

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 10 December 2025

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

In attendance: Two members of the public, Cllr Penman, Cllr Tipp, the Parish Clerk, the Locum Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

143. **Welcome**

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

144. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Johnstone, Cllr Smith and Cllr Reilly - and reasons given accepted.

145. **Public Participation** – none

146. **Declaration of Interests** - none

147. **Approval of minutes of 19 November 2025 including the confidential minutes of same date**

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

148. **Planning**

Planning and appeal decisions from NFNPA and NFDC were noted.

No new applications had been received.

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

149.i Cllr Penman reported on HCC matters, including school transport. New road markings have been put in at Hounslow School, but the school transport issue will not be considered any further until the budgets have been confirmed. However, consideration of installing lights at the very dark forest area may be considered. Noted that all local appeals have been refused. Consideration is being given to closure of the Totton railway crossing being closed for a trial period. Ringwood Road flooding issues are ongoing. The question of a hospital bus remains under consideration, Cllr Penman will circulate the results of a petition he organised. A member of the public noted that when transport to Bartley School was considered in the past a resident found an ancient law which helped the case, she will try to find out more. Cllr Cook will send the resident a copy of the route map for Hounslow currently considered safe by HCC.

Cllr Penman will circulate petition results

Cllr Cook will send the route map to the resident.

149.ii Cllr Tipp NFDC advised the meeting that, the NFNPA Local Plan is currently open for consultation, which finishes soon. More defined villages may result. Currently NFNPA has 40 new housing units per year, this may increase to 50. This leaves a large number to be included in the NFDC plans. The NFDC Local Plan consultation will not start until Local Government Reform consultation ends. Waste sack deliveries are improving. CIL money decisions will be made in the New Year. Local Councillor elections will be held in 2027. Cllr Haysom asked about issues on Forestry Commission parking fees. This is a matter of concern. A member of the public pointed out Netley Marsh had a Parish Plan, however this is not a Neighbourhood Plan which has to meet specific criteria.

150. **Matters Arising**

150.i **Ringwood Road** and flooding, ongoing Cllr Penman expects a meeting soon, this will be an item on the next agenda.

150.ii **Speedwatch**, update on grant application to the Police & Crime Commissioner for SID equipment – nothing to report, noted. Item for the next agenda.

150.iii **Developments adjacent to the A36** – discuss setting up a working group to carry out a cost/benefit analysis. Cllrs Haysom, Johnstone and Merrill will deal with this and report back.

151. Members Report

151.i Woodlands Community Hall nothing to report. It was confirmed that the hall had been booked for 2026 dates including APM – ideas for speakers for the APM need to be considered, item for the next agenda

151.ii Outlook magazine, copy date will be in the New Year. The box for the copies at the Hall is awaiting information from the Groundsman relating to fixing and whether a new post is required. Something may be required in the Alpine Road phone box.

151.iii Conservation Area Review Working Group Cllr Cook will liaise with NFNPA to finalise the review and report to the next meeting. It appears unlikely that the NMPC proposed extension to the conservation area will be agreed.

151.iv Footpaths and Bridleways nothing to report.

152. **To receive update on Passenger Transport Summit from Shareen Barnett** – Mrs Barnett gave a comprehensive report of the day which she had found interesting with a number of suggestions on environmentally sound modes of transport and other ideas being discussed. An integrated system is also vital. However, the problem is all proposals need funding so she was unsure how much progress would actually result. There was optimism that some cycle-ways would actually be introduced. Expenses were offered but declined. Mrs Barnett was thanked for her dedication to this topic and for her report.

153 **Lengthsman** work all in hand

154. **Groundsman** there were no problems with the play area to note in recent reports. The box for the Outlook copies needs dealing with.

155. **Clerk/RFO Report** The Locum Clerk congratulated Tracy on how much she had taken on board in the short time she had been working for NMPC.

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

HCC	Local Government Review Consultation – NMPC response	It was agreed the Clerk would respond for NMPC supporting the NFDC proposals and specifically mentioning NMPC view that NFDC area should not be split and should continue to be a part of a rural based authority. Also wanting to continue the Town and Parish Council structure.
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157. Financial matters

157.i the following payments were agreed.

Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
TLC webmaint inv2740/3 Dec payment	Online	15.00		15.00
Andy Tyler Groundsman 1114 grass/memorial clean	Online	200.00		200.00
Gardeners South Inv 4333	Online	426.50	85.30	511.80
Sara Sawyer Inv 234	Online	1,166.00		1,166.00

