

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

126. **Welcome**

Cllr Welbourn welcomed Councillors to the meeting

127. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Cook, Cllr Penman and Cllr Tipp - and reasons given accepted.

128. **Public Participation** – none

129. **Declaration of Interests** - none

130. **Approval of minutes of 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2025 having been circulated were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

131. **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.

25/01002	254 Woodlands Road, Woodlands SO40 7GH	Two storey side extension; roof alterations to include dormer window and roof lights to create second floor	3. Permission subject to proposals being in line with the 30% Rule/DP36. Concern was expressed about light pollution from the proposed roof lights at the front of the property
25/01307 TPO	Parkmore Manor, Woodlands Road SO40 7GL	Fell a number of trees, prune others	4. Refuse at least until Tree Protection Officer has considered and reported on the proposals. There was concern 1. That this application was listed under Tree works when it should have been a conservation area application, and 2. at the number of trees being proposed to be felled and at the subsequent light pollution from the building and the visibility of the building within the conservation area if the proposals are permitted.

Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

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

132.i County Councillors report including school transport. No report, but a meeting had been held by Totton and Eling Town Council with relevant local parish representatives, specifically regarding transport to Southampton General Hospital. It was suggested this could tie in with school transport. No decisions were reached, but it was agreed that the questionnaire issued by Totton & Eling TC could be adjusted and put on the NMPC website. It was agreed to ask Cllr Penman to liaise on these matters with Hounsdown School. It was noted that a grant was available for 2026 but that there would be ongoing costs in future years. A further transport meeting was due to be held on 20 November. Noted.

Clerk to adjust questionnaire and ask TLC to put it on the website
Clerk to ask Cllr Penman to liaise with Hounsdown School

I 32.ii NFDC report, none available.

I 33.iii NFNPA matters, at the recent NFALC meeting it was reported that high fibre broadband availability was being extended in other parts of the National Park. It was understood the Trooli now had permission to use existing poles and had extended their facility within the parish to much of Woodlands Road. Noted.

Solent Gateway and other developments had also been mentioned, the A326 will be widened, there are new plans for the Fawley Power Station site. The new Chairman of NFNPA is Victoria Mander and the new Vice Chairman Keith Mans. Noted.

I 33. Matters Arising

I 33.i Ringwood Road and flooding nothing to report, but it was noted that despite damage to local ditches on Forest land during the summer, Forestry England had not cleared the ditches which is a concern over winter. There was also a strong feeling that Forestry England should have a named members of staff for local Parish Councils to contact. Agreed Clerk to contact Forestry England on these matters.

Clerk to contact Forestry England.

I 33.ii Bartley Village Hall Cllr Johnstone reported. Grants are being sought to upgrade the clock. Other work is being considered, they may seek other grants.

I 33.iii Speedwatch, Cllr Johnstone reported. The SID unit cost is £3415.54 plus £250.00 to HCC for Highways to visit to approve use of sites and existing poles. There is also £160.00 cost for the speedgun. Some grant funds are available from the PCC.

Agreed Cllr Johnstone to supply relevant information to the Clerk to apply for PCC grant funding. Additional costs will be allocated from the CIL monies received in the 2024-25 financial year. Cllr Johnstone agreed to move the speed camera periodically once it is installed.

Clerk to apply for PCC funding.

I 33.iv Developments adjacent to the A36 – discuss setting up a working group to carry out a cost/benefit analysis agreed in principle, to be discussed further at the next meeting when average figures for increased precept funding will be available.

RFO work out potential precept funding

I 34. Members Report

I 34.i Woodlands Community Hall Cllr Johnstone reported. Decorating is now complete and a regular schedule of decorating is being implemented. The Girl Guides had made two hedgehog houses and requested permission to install one on the recreation area. Agreed. Building insurance is paid and copied to the Clerk. The lease is progressing extremely slowly, noted.

Clerk to advise Guides re hedgehog house.

I 34.ii Outlook magazine Winter issue distributed. Agreed from 2026 copy will be digital. Cllr Merrill will put a notice on local Facebook pages when new copy is available and a poster will be put on the noticeboards.. One resident has asked for notification. 250 copies will be printed. 50 each to The Gamekeeper, The White Horse, the Neighbourhood Watch 'phone' box and the Church. Cllr Merrill will deliver to local care homes. Remainder to be in a box in the Community Hall car park. Agreed to purchase box cost in the region of £40.00 plus a post to fix it to unless it can be fixed to existing post.

Clerk to order box

RFO to confirm new arrangements with TLC

I 34.iii Conservation Area Review Working Group item for next agenda.

135. **Footpaths and Bridleways** Footpath 12 has new owners, noted.
136. **Lengthsman** List received from Mrs Babey. Agreed the work on grips and railings to be carried out. Land owners to be requested to clear vegetation from ditches and cut back hedges as necessary. Mrs Babey to be asked to provide what 3 words identifiers for properties where hedges and ditches need attention.

Clerk to contact Mrs Babey
Clerk to contact Lengthsman
Clerk to contact landowners

137. **Groundsman** missing reports – reports not done as there were no issued. War Memorial needs weeding or weed killing in spring and prior to Remembrance Sunday annually. Wreaths to remain to mid December.

Clerk to contact Groundsman

138. **Clerks Report** Concern re height of dragons teeth at 153 Woodlands Road has been reported to Forestry England. Noted.

139. **Correspondence** a list of correspondence had been circulated and were noted. No matters required attention.

140. **Financial matters**

140.i The following payments were agreed for payment

Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
TLC webmaint inv2740/2 Nov payment+2720 Outlook	Online	384.00		384.00
Andy Tyler Groundsman 1092 grass/memrialclean	Online	275.00		275.00
Gardeners South Inv 4823	Online	426.50	85.30	511.80
Future Arb inv SI-1 123	Online	300.00	60.00	360.00
Ros Cooper	Online	220.82	6.00	226.82
Lloyds Bank monthly fee	Auto payment	4.25		4.25
Sara Sawyer Inv 233	Online	1,030.95		1,030.95
NFDC GIS sub	Online	107.29	21.46	128.75
NM Comm Hall August handover Nov Interview	Online	48.00		48.00
SLCC	Online	110.00		110.00
ICO	Online	52.00		52.00
	Total uncleared above			3,131.57

140.ii To confirm the **bank reconciliation** until 30th September 2025, Cllr Cook had confirmed.

140.iii To note **expenditure to date in relation to budget** due to unforeseen circumstances, Staffing was over budget

140.v To consider quotation from Vita Play for items recommended in **play area inspection report** as most items were low risk and the quote was for a total of £8391.05 + VAT it was agreed to put this on hold this for the time being.

140.vi **Budget/precept application**, it was felt more information is required relating to expenditure to date compared to budget. A decision must be made at the December meeting.

RFO to update figures and circulate

141. Parish Matters

141.i Local Government Reform and Devolution and Developments adjacent to the A36 – to discuss issues concerning the boundary in north Totton and Netley Marsh with Cllr Caroline Rackham, leader of Totton & Eling Town Council. It was agreed that NMPC would be interested in the view of Totton and Eling TC in relation to issued around the new developments and the Clerk was asked to contact them to ask for these.

Clerk to contact Totton and Eling Town Council.

17.ii Councillors' items – Cllr Johnstone gave apologies for the December meeting.

142. 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'

142.i **Staffing matters** were discussed and the appointment of Tracy Hodgson as the new Clerk to the Parish Council agreed.

Clerk to contact Ms Hodgson.

142.ii **CIL** potential income re. new developments were discussed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday **10 December 2025** at 7.00 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 10 December 2025