

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 21 January 2026

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

In attendance: Cllr Reilly, 8 members of the public, the Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

160. **Welcome**

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

161. Apologies for absence had been received from - Cllr Shaw, Cllr Smith and Cllr Penman and reasons given accepted.

162. **Public Participation** – An attendee asked anyone present to advise him of any problems with increased flooding of clean and/or foul water from Bartley Water, noted.

163. **Declaration of Interests** - none

164. **Approval of minutes of 10 December 2025**

The minutes of the meeting and those of the confidential meeting having been circulated were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

165. **Planning**

Planning and appeal decisions from NFNPA and NFDC were noted.

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

Ref	Address	Proposal	Comment
25/01262FULL	Land to the South of Ringwood Road, Totton SO40 7FA	Change of use of land for one traveller pitch with car parking, hard standing and associated works	5. Accept Officers decision. There were concerns about waste management, sewage and clean water facilities and whether the proposals met policies SP17m SP19 and Section 21 regulations. It was felt that any proposals which might lead to a permanent dwelling were not appropriate.
25/01228FULL	308, Woodlands Road, Woodlands, Southampton, SO40 7GF	Extension, demolition of existing conservatory	3. Approve
25/01480FULL	112, Woodlands Road, Ashurst, Southampton SO40 7AL	Single storey extension; pitched roof to garage; porch	3. Approve providing the proposals meet DP36 (30% rule)
25/01407VAR	Stonyford, Whitemoor Lane, Winsor, Southampton SO40 2HD	Application to vary condition 1 of planning permission 25/00636 FULL for access track	3. Approve providing proposals meet conditions of previous proposals and permissions
25/01470FULL	Bartley Farm House, Ringwood Road, Bartley, Southampton SO40 7LD	Replace existing conservatory with larger conservatory in same location	3. Approve providing the proposals meet DP36 (30% rule)

26/00021FULL	294 Woodlands Road, Woodlands, Southampton, SO40 7GF	Single-storey rear extension; front porch	3. Approve providing the proposals meet DP36 (30% rule)
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Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

165.ii The question of an appeal by members of the public relating to planning applications in the Bourne Road/Chineham Road area and advertised at the Bartley Post Office was noted.

166. County, National Park & District Matters

166.i Cllr Reilly gave a verbal report from Cllr Penman (HCC) to the effect that no further decisions would be made on the school transport question until the 2026-27 HCC budget had been agreed.

166.ii Cllr Reilly advised the meeting that the final area 3 delivery of wheelie bins would take place during March/April with the new collection system starting in May. It was noted that in the National Grid refurbishment of pylons there would be no loss of power. Cllr Reilly noted that there were applications for up to seven traveller sites in Netley Marsh Parish, all sites will be considered and those considered suitable will go to the next stage of consideration in summer 2026.

167. Matters Arising

167.i Ringwood Road and flooding. Nothing to report.

167.ii Speedwatch, potential SID/camera sites are being established, any suggestions should be sent to Cllr Johnstone with a What 3 Words ID. Regulations required the i to be in place for 2 weeks and then moved and not return to any particular site for 12 weeks. Cllr Johnstone is working on the first document in preparation for submission to HCC Highways – in due course a fee of £250.00 will be invoiced. Noted and agreed.

167.iii Developments adjacent to the A36 – the working group has the matter in hand. They are currently trying to establish what community and play facilities are contained within the currently approved plans. Noted.

168. Members Report

168.i Community Hall Cllr Johnstone reported updates to toilet light switches and routine maintenance. Considerably more dog fouling is occurring and more signage is requested. This will be considered on the next agenda. Weight restrictions on the bins are being exceeded and the Groundsman will be asked to start a compost heap near one of the top corners of the recreation ground.

Clerk to contact Groundsman

168.ii Outlook magazine Cllr Johnstone will prepare a Parish Council article including speedwatch, asking for ideas on potential SID sites, asking for responses to the Health/school Bus questionnaire. Copy date is 2 February. The Editor will include the usual riparian responsibilities article. It was agreed to order the bin for the Community Hall site, the Groundsman will be asked to install it by the roadside noticeboard.

Clerk to forward bin information to the RFO

RFO to order the bin for delivery to Cllr Merrill

Clerk to contact groundsman when bin available

Cllr Merrill will sort out numbers of magazines for the various establishments and facilities and will deliver these.

168.iii Conservation Area Review Working Group, Cllr Cook will prepare information for NFNPA.

168.iv Footpaths and Bridleways nothing to report. It was agreed that as the application to confirm footpath 5 as a Bridleway was originally designated to be dealt with by 2027, the Clerk should approach HCC to confirm that this is still the anticipated timeline.

Clerk to contact HCC Countryside Service. Culture, Communities and Business Services Department.

168.v Any update from NE Quadrant meeting Cllr Johnstone reported: HCC elections will go ahead in May 2026; Mayoral elections may be held in 2027, to be confirmed; NFDC will hold drop in sessions on the Local Plan 4 February – 20 March. Forestry Commission Parking application information will be put on the NMPC website. NMPC to ask Forestry Commission four questions.

Clerk to contact Forestry Commission:

1. **What are the consequences if a homeowner does not pay the amount ?**
2. **What do Forestry England intend to do if they refuse to pay ?**
3. **Do Forestry England provide a payment plan for those people who cannot pay the full amount in one go?**
4. **How do Forestry England intend to deal with vulnerable people who cannot pay?**
RFO to put parking information on website

169. Lengthsman – agreed Clerk to contact Mint Gardens asking how work is progressing and when invoice will be received, ideally before the financial year end.

Clerk to contact Lengthsman/Mint Gardens

170. Groundsman – it was noted that the War Memorial has a lot of weeds and the Groundsman will be asked to clean up the area. It was agreed to try and establish whether the memorial is listed. It was also agreed that refurbishment is required. Grants need to be sought for any work.

Clerk to contact Groundsman and look into listing and potential grants.

171. To agree to set up a Working Group to look at the play area and other future projects Cllrs Haysom, Johnstone and Merrill were appointed at the December meeting. Matters are in hand.

172. To discuss Beaulieu Parish Council Chair request to send open letter to Julian Lewis in respect of Local Government reorganization consultation. NMPC had responded to the government consultation in the official manner and it was felt no further action was necessary at this stage. It was noted that Cllr Johnstone did not agree with NFDC proposal 1.

173. Forestry England's Householder Access License Fee see 168v. above.

174. Clerk & RFO nothing to report which was not already advised.

175. Correspondence – the list had been circulated.

176. Finance

167.i December 2025 Bank Reconciliation, this will be an item on the next agenda.

176.ii January online payments agreed, noted one invoice had an error of £45.00 which will be rectified with the February payments.

Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
TLC webmaint inv2741/1 Jan payment	Online	15.00		15.00
Andy Tyler Groundsman 1123	Online	205.00		205.00
Clerk	Online	699.05		699.05
Locum Clerk Inv 234	Online	920.85		920.85
RFO/Assistant Clerk	Online	312.98		312.98

Lloyds Bank monthly fee	Auto payment	4.25		4.25
	Online			-
	Total uncleared above			2,157.13

176.iii Three year plan and future projects list, this will be dealt with by the working group see 171 above.

176.iv Play area – annual report and associated repairs including problems with slide recently reported by the Groundsman, it was noted that this is not a safety issue, no action required. The handles on the pedal bike which appear to be seized were noted, Groundsman to be asked to take taps of the ends to see the bearings and perhaps use WD40 or small amount of diesel to lubricate.

Clerk to contact Groundsman

176.v Confirm Hall peppercorn rent invoiced, noted.

177. Parish Matters – Councillors’ items

177.i Cllr Johnstone suggested the NMPC Questionnaire re. the health/school bus should be included in the website, agreed. **Cllr Johnstone to send questionnaire to RFO.** The questionnaire will also be mentioned in the Outlook article. Re. use for schools, agreed Clerk to reply to Totton and Eling RC 8 – 10 children on the lower end of Woodlands Road **may** use the bus with more at the Gamekeeper end. Noted.

Clerk to contact Totton and Eling TC

177.ii Cllr Haysom reported increasing flooding problems – both clean and foul water - on Woodlands Road (Alpine Road area). The volume of water flowing off Forestry Commission land appears to have increased and the sewers and pumping station cannot cope. Residents in the area have reported to Southern Water. Infrastructure problems with the sewer system continue. Noted.

177.iii APM 24 April 2026

Invitations the RFO will liaise with the Clerk regarding this and invitations will be sent out. Speaker Aaron Phipps was suggested and agreed the Chairman will approach him. Reserve Colin van Geffen.

Refreshments The RFO gave her apologies for the APM and Cllr Merrill offered to lead on refreshments.

178. Confidential business - It was resolved that ‘That 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’

NEXT MEETING: 18th February 2026 7.00pm at Woodlands Road Community Hall

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

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 2026 at 7.00 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 18 February 2026

