

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 15 January 2025

Present: Cllr Cook, Cllr Haysom, Cllr Merrill and Cllr Smith (arr. 7.50pm).

In attendance: Cllr Penman, Cllr Tipp, 10 members of the public, the Parish Clerk and newly appointed Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

159. Welcome

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

160. Apologies for absence had been received from - Cllr Welbourn, (Chairman), Cllr Johnstone, Cllr Shaw and Cllr Reilly and reasons given accepted.

161. **Public Participation – 161.** Public Participation – Following recent flooding incidents in the parish a number of members of the public had concerns. There are two specific areas which were discussed: 1. Tatchbury Lane/Ringwood Road and 2. Hazel Grove/Fletchwood Lane area.

1. The culverts at the end of Tatchbury Lane continues to regularly block, ditches are not maintained, particularly on the south side of Ringwood Road opposite Tatchbury Lane. Road drains are blocked with sediment. Residents had considerable correspondence with HCC over a number of months regarding these issues, to no avail. One resident had used Dynarod to clear one area. Another had rodded the road drain himself, though this is the responsibility of HCC Highways. Cllr Penman reported that HCC agreed the pipe at the Tatchbury Lane culvert is too small. A new piped area following filling in of a ditch opposite Tatchbury Lane is also much too small. Some ditches are not adequately maintained. It was agreed the Clerk would contact HCC Highways regarding the road drains. HCC would also be asked to have another site meeting regarding the drainage situation between the end of Tatchbury Lane and Priestlands Close. There is also a sinkhole in Priestlands Close which HCC Highways need to deal with. Drainage to Bartley Water is not working in this area. It was understood that 7 hours had been logged for work on the sinkhole, but it was understood no work had actually been undertaken.
2. There remain issues with drainage into Bartley Water in the south east of the parish near the cattle grid on Woodlands Road adjacent to Hazel Grove. Fletchwood Lane is also flooding badly. Forest England have done a good job on drainage at Busketts enclosure and a local farmer is needing to drain his fields in this area. This is adding pressure on Bartley Water during and after rainfall. Paul Prowting HCC Flood & Water Management Senior Project Officer, had visited the site. Residents were asked if sandbags would help if we could arrange for a pallet to be available from the Community Hall car park, however, residents present did not feel this was necessary..

Cllr Penman may be help should sandbags be required in future.

Clerk to contact HCC Highways re: drainage at Tatchbury Lane/junction with A336

Sinkhole at Priestlands Close

Necessity of regular clearance of road drains on Ringwood Road/Priestlands Close

The need for a meeting to confirm a full review of drainage in these two areas leading to a plan for what needs to be done for a long term solution to these flooding incidents.

All correspondence to be copied to Cllr Penman

162. **Declaration of Interests none**

163. **Approval of minutes of 11 December 2024**

The minutes having been circulated were amended – para 155.ii. after ‘£44.17 per year for a band D property.’ add ‘A total precept request of £36134.00 agreed.- The minutes were then agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

164. **Planning**

No applications had been received for consideration at this meeting. A presentation by Shorewood Homes was noted. There are concerns about drainage in this area and it is hoped that the various developers will liaise to ensure a cohesive plan to mitigate any possible future problems. There continue to be concerns about access.

165. County, National Park & District Matters

165.i **HCC** Cllr Penman reported – he had been unaware of Mr Prowtings visit to the area re. flooding. Cllr Penman has arranged meetings regarding flooding and there seems to be agreement that something needs to be done, but little agreement on what.

School transport – two members of HCC had walked the route from Woodlands to Hounsdown School with a number of parents and there is concern about the route. Information on what is to happen is awaited.

165.ii **NFDC** Cllr Tipp advised the meeting on the local government reorganisation proposals which would lead to the demise of New Forest District Council. HCC would become a strategic authority with a Mayor. The revised waste collection scheme will continue to be implemented.

166. HCC Passenger Transport Forum report from Mrs Shareen Barnett who reported there is a deficit in the finances which will lead to various cost saving measures, though at present it appears these will not affect the local service. The price cap has been increased from £2.00 to £3.00. Work is being undertaken to improve co-ordination between bus and train services.

167. Matters Arising

167.i Ringwood Road there was no progress to report. Following a question it was noted that at this stage HCC will not implement a weight limit on the road. The crossing costings are such that there is little likelihood the Parish Council will be able to afford to install one without a large input in CIL income.

167.ii Speedwatch update, nothing to report.

167.iii High speed broadband, this is now a central government issue. It was noted that further fibre cable laying is taking place in the south of the parish. A member of the public with experience in this field offered the information that if the current towers were increased to 5G there would be less need for fibre broadband.

167.iv A326 North Improvement, nothing to report.

168. Members Report

168.i Community Hall - nothing to report, noted.

168.ii Update on play area, gym, recreation field - nothing to report, interim inspection awaited, noted.

168.iii Update on NFNPA conservation review - nothing to report, noted.

168.iv Outlook – 2025 dates and articles for Spring edition, aiming for March 2025, Summer edition June and Winter edition to be published before the October half term.

The March edition will include an article on the budget/precept. Articles on riparian responsibilities appear regularly. Noted.

169. Footpaths and Bridleways - nothing to report, a member of the public mentioned that path 166/10/2 is seriously overgrown, The clerk will report this and contact the newly appointed HCC Community Engagement Ranger (South West), noted.

Clerk to contact HCC Community Engagement Ranger (South West).

170. Lengthsman, invoice awaited. Clerk to chase.

Clerk to contact Lengthsman

171. Groundsman, clearing up, grass cutting etc., has been completed since the Groundsman returned. Noted.

172. Clerk/RFOs Report Second hard disc for the RFO has been purchased and passed to the new Clerk for the time being. Malwarebytes is now installed on the RFO computer and the link will be emailed to be installed on the Clerks and Outlook computers. Noted.

173. **Correspondence** a list of correspondence had been circulated. One email regarding flooding had been received and forwarded by Cllr Johnstone, see 161 above, noted.

174. **Financial matters**

Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
Gardeners South Paid December 24	Online cleared	283.00	56.60	339.60
TLC Inv web maint inv2567 2nd payment £15.00	Online	15.00		15.00
M Burt Groundsman	Online	100.00		100.00
H Lawrence	Online	316.99	2.49	319.48
R Cooper	Online	340.61	7.83	348.44
	Total uncleared above			782.92
	Lloyds Curr Ac inc VAT refund			
	Lloyds Current Ac Transfers			
Nov and Dec interest	Lloyds Deposit Account	11.33		
	High Interest Ac inc to 3	48.45		
	Reconciliation Current Account			
	31-Dec	1770.96	per bank	20p error
	unpresented chqs above	782.92		
	Earlier Unpresented payments	0.00		
	unpresented credits			
	Current a/c reconciled balance	988.04		20p error
	Savings ac br forward	13,665.13		
	Savings ac income	11.33		
	Savings Ac withdrawn			
	Savings Ac Bal	13,676.46		
	High Interest Ac	15,452.81		
	Total cash at bank	30,117.31		

174.i **January online payments** as above agreed and Transfer £1000 prior to February meeting agreed.

174.ii **Future projects list**

174.iii **Three year plan** to be an item on the next agenda.

174.iv **Bank Reconciliation** to 31 December 2024 to be an item on the next agenda.

176. **Parish Matters**

- 176.i **APM** Annual Parish Meeting 25 April 2025. The Clerk will establish contact with Neil Jenkins and try to book him as a speaker. Para-Olympian Aaron Phipps was also mentioned as a potential speaker. The usual invitations will be issued. Agreed.

Clerk to contact Mr Jenkins

Clerk to issue the usual invitations

- 176.ii Councillors items:

176.ii.a **Cllr Haysom** asked if there had been any further reports on the footway near the new Aldi on Salisbury Road. There had not, noted.

176.ii.b **Cllr Smith** reported the pavement from Tatchbury Lane towards the school had been cleared for part of the way, but not completed. Agreed Clerk to contact Highways thanking them for the work to date and asking for a completion date.

Clerk to contact HCC Highways

176.ii.c Cllr Merrill reported that one of the ditches in the area of Woodlands Road south of The Gamekeeper pub had been cleared. However, some of the culverts and other ditches still need attention, there had been some emails on the issue. Noted.

177. In view of the impending departure of the Clerk she was thanked for all she had done for Netley Marsh PC and presented with a bouquet in thanks.

178. **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’

Admin matters relating to the new Clerk were agreed.

Admin matters relating to the Groundsman were agreed.

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 February 2025 at 7.00 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 19 February 2025