

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 18 February 2026

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

In attendance: Cllr Penman, Cllr Tipp, the Parish Clerk and the RFO/Clerks Assistant:

181. **Welcome**

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

182. Apologies for absence - none

183. **Public Participation**– none

184. **Declaration of Interests** - none

185. **Approval of minutes of 21 January 2026**

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

186. **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.

<u>26/10052</u>	Calmore Croft Farm, Salisbury Road, Calmore, Netley Marsh SO40 2RQ	Reserved Matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline planning permission ref. 24/10199 "Erection of up to 22,000sqm of employment use for logistic/warehouses (Use Classes B2 and B8) and ancillary office space" and discharge of conditions 2, 6, 7, 8, 11, 17, 21, 22 and 26.	I. Permission but accept officers decision: However, it is recommended that a condition should be imposed relating to a 10% biodiversity requirement and notice taken of local residents correspondence relating to this application.
<u>25/01438FULL</u>	104 Greyfriars, Woodlands Road, Ashurst, Southampton SO40 7AH	High Fence	I, Permission but accept officers decision;

Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

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

187.i Cllr Penman reported on HCC matters. Cllr Penman is working with local residents on a number of issues particularly school transport and flooding. The Environment Agency, NFDC and HCC will be holding a meeting in the near future regarding flooding. Cllr Haysom will attend. Flooding on Ringwood Road and on Woodlands Road in the area near Hazel Grove are of particular concern, especially as the occurrences appear to be more regular and increasing in intensity. Cllr Merrill will forward to Cllr Penman, the video of the flooding near Hazel Grove.

187.ii Health/School Transport questionnaire only one response has been received.

A question was asked relating to reports of financial problems at HCC, noted. Changes to local bus routes and timetables without notification were noted. These issues and school transport are all under discussion at HCC

Clerk to forward school transport questionnaire to James Cooper and local schools asking them to circulate.

Fly tipping is becoming a problem in the Winsor Lane area. Some piping containing codes which might identify offenders were noticed. It is not known to whom this should be reported.

187.iii Cllr Tipp NFDC advised the meeting that NFDC are now using cameras to deter fly tipping, if he could be **advised with what 3 words locations of problem area** he will pass the information on. Cabinet agreed a 2.99% increase in council tax for 2026/27 and have produced a balanced budget. The new waste scheme is on track for the final area to start in May. There are a number of meetings planned for the Local Plan discussions. There will be no NFDC election in 2027, parish council elections will take place in 2027 alongside the Unitary Authority elections. However, boundary changes may affect these plans. There is concern about water on various sites in the area. The future of the BSW timber yard site was raised, nothing is known at present.

Cllrs to advise Cllr Tipp of fly tipping sites.

188. **Matters Arising**

Matters arising –

188.i Ringwood Road and flooding outcome of Cllr Penman's meeting see 187 i. above.

188.ii Speedwatch, update on grant application - acknowledged. It was agreed to apply to Highways for authorisation of potential SID sites, clarification on charges to be sought. Cllr Johnstone will circulate the list of identified sites.

Clerk to contact Highways.

188.iii Developments adjacent to the A36 – working group plans. Halls have been contacted, one has responded. It is planned to establish a list of potential projects for when CIL monies are received. It was agreed the Clerk to establish when monies may be expected.

Clerk to contact Dean Brunton at NFDC

189. **Members Report**

189.i Woodlands Community Hall – there had been no meeting since January. Martin Harvey is the new Chairman. Bin costs are rising as people other than hall users are using the commercial bins leading to overweight charges. It is understood the groundsman does not put any garden waste in the commercial bin. There is a question mark about play area/recreation ground litter bins. Normally these are put out on the roadside for the normal Wednesday collection. It is not known if wheelie bins will be supplied under the new scheme. Cllr Penman will investigate and report back. The Council did not feel it was appropriate for them to pay a fee for the bins. Agreed the Clerk will contact the Hall Chairman and the groundsman to try to clarify issues.

Clerk to contact Hall Chairman and Groundsman

189.ii Outlook magazine Spring issue is with the publishers. Some queries re. QR codes were raised. RFO to contact TLC and to get copies of the code for the noticeboards. A number of advertisers have not continued.

RFO to contact TLC

189.iii Conservation Area Review Working Group – It was agreed there were no further items to add within the conservation area. Cllr Cook will submit to NFNPA. Two items outside the conservation area will be noted – Air source heat pump cover in Hazel Grove and Stoneyford Entrance.

190. **Footpaths and Bridleways** - Footpath 5, it is understood this is now item 7 on the HCC list.

191. **Lengthsman** – list of work to be found and checked, Cllr Johnson will contact Mrs Babey. Agreed to contact Tatchbury Hospital, their ditches and grips need attention especially since some trees came down and much debris was left in the ditches.

Clerk to contact Tatchbury Hospital

192. **Groundsman**

Work to do and update on War Memorial, The Clerks mother voluntarily cleared the weeds at the War Memorial, this was much appreciated. The groundsman will be asked to clear the leaves behind the seat. Grants to upgrade the lettering on the memorial will be sought at some point, it was agreed to ask NFDC if CIL money could be used towards this.

Clerk to contact NFDC

Gym bike no progress known.

Installation of Outlook Magazine box, this has been done but it is quite high.

Some other tasks remain outstanding

193. **Play area and Recreation Ground**

193.i **Report of Working group on Play area,**

193.ii **Developments in north of parish** nothing to report except concerns about flood control.

193 iii **Three year plan and future projects list** are waiting for responses from halls and information on CIL income.

194 Clerks-RFO Report- The RFO advised that she is planning to move. She will give formal notice in March with a view to leaving at the end of June – all dates to be flexible on both sides.

The Clerk reported she no longer plans meetings with Ms Sawyer but requested permission to seek assistance on an ad hoc basis as necessary. Agreed.

195. **Correspondence** a list of correspondence had been circulated. Matters requiring attention 194 were

HALC	Emergency Planning	Noted.
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196. **Financial matters**

The following payments were approved.

196.i Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
TLC webmaint inv2741/2 Jan payment	Online	15.00		15.00
Andy Tyler Groundsman 1123	Online	245.00		245.00
Clerk	Online	944.55		944.55
Locum Clerk Inv 235	Online	574.73		574.73
RFO/Assistant Clerk January returned	Online	312.98		312.98
RFO/Assistant Clerk Feb pay	Online	253.10	7.52	260.62
Lloyds Bank monthly fee	Auto payment	4.25		4.25
HALC Training fees	Online	89.17	17.83	107.00
Total uncleared above				2,464.13

196.ii December 2025 **Bank Reconciliation** The Vice Chairman had checked this at it was agreed.

196.iii **Play area** – annual report and associated repairs including problems with slide recently reported by the Groundsman – further information awaited.

196.iv Confirm **Hall peppercorn rent** invoiced and paid, noted

196.v **Field rent** invoiced and paid, noted.

196.vi **Quotes for grass cutting/path maintenance** Clerk to get quote from Gardeners South, Mr Dovey.

Clerk to contact Gardeners South

196.v **Pension** RFO to sort this out without delay. To start in April.

197. **Parish Matters**

197 i. Councillors' items

197.i Cllr Haysom reported helpful contact with John Goodwin who is very knowledgeable about flooding matters. Noted. Cllr Haysom also noted that Trulli is now more widely available including the four houses which were specifically excluded initially, noted.

197.ii **APM 24 April 2026** invitations have been sent. Speaker is still needed, agreed. Cllr Smith would contact Sally Marsh a Commoner, if she is unable to help then TFSR will be contacted.

1st Draft report – The Clerk will prepare this for March.

198. **Confidential**

No matters were taken.

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

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 18 March 2026 at 7.00 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 18 March 2026