

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Netley Marsh Community Hall, on 15 April 2026

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

In attendance: Cllr Tipp, three members of the public and the Parish Clerk

217. **Welcome**

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

218. Apologies for absence had been received from the RFO/Clerks Assistant and Councillor Merrill - and reasons given accepted.

219. **Public Participation** – An attendee provided information on Bartley flooding issues in particular regard to foul drainage surcharging and surface water issues. The information outlined that a sewer level monitor was installed to record the flow depth within a manhole in Bartley and has now been recording data for just over a year. It has shown that on two occasions sewage flow recorded a depth of over 6 feet for several hours.

220. **Declaration of Interests - None**

221. **Approval of minutes of 18 March 2026**

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

222. **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.

26/10287	BROOK HOUSE, SALISBURY ROAD, CALMORE, NETLEY MARSH SO40 2RQ	Variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission 25/10370 to allow amended plans removing the approved cladding and replace with brick work to dwellings and garages	17.04.26	3. Approve
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Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

Clerk to request extension for further application received after this agenda had been issued

223. **Reports**

223 i. **County, National Park & District Matters**

Cllr Tipp advised that he attended the NFDC meeting on Monday at Appletree Court. He stated that it was well attended by several hundred. The petition regarding the LGR was received and the district council supports the proposal to employ legal council for a judicial review at an estimated cost of £200,000. He reported that they are moving towards covert CCTV for flytipping sites. Local plan is under review must be submitted by end of Dec as current plan is 5 years old. Totton regeneration scheme looking at possibility of town centre square on grass area near library.

Cllr Cook raised the point re local plan that NMPC had objected to proposal of development North to A36 as damaging to local area and not appropriate but could develop land North of Chesney Farm.

223 ii. **Health/ School Transport Questionnaire** – Several more questionnaires received but still low response

223 iii. **Transport update from Shareen Barnett**

Shareen provided information regarding the change to local bus service moving the T3/T4 service from a Tuesday to a Wednesday. There is strong feelings regarding the loss of this service as impacts on residents for day care needs, social impact as cannot attend the Hythe Tuesday market and upset due to lack of communication and the speed of change. Shareen has written to express her concern regarding the change to this service and responses have been received.

Cllr Welbourn advised he believes that there should be a statutory notice period given to a change in service.

Cllr Welbourn to check what notice is required for a change in service

224 .Matters Arising

224 i. **Local Government Reorganisation decision –**

Cllr Cook attended the meeting on Monday at Appletree Court and said that it was a majority decision to back the appeal of the LGR decision

224 ii. **Email from Beaulieu Chair re Forestry England Parking charges**

A start date of 20th April for parking charge implementation has apparently appeared on Forestry England website but not been shared via their social media pages. Email received from Beaulieu Chair Nick Hubbard shared the letter they had written to Forestry England and information received to date and requested other local councils to also write with their concerns and opposition.

Clerk to write letter to Forestry England stating NMPC concerns to the Parking Charge scheme

224iii. **Ringwood Road and flooding outcome of Cllr Penman's meeting** – no updates

224 iv. **Speedwatch update** – Cllr Johnstone displayed the new speed gun which has arrived, case to arrive at a later date. Grant Form has been submitted to OPPC and acknowledged. Responses regarding Insurance and site visit from HCC received.

Cllr Johnstone to respond to HCC to arrange site visit

224 v. **Developments adjacent to the A36 – working group plans** – no updates

225 Members Report

225 i. **Woodlands Community Hall** Cllr Johnstone had nothing to report as there has been no recent meeting.

225 ii. **Outlook magazine** – RFO has arranged for all emails that go to Outlook account to also be copied into Clerk email inbox so can respond while away. Cllr Welbourn asked for Cllr Shaws support if needed with any enquiries for the magazine during RFO absence.

225 iii. **Play area and field** – priority repair is bounce rider seat in play area so quotes requested by clerk (see below) Annual inspection booked by Clerk. Grass cutting has commenced. Discussed field hire and it being available for use by the community with refundable deposit only (subject to post booking checks)

226. **Footpaths and Bridleways** Still awaiting update, last response received stated we were number seven in HCC waiting list

227. **Lengthsman** – walk of parish needed to check and agree work.

Request for Lengthsman to check back ditch on hall field

Cllr Johnstone to arrange

228. **Groundsman** – reports received. Requested annual wood treatment and Groundsman still has wood treatment he can use. Outlook box has been moved to a lower location as requested.

Update re Child bounce rider seat as priority to replace, Clerk has requested quotes, first received from Creative Play had large labour fee of £300 so it was asked if we could just order seat and fit ourselves.

Clerk to contact creative play to request revised quote and ask Groundsman if happy to fit seat.

229. **Report of working Group on play area** – no updates

229 i. **Developments in North of Parish** – 3 year plan/ looking to best use of CIL money – this will be mentioned in APM speech on any further possible projects

230. **Clerks Report** – Clerk has applied via Historic England for the war memorial at St Matthews Church to be listed. Initial application submitted and they now need some further photos which clerk will supply. In regards to RFO position several applications have already been received, these have been sent to Cllr Welbourn and Cllr Cook for their consideration. The need to book interviews promptly was discussed to retain interest and also allow for quick recruitment to benefit from current RFO handover and extensive experience.

Clerk advised on the situation regarding Defibrillator at The Gamekeeper pub. Local resident has been actively pursuing a resolution contacting suppliers and seeking prices to refurb current Defib if possible. She has been advised that after manufacturer check with new battery and new pads it will be fully operational again, cost will be £470. Discussion on if any support could be given with this cost. It was suggested that it would be worth contacting our local Councillors to see if they were able to support with any grant money.

Clerk to supply additional photos to Historic England for Memorial Listing application

Clerk to contact Lucy re hall booking for possible interview dates

Clerk to contact Cllr Tipp, Cllr Reilly and Cllr Penman regarding financial support for Defib

231. **Correspondence** a list of correspondence had been circulated.

232. **Financial matters**

232 i. April online payments – approved

232 ii. Bank reconciliation to 31 March – approved

232 iii. Clerks Pension – 3% from NMPC / 5% from Clerk agreed

232 iv. Authorise payments of pension contributions by Direct Debit – agreed

232 v. Payment schedule to pay contributions by 28th of each month – agreed

Netley Marsh Parish Council

Finance Report

Apr-26

Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
TLC webmaint inv274? - Apr payment + 2808	Online	97.00		97.00
Andy Tyler Groundsman inv 1135	Online	250.00		250.00
Clerk	Online	1,169.01	4.82	1,173.83
RFO/Assistant Clerk	Online	311.48	54.88	366.36
	Online			-
Lloyds Bank monthly fee	Auto payment	4.25		4.25
For Apr Payments authorised by: Cllr Haysom and Cllr Cook	Total uncleared above			1,891.44
	Income			
	Lloyds Curr Ac VAT refund	732.64		
	Transfer	700.00		
	Reconciliation Current Account			
	31-Mar	890.91	per bank	
	unpresented payments above	1,891.44		
	Earlier Unpresented payments	0.00		
	unpresented credits	1,432.64		
	Current a/c reconciled balance	432.11		
	Savings ac br forward	18,248.35		
	Savings ac income			
	Savings Ac withdrawn			
	Savings Ac Bal	18,248.35		
	High Interest Ac	16,033.62		
	Total cash at bank	34,714.08		

232 vi. The completed 'Pro-forma' AGAR having been circulated, Section 1 the Annual Governance Statement was agreed and signed

232 vii. Section 2 of the AGAR the Accounting statements were also agreed and signed.

232 viii . The audit letter from the Internal Auditor had been circulated and was noted.

Parish Matters

233. Councillor items –

233 i. Cllr Shaw raised the delivery of large mobile home cabin being delivered near Tatchbury Manor Farm on 10.04.26 and asked if we had received any planning applications regarding this. Not aware of any information regarding this so requested that Clerk contact NFNPA to ensure they are aware.

Clerk to contact NFNPA

233 ii. APM –

Format for APM discussed. Cllr Shaw confirmed she has purchased most of the refreshments needed for the APM already. Cllr Smith requested to check with our speaker Sally Marsh which charity she would like the charitable donation to go to. Draft of APM speech circulated previously. It was agreed that Cllr Johnstone will read the two sections he submitted for inclusion.

Cllr Smith to contact speaker to confirm charity of choice.

234. Items for the next Agenda –

Propose that NMPC pass a resolution to support the NFDC decision to seek legal advice regarding the decision on LGR raised by Cllr Cook

235. Confidential - *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'*

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 20th May 2026 at 7.00 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed: date: 2026

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