

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: The Locum Parish Clerk, Cllr Tipp (NFDC) and Cllr Penman (HCC) and one member of the public

104. **Welcome**

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

105. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Cook, Cllr Reilly (NFDC) and the RFO/Clerks Assistant. and reasons given accepted,

106. **Public Participation** – None

107. **Declaration of Interests** - None

108. **Approval of minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 17th September 2025**

Resolved to APPROVE the minutes having been previously circulated and these were duly signed by the Chairman.

109. **Planning**

Planning and appeal decisions from NFNPA and NFDC were NOTED.

Resolved the following decisions to be forwarded by the Clerk to NFNPA/NFDC as necessary:

25/01031FULL	Border Cottage, The Crescent, Ashurst	Outbuilding extension and alterations	3. Permission subject to complying with recommendations in Preliminary Roost Assessment in respect of bats
25/10647	Totton & Eling Football Club, Salisbury Rd, Calmore	Double storey hospitality building with external balcony	3. Permission subject to mitigation of flood risk, agreement of lease with Totton & Eling Town Council and compliance with all issues raised as part of the previous application
25/01091FULL	154 Woodlands Rd, Ashurst	Single storey extension; addition of roof to existing extension	3. Permission subject to compliance with DP36

ACTION Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

Cllrs Johnstone, Welbourn and Haysom had expressed an interest in attending the Briefing on the Local Plan and Regulation 18 – **ACTION Clerk to accept invitation from NFDC.**

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

Cllr Penman requested that a notice be placed in Outlook magazine to anyone wanting mobility aids delivered or even just to borrow temporarily, to contact him as he has received lots of donations. He reported that in respect of the Hounsdown school route, Cllr Chadd and residents had walked the route and work had been promised but not completed. He is waiting to get an appointment with Tim Lawton, Assistant Director of Highways at HCC. HCC also due to carry out a survey on lighting in a woodland area school children pass through.

Cllr Tipp advised the meeting that ultrafast broadband is being delivered through Project Gigabit, a £5 billion government rollout that is bringing faster internet to rural areas by 2032; NFDC is facilitating the “Click and Connect” initiative which offers free training to residents and business in village halls etc. The NFDC and NFNPA Local Plans are out for consultation soon. The Community Grants window is open for applications throughout October (this is separate from the grants individual councillors can give, the amounts are much larger. Cllrs reported that some Netley Marsh residents haven’t had bin bags delivered yet. The hole in Alpine Road has not been

resolved due to land ownership issues, Cllr Haysom to obtain information from the Land Registry on who owns the road.

111. Matters Arising

Ringwood Road and flooding no updates.

Bartley Village Hall Cllr Johnstone has been in touch and attending a meeting on 17th November as Council liaison officer.

Speedwatch visit, average speed cameras and speed indicator signs and costs and regulations These are to be paid for from CIL monies. Cllr Johnstone reported that he had received a quotation of £2,589.99 plus VAT for a radar speed sign, solar panel and battery. He confirmed there are no significant ongoing costs. It was discussed that the Council already owns two poles, in Woodland Road and Ringwood Road. **AGREED** to place order if no poles are required. Cllr Penman will supply details of three approved companies and will also check if planning consent is required. Cllr Johnstone to send a recent email on to him for info.

112. Members Reports

Woodlands Community Hall – Cllr Johnstone confirmed there had been no meeting.

Outlook magazine – Winter edition ready for delivery. Cllr Johnstone had circulated the costs of Royal Mail delivery, being £138.89 if less than 20 grams and £151.39 if 20 – 35 grams. Royal Mail could deliver the bulk of the magazines and the small amount leftover could be delivered by hand. It was agreed this was worth considering. Cllr Shaw reported that some advertisers had not renewed but the reasons were unknown.

Conservation Area Review Working Group Cllr Johnstone confirmed that he and Cllr Cook had attended a meeting last week with NFNPA staff, who agreed to review the items the Council had suggested for inclusion. It was confirmed that the conservation zone would not be extended to Alpine Road, Fletchwood Lane etc areas.

113. Update on the Passenger Transport Forum from Shareen Barnett

SB read out her report. The key word at the forum was investment. From today there is funding of up to £15,000 available for refurbishing or replacing bus shelters that are already owned and maintained by councils. Separate information will be sent to parish councils with a link. The Passenger Transport Infrastructure Team will support applications. Blue Star have purchased 35 new buses with the latest technology but there is still no direct link to Southampton city/Ashurst railway station. Thanks were given to the Outlook team for publishing the bus timetables.

114. Footpaths and Bridleways Nothing to report

115. Lengthsman Cllr Haysom reported that the top bar of a stile in the wood between the 'horse field' off Fletchwood Lane and the back of the Gamekeeper pub needs replacing. **ACTION** Clerk to contact Lengthsman to look and fix it if possible

116. Groundsman Report had been circulated, Clerk had contacted FutureArb to attend to the tree issues raised.

117. CIL Expression of Interest application – RFO absent, no updates.

118. Clerks Report The Clerk reported that as of yesterday the laptop is not supported with security updates and is not compatible with upgrading to Windows 11 due to hardware limitations. It was **NOTED** that this would also affect the RFO's laptop. Resolved to take no action at present.

Cllr Smith joined the meeting

119. Correspondence a list of correspondence had been circulated. Matters requiring attention were the fly tipping, which is an agenda item.

120. **Request from Cllr Shaw to place HCC fly-tipping poster on the Council Website** It was AGREED this was a good idea. ACTION Cllr Shaw to choose the most appropriate poster from those that were sent and pass on to TLC to upload to website.
121. **Forestry England's proposal to implement car parking charges** Cllr Haysom had concerns that verges along Woodlands Road are already damaged and there may be adverse effects on owners of private roads in the area. It was agreed there would be unfortunate consequences but it was noted the charges have already been agreed and will be implemented next year.
122. **Financial matters**

Expenditure	October			
Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
TLC web maint inv 2669 3rd payment	Online	15.00		15.00
Andy Tyler Groundsman	Online	200.00		200.00
Gardeners South Inv	Online	327.00	65.40	392.40
VitaPlay Inv 4894	Online	107.80	21.56	129.36
Ros Cooper	Online	212.04		212.04
Lloyds Bank monthly fee	Auto payment	4.25		4.25
Sara Sawyer	Online	1409.07		1409.07
RBL Wreath	Online	50.00		50.00
Compuco replacing uncleared May payment	Online	35.00		35.00
Future Arb inv SI-1110	Online	250.00	50.00	300.00
For Sept Payments:	Total uncleared above			2,747.12

There had been some confusion about payment authorisation. Payments are set up by the RFO to be approved at the Parish Council meeting and paid out two days later to ensure any queries/amendments agreed at the Parish Council meeting can be dealt with prior to actual payment.

The above payments were approved.

Income

Precept 2 nd tranche	Lloyds Current Account	18067.00
Transfer from Deposit Account	Lloyds Current Account Transfers	-16000.00
Transferred £16,000 from Current Account	Lloyds Deposit Account	16010.06
	High Interest Account inc to 3	38.24

Bank reconciliation to 30th September 2025. The Vice Chairman had checked the figures and all agreed, noted.

To note expenditure to date in relation to budget To be held over to next month, Cllr Haysom happy to help RFO.

Budget, three year plan and future projects list Pending

123. **Parish Matters**

Local Government Reform and Devolution – impact on the Parish No updates

Developments adjacent to the A36 – the future Cllr Johnstone had circulated an email suggesting a group be set up to carry out a cost/benefit analysis. **ACTION** Cllr Johnstone to obtain data from RFO in the first instance, Clerk to add to next agenda

To confirm all new email addresses are now in use. This now confirmed.

Councillors' items None

I24. **Items for the next agenda** Cllr Johnstone's request as above

I25. **Recruitment of Clerk** The Locum Clerk confirmed that adverts had been placed on the website, on three Facebook pages, HALC website, and all three noticeboards, although only within the last few week; it had been agreed to extend the closing date to 21st October. She confirmed that three enquiries for further information and one application received so far. It had not been possible to place an advert in the Lymington Times under £200 so this was not pursued. The proposal from HALC was considered but **AGREED** to wait and see what the current adverts brought in the way of applications.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 7.00 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 19th November 2025