A total precept request of £36134.00 agreed. An article to be prepared for the website and Outlook outlining all the improvements which have recently been made or are planned which made this increase necessary.

RFO to submit precept request

Clerk to prepare article for website and Outlook

155.iii Three year plan , this to be an item on the next agenda when Councillors were asked to bring their suggestions of projects for consideration. These will be used to form a future projects list

155.iv Reserves Policy the draft document as circulated was agreed to be adopted.

155.v New anti-virus protection for laptops it was agreed to purchase Malwarebytes to cover all three computers.

RFO and Clerk to purchase and upload the new programme.

155.vi Purchase of hard drive for accounts back up, agreed.

RFO to purchase hard drive.

156. **Parish Matters - APM** speakers suggested were Neil Jenkins – Cllr Penman will ask him if he is available and willing. Alternatively Donna Jones, PCC for Hampshire.

157. **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’

158. Following the confidential session it was agreed to appoint Mr James McCarraher as the new Clerk to Netley Marsh Parish Council from 2 January 2025.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 7.00 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 15 January 2025