

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 17 September 2025

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

In attendance: The Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

85. **Welcome**

Cllr Welbourn welcomed Councillors and the (Locum) Clerk to the meeting

6. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Merrill, Cllr Shaw and reasons given accepted, Cllr Tipp (NFDC) and Cllr Penman (HCC).

87. **Public Participation** – None

87. **Declaration of Interests** None

88. **Approval of minutes of 16 July 2025**

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

89. **Planning**

89.i Planning and appeal decisions from NFNPA and NFDC were noted.

89.ii Discussion took place about the lack of Parish Briefings for the planning applications. It was agreed the Clerk would email NFNPA pointing out that Councillors rely on the expert planning comments of NFNPA planning staff when considering applications and asking that as far as possible the briefings be produced in a timely manner in future.

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

25/00948 FULL	Rose Cottage, Bartley Road, Woodlands SO40 7GN	Two storey side extension; single storey rear extension to connect to and convert the existing outbuilding; 1 no new outbuilding (demolition of 2 no outbuildings)	There was ambiguity on the square metre calculations, 65 sqm plus 45 sqm = 110 sqm, the limit is 100 sqm. 3. Permission subject to 1. the proposals meeting DP36 and 2. there being a condition on the outbuilding that there should be no habitable accommodation.
25/00935 FULL	Stonyford, Whitemoor Lane, Winsor, Southampton, SO40 2HD	Extension; double garage; office	3. Permission subject to 1. the proposals meeting DP36 and 2. there being a condition on the outbuilding that there should be no habitable accommodation.

89.iv It was agreed that tree applications should continue to be circulated but not normally listed in the applications. If there are applications which a Councillor feels needs discussion, they will advise the Clerk accordingly and the item will be added to the applications on the agenda.

89.v Fuschia Nursery, enforcement noted

Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

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

90.i Cllr Penman reported on HCC matters. A report had been received from Cllr Penman regarding the school transport issue. There is considerable concern, the reassessment was not done as requested by the HCC Councillors who walked the route, appeals are outstanding. NMPC believes the route is not safe.

90.ii Cllr Reilly/Tipp were not available.

91. **Matters Arising**

91.i **Ringwood Road and flooding** nothing had changed, there was nothing to report.

91.ii **Bartley Village Hall** Cllr Johnstone will make contact.

91.iii **Speedwatch** It was agreed the Clerk would contact HCC regarding regulations relating to the poles for speed cameras. It was agreed in principle that a number of poles would be installed so that any equipment bought could be moved from time to time. **Average speed cameras** need to be costed and regulations established as do **Speed indicator signs** and any regulations specific to them.

Clerk to contact HCC/Cllr Penman regarding regulations
Clerk to investigate costs of equipment

92. **Members Report**

92.i **Community Hall** – decorating has been done and will be done on a regular basis going forward. Cllr Johnstone is assisting with plans for future development particularly to fascias and the garages. It was confirmed that the solar system includes ‘island mode’ power during mains power cuts enabling the hall to be used as an emergency centre should the need arise. It was noted that the thought is that the garage roof is not leaking but there is water ingress under the doors.

92.ii **Outlook magazine** – Winter edition in hand. No Cold Calling door labels agreed to be included free of charge. Cllr Johnstone will pursue the costs of Royal Mail delivery should the digital edition reduce readership.
Digital edition – box for hall car park no decision made. There has been no response from advertisers or residents on this, however a number of advertisers had not renewed for the Winter edition.

RFO to include item re. cold calling in – and finalise the Winter issue
Cllr Johnson to check Royal Mail delivery costs

92.iii **Conservation Area Review** Working Group it was agreed, subject to hall availability to meet with NFNPA staff on Friday 10 October, 9.30 - 11 am approx. Clerk to check availability of small hall.

Clerk to check hall availability

93. **Footpaths and Bridleways** nothing to report

94. **Lengthsman** – Agreed Clerk to contact Lengthsman-Mint Gardens asking for grips around the parish to be checked and cleared prior to the winter. Cllr Smith asked who was responsible for cutting hedges, the hedge near the school and that in Eadens Lane near the post box is impeding safe driving. Landowners are generally responsible and HCC may need to contact them. Agreed the Clerk would report to HCC Highways.

Clerk to contact Mint Gardens

Cllr Smith to provide What3Words location for hedges near school and for Eadens Lane site.
Clerk to contact HCC Highways.

95. **Groundsman** – Clerk to request he cleans the war memorial before Remembrance Day

Clerk to contact Groundsman

96. **CIL Expression of Interest application** – submitted August 2025 noted.

97. **Clerks Report** no report.

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

Woodlands Pre-School	Dangerous branch	Clerk had contacted FutureArb who had dealt with the matter as urgent. Invoice awaited.
Totton & Eling TC	Parish Boundaries	It is clear from items on the T&E TC website that consultants had been approached. It was

		agreed NMPC were reluctant to lose land but felt that until more is known about the results of Local Government reform NMPC felt no action should be taken nor decisions made. Clerk to advise T&E TC/NFDC accordingly.
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99. **Playground inspection report** Based on the summary prepared by the Clerk it was agreed that VitaPlay be asked for a quote for the relevant refurbishment works.

Clerk to contact VitaPlay

100. **Financial matters**

Expenditure		August		
Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
TLC web maint inv 2669 3rd payment	Online	15.00		15.00
Andy Tyler Groundsman / + hours for seat build/installation	Online	250.00		250.00
Gardeners South Inv in region <£300 tbc	Online	327.00	65.40	392.40
Julie Twining	Online	654.10		654.10
Ros Cooper	Online	175.25		175.25
Lloyds Bank monthly fee	Auto payment	4.25		4.25
Play Inspection - annual playground insp	Online	145.00	29.00	174.00
Totton Sharks -field hire refund deposit	Online	50.00		50.00
Emma Baker - field hire refund deposit	Online	50.00		50.00
For August Payments authorised by:	Total uncleared above			1,765.00

Expenditure		September		
Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
TLC web maint inv 2669 3rd payment	Online	15.00		15.00
Andy Tyler Groundsman 1059/1063 Aug+benches	Online	240.00		240.00
Julie Twining incl holiday pay to 31/8/25	Online	1,043.15		1,043.15
Ros Cooper	Online	210.94		210.94
Lloyds Bank monthly fee	Auto payment	4.25		4.25
Arco sign inv 950371648	Online	46.45	9.29	55.74
Whippy -field hire refund deposit	Online	50.00		50.00
BDO	Online	210.00	42.00	252.00
HMRC PAYE 556+488.80 + NI 7.58+247.87	online	1,300.25		1,300.25
Engineering Design Svs In 2533	online	278.33		278.33
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	Total uncleared above			3,449.66
For Sept Payments authorised by:				

100.i **The above payments were approved.**

100.ii **Bank reconciliation to September 2025.** The Vice Chairman had checked the figures and all agreed, noted.

100.iii **To note expenditure to date in relation to budget** due to unforeseen circumstances staff expenditure has already exceeded budget for the year, noted.

100.iv **To approve purchase of wreath from RBL with a donation of £50.00** Agreed.

Clerk to order wreath for delivery to Cllr Welbourn

100.v **To decide on new items of expenditure to be included in the budget** no specific new items were identified.

101. **Parish Matters**

101.i **Local Government Reform and Devolution – impact on the Parish**

discussion took place and the outcome of District and County Council submissions to the Government are awaited.

101.ii **Developments adjacent to the A36 – the future** see para 98 above

101.iii **One new email address needs setting up. All other addresses are now in use.** Cllr Haysom and Cllr Smith will liaise.

101.iv **Councillors' items** Cllr Haysom reported that Truly internet access is now available in the Hazel Grove/Alpine Road area with speeds of up to 900 mb available. Noted.

102. **Recruitment of Clerk** following discussion it was agreed that:

The Clerk will prepare an advertisement and contact HALC asking for a quote for them to run the whole process.

Advertising will be HALC, New Forest Parish/Town Clerks Facebook (contact Clerk to Fawley PC), local Facebook pages (Cllr Merrill to be asked to deal with this). Totton Facebook page, Cllr Smith will do this. Hampshire SLCC. These will all be free of charge. An advert to be placed in the Lymington Times, cost in the region of £100.00.

Anticipated hours will be advertised as approx. 15 hours per week. At interview it will be made clear that initially extra hours will be required as they will for training.

Clerk to contact HALC and prepare and circulate/place advert as above.

103. **Confidential -**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

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

Signed:

date: 15 October 2025