

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 27 January 2025

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

In attendance: Two members of the public, the Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

179. **Welcome**

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

180. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Cook, Cllr Johnstone and Cllr Reilly and NFNPA rep M Davis - and reasons given accepted.

181. **Public Participation** – the two residents attending commented on flooding matters. Following further recent flooding issues HCC Highways had attended to the culverts at Priestlands Close and Tatchbury Lane. The also identified a number of road drains which need attention, one of which had issues relating to utilities infrastructure. On Ringwood Road, the small pipe in the ditch opposite Tatchbury Lane remains a cause for concern. One resident on Woodlands Road reported sewage ingress into his garden, he has contacted Southern Water, Environment Agency and HCC. It was agreed this is unacceptable. One Councillor noted that if you report issues on Fix My Street this does seem to result in speedier action. The question of school transport was also raised, while some action has been taken on the issues with the journey to Hounslow School, a similar issue is happening with Bartley School, with seven year olds being required to walk from Netley Marsh to the School. It was agreed these matters should be an item on the February NMPC meeting agenda.

182. **Declaration of Interests** There were none.

183 **Confidential**

'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'

Admin matters were agreed relating to:

The Groundsman

The resignation of James McCarraher, the recently appointed Clerk accepted.

The appointment of a new Clerk Mrs Julie Twining was agreed

The appointment of a locum if necessary was agreed.

An extension to 28 February, to the contract of the current Clerk Mrs Heather Lawrence to enable training and handover, was agreed and the Clerk was thanked for her help.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 19 February 2024 at 7.00 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 19 February 2024