

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 16 April 2025

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

In attendance: Cllr Mrs M Davies (NFNPA), 3 members of the public, the Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

223. **Welcome**

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

224. Apologies for absence - none

225. **Public Participation** – none

226. **Declaration of Interests** - none

227. **Approval of minutes of 19 March 2025**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Wednesday 19 March 2025 and the Confidential meeting held on the same date. having been circulated were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

228. **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.

25/10125	Land North Of The Hollies, Hill Street, Calmore, Netley Marsh, SO40 2RX	Variation of conditions 2, 5 & 17 of planning permission 22/10747 to allow alterations to the approved layout and the design of the approved dwellings	5. Accept officer's decision
25/10309 & 25/10310	The Thatched Cottage Hill Street, Netley Marsh, SO40 2RX	Replacement decking, installation of two steps & handrail, replacement of glazed door with single boarded panel.	3. Permission the proposals were required by Conservation Officers and in planning terms were technical
25/00322 LDCE	Staddlestones Farm, Fletchwood Lane, Totton SO40 7DZ	Siting of mobile home for residential use.	5. Officers decision, NMPC was not aware of any evidence on the issue

Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

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

229.i Cllr Mrs Davies gave apologies for the APM and reported on NFNPA, Notes were available. Forestry England/Defra are improving signage on forest paths to guide those using the Forest away from sensitive areas, particularly during the ground nesting season. Culling of deer issues are being considered in conjunction with local farmers. There were concerns about forest car park charges being implemented, particularly relating to road/verge parking and potential issues relating to residents and their visitors being able to park outside their properties. It was agreed these issues should be stated and an item requested for the next Quadrant meeting agenda. **Item for the next agenda.**

229.ii HCC and NFDC representatives were not available

230. **Matters Arising**

230.i **Ringwood Road and flooding issues.** A resident reported that HCC had again looked at the issues particularly relating the drive which water is being directed into. There is no funding to divert this to the other side of the road with a working drainage system. There may be a blockage in an under road culvert and it is understood there is no funding to deal with this. The culvert at the bottom end of Tatchbury Lane is again an issue. It was agreed the Clerk should write to HCC Highways, including the Highways lead executive member asking what plans are there to resolve these issues. A resident had photos of the flooding issues which he was happy to have passed on. These will be passed to the Clerk for onward transmission as appropriate.

320.ii **School transport:** the matter seems to have lost impetus. Agreed to contact Cllr Roz Chad cc; Cllr Penman pointing out that following the December meeting and walk of the route nothing has been heard and also pointing out that the subway under the A35 floods which prevents its use when the weather has been wet. Also pointing out that it is understood children on free school meals have transport if they live more than 2 miles from the school. If the walking route is not safe for these children how can it be safe for others.

Clerk to write to HCC Highways and Cllr Penman
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231. **Members Report**

231.i Community Hall – the next committee meeting is in May.

Gate top bar damage no vehicle has been identified.

231.i.i **Gate painting,** it was agreed the uprights will be painted but no further colour changes will be considered. Clerk to contact the residents. A new lock is to be purchased, with 5 keys: (1 each to key box, Clerk, Chairman, Groundsman, Grass contractor).

Clerk to arrange for painting and locks and keys to be purchased and circulated.

231.i.ii **Lease renewal.** the lease renewal originally due in 2016 appears to be stuck on a solicitors pending file. It was agreed the situation was unacceptable and the Clerk should contact the Hall Committee suggesting NMPC will be asking for the return of all papers so that a more active legal team can be retained. This to be followed up with the request to the solicitors. Item for the next agenda, identify new solicitors.

Clerk to contact Hall Committee and solicitors

231.ii **Play area, gym,** work on the car park posts and the pressure cleaning of the play area surfaces is complete. Recreation field, mole activity has been dealt with and an invoice received. Agreed new terms for future mole work accepted.

231.iii Trees overhanging pre-school area quote accepted from FutureArb – fell one tree, trim one oak, boarding needed – Pre-school advised. £600 work, £100 boarding, plus VAT. Work to be put in hand as soon as possible as this is a Health and Safety issue. **Chairman will contact Future Arb work to be put in hand and request a copy of the public liability insurance.**

231.v Report on Quadrant meeting 3 April 2025 noted. Offer to host the 16 October meeting accepted, Clerk will advise the Community Hall to reserve the date and advise that confirmation will be from NFNPA to whom the invoice should be sent.. All correspondence to be sent to Cllr Mrs Davies.

Clerk to contact the Hall Committee and cc. Cllr Mrs Davies

231.vi Viewing of CIL/S106 meeting had been useful, noted. RFO to clarify if CIL monies can be used for Speedwatch equipment.

RFO to contact NFDC

232. **Outlook magazine – distribution issues.** Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Merrill,

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and Cllr Shaw will prepare an article for the Summer and Winter 2025 Outlook regarding making the magazine digital from 2026. Outlining how residents may register to receive an email to be notified of when a new issue is available on the website with a link to the issue. Cllr Merrill will put notification on the local Facebook page. Some paper copies will still be needed, quote on 250 copies awaited. Negotiations will be needed to ensure these can be available to members of the public who do not access the internet. The pubs and the church have copies and will be asked to ensure they can be placed where the public can pick them up. Also the Woodlands Road old phone box. Consideration will also be given to having them in a box in the car park. The question of Royal Mail delivery will be investigated by Cllr Johnstone. Cost of having a counter on the Outlook issues on the website to be sought. Consideration of advertisers reaction is needed.

Clerk to confirm with TLC the cost of reduced printed copies and the cost/possibility of a counter on the latest Outlook page. Also to sound out Neighbourhood Watch re. having copies in the 'phone box'.

233. **NFALC Meeting** – 1800 hrs 15.5.25 at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst. Noted.

234. **Footpaths and Bridleways** A resident spoke about the lack of safe pedestrian facilities alongside and for crossing the A36 Salisbury Road. Following discussion it was agreed HCC should be contacted regarding both pedestrian and cycling facilities on this route. Particularly with the large number of new properties now being built in the area with children requiring access to local schools. It was also noted that paths in Busketts enclosure are very well used as are unofficial paths which is causing some problems. It is understood there has also been overnight camping. Cllr Davies asked that she be officially notified of this.

Clerk to contact: HCC Highways, Chief Planning officers of NFDC/NFNPA/HCC, Totton & Eling Town Council, cc: Cllrs Penman, Reilly and Tipp and relevant HCC Councillors.

Clerk to contact Cllr Mrs Davies.

235. **Lengthsman** weedkilling of the car park during the school summer holiday will be requested.

Clerk to contact Lengthsman.

236. **Groundsman** - Work to do and update on work already agreed. car park posts and play area surface cleaning completed. **New seat installation**, Clerk to order ground/anchor/fixing materials. Agreed the new seats will be placed where the old seats have been removed. **Keys/lock** on top of car park access, new padlock Groundsman to purchase plus total of 5 keys required.

Wood treatment – Noticeboards and seats, usual summer treatment to be requested. Bus shelter treatment, quote to be requested.

Car Park gate uprights, groundsman to be asked to buy a dark green metal paint and to paint the uprights only.

Clerk to contact groundsman.

237. To consider report of Resilience working group progress and future plans including review of the current flood plan. Cllr Johnstone will look at the recent Copythorne plans and report to the next meeting.

238. **Clerks Report** noted.

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

Resident	Community Hall gates	Upright bars only will be painted, Clerk to advise resident.
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240. **Financial matters**

The payment list had been circulated.

Expenditure				
Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
TLC Inv web maint inv2631 2nd payment £15.00	Online	15.00		15.00
Marcus Burt	Online	200.00		200.00
Gardeners South grass cut plus path	Online	327.00	65.40	392.40
Julie Twining	Online	833.46	8.17	841.63
Ros Cooper	Online	408.52		408.52
Lloyds Bank monthly fee	Auto payment on Lloyds ac	4.25		4.25
Netley March Community Hall	Online	152.00		152.00
Forest Pest Control	Online	115.00	23.00	138.00
	Total uncleared above			2,151.80
	Lloyds Curr Ac inc VAT refund			
	Lloyds Current Ac Transfers			
	Lloyds Deposit Account	32.98		
	High Interest Ac inc to 3	45.73		
	Reconciliation Current Account			
	31-Mar	1249.29	per bank	
	unpresented chqs above	2,151.80		
	Earlier Unpresented payments			
	unpresented credits			
	Current a/c reconciled balance	-902.51		
	Savings ac br forward	12,176.46		
	Savings ac income	32.98		
-	Savings Ac withdrawn	-4,000.00		
	Savings Ac Bal	8,209.44		
	High Interest Ac	15,585.63		
	Total cash at bank	22,892.56		

- 240.ii **Transfer** of £2000.00 made - agreed
- 240.iii April online payments as above were approved.
- 240.iv Order of priority of future projects list – see list attached to the minutes
- 240.v To consider what from the future project list could be included in the Three-year plan item for next agenda.
- 240.vi Review field lease arrangements and potential changes, had been a problem with the delivery of the letter. A copy will be hand delivered.
- 240.vii Mole treatment invoice/continuation of use at revised price, agreed.
- 240.viii Bank reconciliation to 31 March 2025 had been checked by the Vice Chair and agreed.
- 240.ixi CIL monies – can it be retained but must it be spent within 5 years, noted.

241. **Parish Matters**

- 241.i **Final arrangements for APM** Friday 25 April, noted. Cllr Haysom gave his apologies.
Annual report as circulated on 13 April agreed.
Draft Agenda as circulated on 13 April agreed.
Charitable Donation for guest speaker £50.00 agreed.

241.ii **Councillors' items**

Cllr Johnstone raised the question of purchase of a **speedwatch kit** costs will be investigated.

Clerk to contact Lynne Hayes and local Parish Councils to get advice and quotes

241.iii **Clerks laptop** there is an ongoing issue with very delayed receipt of emails. Agreed to ask TLC to look at server issues and try to resolve. If this does not work Compuco will be asked to look at the computer.

Clerk to contact TLC and if necessary Compuco in due course.

242. **Items for the next agenda**

243. **Confidential** - No matters were taken.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 21 May 2025 at 7.00 pm Woodlands Community Hall

NB: APM 25 April 2025 7pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 21 May 2025

Appendix – Future plans:

Future projects: April 2025

Priority:

1. Speedwatch camera and other equipment
2. Dog waste bin

Note both the above will have ongoing maintenance costs

Item re above to be included in Summer OUTlook with request to residents to add their items for consideration.

Priority to be established for the following items.

Community cafe-maybe morning coffee breakfast club a Saturday morning perhaps with a local Business Hub and or drop in sessions with Councillors.

Paths – Safe walking/ Pathway Salisbury Road and between Woodlands Road The Gamekeeper to Ashurst Station - so would have to be project with Ashurst & Colbury PC.

*** Continue to pursue a crossing on the A336 near the school and church and other traffic calming measures

Plans for the field above the recreation ground

For land adjacent to recreation ground, wildlife and biodiversity etc

Possible grants Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier (CSHT) grant scheme

further grant if you have it open for school educational trips. Needs research re implications etc

Multi-purpose sports facility (type to be determined) with floodlit playing area. This could be for all ages, e.g. including bowls, tennis and team sports. Solar could be easily included on any buildings. Plus make more use of existing field.

In due course a consultation will be established to find residents views of these ideas.

*** NB: An informal meeting was held in October 2024 with reps from re. scheme development for A326/A336, 4 stages were identified

1. Concept – HCC had worked on this
2. Feasibility – costs in the region of £25,000.00 – it is understood S106 monies cannot be used for this.
3. GT Gateway?
4. Detailed design

Should NMPC be looking at funding for the feasibility study

It was noted that all Councillors and all members of the Hall Committee – the Hall being a not for profit charity - are volunteers who give their time and receive no recompense for all they do for the Parish and its residents. An article will be prepared for the website and Outlook – include all improvements, solar, wifi, screen keep hall up to date finance by hall at no cost to PC, keep hall up to date, hall available to all, put link in for bookings. **Item included in Spring 2025 Outlook**

Grants may be available: Veolia, Morrisons, Tesco, HCC, NFNPA,NFDC, Paultons, Barker Mills