

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 19 February 2025

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

In attendance: Cllr Penman, Cllr Reilly, Cllr Tipp, 12 members of the public, the new Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

183. **Welcome**

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

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

185. **Public Participation**– A resident requested an update regarding school transport – see item

186. **Declaration of Interests** - there were none.

187. **Approval of minutes** of the Parish Council meeting and the Confidential meeting minutes of 15 January 2025 and the extra-ordinary meeting and the confidential meeting held on the 27th January 2025

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

188. **Planning**

Planning and appeal decisions from NFNPA and NFDC were noted.

188.i A presentation was given on behalf of Bloor Homes regarding the second phase of their development in the north of the parish. There were concerns about education, medical and community facilities and also on biodiversity. There will be additional traffic on the A326 and Salisbury Road, all access will be via the roundabout which leads into phase I. The planning application will arrive in due course

188.ii A presentation was given on the revised plans for the Fletchwood Lane - Renewable Energy Scheme. It is intended that the ground will be planted as wildflower meadow and grazed by sheep. There were concerns regarding the access and parking. It was anticipated that the planning application will come through in March.

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

Appl no	Address	Proposals	Recommendation
25/10113	Wade Hill House, Hill Street, Calmore SO40 2RX	Single-storey rear extension with associated terrace area, steps and handrails.	1. Permission but support officers decision, subject to the application being in accordance with Policy DM20
25/10079	Land North Of Salisbury Road, Calmore, Netley Marsh	Request for an EIA Screening Opinion Under Part 2 (6) of The Town And Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (As Amended) to confirm if an environmental impact assessment (EIA) is required in respect of a proposed development of up to 375 residential dwellings	No Comment required

24/10199	Calmore Croft Farm, Salisbury Road, Calmore, Netley Marsh SO40 2RQ	RE-CONSULTATION Outline planning application for the erection of up to 22,000 Sq.m of employment use for logistic/warehouses (Use Classes B2 and B8) and ancillary office space with all matters reserved except for access	4. Refuse. It is understood there are bats onsite but there is currently no information on a European Protected Species mitigation licence. Flooding issues, Southern Water comments will not be received till later, Access was a concern on the original application and has not been changed. The height of the buildings and the low skilled employment opportunities are also of concern.
25/10043	Wade Hill House, Hill Street, Calmore, Netley Marsh SO40 2RX	Single-storey rear extension with associated terrace (Lawful Development Certificate that permission is not required for proposal)	No Comment required
25/00009	Hawthorns, Hazel Grove, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7AJ	Roof alterations and Extension to Detached Garage	1. Permission but support officers decision, subject to the application being in accordance with the 30% rule.
24/01461	Shangrila, Hazel Grove, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7AJ	Two-storey side extension (demolition of existing); outbuilding (demolition of existing); 1 no. window; 1 no. roof-light	3. Permission, there were no matters of concern.

Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

189. County, National Park & District Matters

189.i **Cllr Penman reported on HCC matters**, Cllr Penman circulated a report on flooding issues, much work has been done, but there are still some issues including the size of the pipes in some culverts. Ditches remain uncleared particularly along Ringwood Road and Tatchbury Lane. It was agreed the Clerk should contact HCC Highways to point this out. It is understood residents have been contacted and that HCC will carry out the work and charge the residents if the work is not completed in a reasonable time. A resident reported a culvert in Woodlands Road near the bend before Rossiters Lane is blocked. HCC school transport issues, this is an issue on the HCC Cabinet meeting agenda on 24 February, noted.

Clerk to contact HCC Highways.

189.ii **Cllr Reilly reported on NFDC matters**, waste collections have had timings changed due to the new depot at Hardley, there is a meeting on the Local Plan on 4 March at West Totton Community Centre. Devolution issues are being negotiated, and will inevitably mean changes for town and parish Councils. There were concerns about the infrastructure facilities which might be devolved to local councils and their costs. Agreed the Clerk will contact NFDC regarding this issue. It is understood at present that there will be a Mayoral election in 2026 and the new unitary authority elections in 2027.

Clerk to contact NFDC

190. Matters Arising

190.i **Ringwood Road** the footway has been part cleared but it needs doing from 'Goodies' roundabout to the old woodyard. Clerk to contact HCC Highways.

Clerk to contact HCC Highways

190.ii **Speedwatch update** nothing to report

190iii **High speed broadband** problems continue, damage to the verges is a problem. One property in Alpine Road is understood to have accessed the fibre line.

190.iv **A326 North Improvement** nothing to report

191. **Members Report**

191.i **Community Hall** nothing to report, but it was noted the light switch in the ladies toilet has still not been repaired and is covered in black tape. The lights in the car park appear to be on much later than 10pm, the timing was queried. These is a matter of concern and Cllr Johnstone will report it to the Hall Committee. The residents opposite the hall are still concerned about the colour of the access restriction barrier. There is also damage to a sign at the top of the barrier where a vehicle has obviously caught the corner of the sign. Councillors will consider the issue and a decision will be made at the March meeting. A holding email will be send to the residents.

Clerk to write to the resident

191.ii Update on **play area, gym, recreation field**, increased in mole activity is a problem. The Clerk will contact the mole contractor.

Clerk to contact the contractor

191 iii The **Play area** interim inspection report has now been received and will be circulated. All matters raised are low or very low risk and this will be an item on the next agenda.

191 iv To consider **inspection of trees** overhanging pre-school area, this will be an item on the next agenda.

191 v Quotes for **grass cutting** will be an item on the next agenda.

191 vi Update on NFNPA **conservation review**, due to staff changes at NFNPA there is no progress at present.

191 vii **Outlook** – Spring edition is in hand, the article on the precept as amended and circulated will be published.

191 viii **Quadrant meeting** held 23rd January 2025, no one had been able to attend, the minutes have been circulated.

191 ix **NFALC meeting** held 27th January 2025, no one had been able to attend, the minutes have been circulated.

192. **Footpaths and Bridleways** there were no new matters to report, the Clerk was asked to establish with the previous Clerk if the resident adjacent to Footpath 12 had been written to to thank them for their contribution to improving the path near Lanesbridge.

Clerk to contact her predecessor

193. **Lengthsman**, invoices have now been received, nothing further to report.

194. **Groundsman** - Work continues, insurance is due in April and paperwork will be forwarded to the RFO in due course. The quote for car park fence repairs – the short sort posts on the north side of the car park are rotting, quote is £328.00 this should be accepted and work put in hand.

Clerk to contact the Groundsman

195. **Clerks Report** RFO holiday was noted.

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

NFNPA	Local Plan review	Meeting on 4 March noted see 189.ii above, agreed Councillors will make their own comments as the closing date for comments is prior to the next meeting.
NFDC	Policy Team request	It was agreed to ask for a meeting, advice to be sought as to whether this should be a separate meeting or could be

		included in a Parish Council meeting.
CAB	Grant application	In present circumstances it was agreed no grant could be offered.

197. Finance Matters

197.i The following items were agreed for payment

Expenditure				
Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
HALC training 2 sessions inv 7068	Onlin	196.00	39.20	235.20
TLC Inv web maint inv2567 3rd payment £15.00	Online	15.00		15.00
M Burt Groundsman	Online	200.00		200.00
H Lawrence	Online	739.99		739.99
J Twining	Online	276.02		276.02
R Cooper	Online	653.55	31.89	685.44
NM Comm Hall training Inv 1030	Online	152.00		152.00
Mint Gardens Inv 2020 Car P weedkill Aug2024	Online	50.00	10.00	60.00
Total uncleared above				2,363.65

197.ii **Future projects list** - it was agreed this should be an item on the next agenda and in the meantime the RFO will ask NFDC what the situation is regarding receipt of S106 and CIL monies relating to the new developments in the north of the parish which are currently under construction. Each Parish Councillor was asked to suggest one item prior to the next meeting so a list can be circulated for consideration.

RFO to contact NFDC

RFO to prepare list of potential projects for next meeting

197.iii Three year plan this will be an item on the next agenda as it is connected to the future projects list.

197.iv Bank Reconciliation to 31 December 2024, the Vice Chairman had checked this and agreed the figures as circulated were correct.

197.v Review of field rent, it was agreed that ideally the Council would like to reduce the tenancy to being an annual one and possibly end the tenancy at some point. The RFO will look into this, the Clerk passed the file to the RFO.

RFO to investigate and report to Councillors

198. Parish Matters

198 i **APM** Friday 25 April Speaker Cllr Smith will contact John Curtis but if he is unable then Tools for Self Reliance will be invited to speak.

Refreshments it was agreed the RFO will provide these and a donation of £20.00 will be made to ACWW.

Clerk to contact Mr Curtis to confirm if he is able to agree to attend

198.ii Councilors' items –

198.ii a: **Cllr Merrill** suggested the agenda might be clearer if there were less items on it on which there was nothing to report. Agreed and the next agenda will list at the end items which have been removed until correspondence or information is received which needs to be actioned.

198.ii b: The question of the Resilience working group was raised – agreed slides should be found and circulated and a meeting of the group arranged to report to the next meeting.

Clerk/RFO to find slides and other paperwork and circulated

199. **Items for the next agenda** as noted above

200. **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.

Employment and administrative details for new clerk were agreed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 19 March 2025 at 7.00 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 19 March 2025