

NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance:, Cllr Tipp, 2 members of the public the Parish Clerk and the Clerks Assistant

65. Welcome

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

66 Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Jackie Shaw and Chris Smith - and reasons given accepted.

67 Public Participation– None submitted

68 Declaration of Interests- None

69 Approval of minutes of 17th June 2026

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

70 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.

Appl No	Address	Proposal	NMPC Comment
26/00511FULL	Fairholme, Ashurst Bridge Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 7EA	One and two storey extensions (demolition of existing conservatory)	3 recommend permission
26/00704FULL	Home Farm and West View Residential School, Loperwood, Calmore, Southampton, SO40 2RP	2no. single storey detached buildings (demolition of 1no. outbuilding)	3 recommend permission
26/10634	Land at Sharves Hill, Salisbury Road, Calmore, Totton SO40 2RW	Vehicular and pedestrian access from the A36 Salisbury Road, together with associated highway engineering works.	5 We are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

Action - Clerk to send comments to NFNPA/NFDC

71 County, National Park & District Matters –

71 i. Cllr Tipp reported three new development villages proposed. Strategic plan assessment development looking at prospective housing, commercial and traveller sites. Update on names following on from LGR – our area will remain as the proposed Mid Hants and Waterside will be in South West Hants. New wards will be based on the County wards, Netley Marsh will be part of Lyndhurst along with Bramshaw, Copythorne, Lyndhurst and Minstead. Annual Pony & Trap ride out Aug 8/9. Meeting planned for 30th July 5pm at Lyndhurst Community Centre to update on what is in place in preparation for ride out. Other local councils have been invited to attend but so far nothing received by Netley Marsh.

Action – Clerk to follow up re attending meeting

71 ii. Shereen Barnett attended to feedback on recent transport forum she attended via Zoom. Looking at the incentives to encourage people to travel by bus. Looking at integrated travel. Children can travel free in August scheme. Making travel more affordable and trying to provide a greener service. Blue Star introducing next stop announcing, integrating with train service. £1 service after 6pm, timetable improvements, a Whiteley to Southampton service, new bus to Totton and a late night service on a Friday and Saturday. T3/T4 service now on a Tues/ Wed. New bus interchange proposed for Commercial Road in Totton.

71. iii Cllr Cook reported on a Teams call with NFNPA regarding the plans for the A326. Their views will be published shortly and a consultation will commence 17 August to end September, noted.

71. iv A report was received on overflowing bins at a property adjacent to Alpine Road/Woodlands Road. Noted. Cllr Tipp offered to follow up on this.

72 Matters Arising

72 i Appointment of Independent Auditor – Sara Parkinson (previously Sawyer) has agreed to be Independent auditor for 2026-27 accounts.

72 ii Speedwatch update – license agreements have been signed and sent back to Legal at HCC. They now need to sign and send back.

72iii Developments adjacent to the A36 working group plans – no updates

72 iv Confirmation of charitable donation for APM Speaker Sally Marsh – confirmed as CDA – RFO to arrange payment

Action – RFO

72v Email from local resident regarding dog fouling. Discussion regarding previous research undertaken re dog bins. Need to have a minimum of five bins, restricted on locations permitted and costs £1225+ for them to be regularly emptied. It was felt this was not a good use of Council funds. Any local problems identified by individuals can be logged to NFDC with details as per GOV.UK guidance.

73 Members Report

73.i **Community hall** - plans for improvements to garages/ community hub/ outside toilet facilities. Cllr Johnstone is working on preparing CIL application to be submitted by the 7th August.

Action – Cllr Johnstone

73.ii **Play area** - replacement seat for bounce rider has arrived and been fitted by Groundsman

73.iii **Recreation ground:** Holes/boundaries/ditches – need monitoring: Mole contractor booked. Re - Height barrier - insurance company have received two quotes and are requesting further detailed breakdown of this from the company who provided lower quote (New Forest Metalworks)

73.iv **Other local halls** – Cllr Johnstone supporting other local hall projects such as the need to repair/renovate Clock at Bartley Hall/ Tin Church.

74 Outlook. Next copy date by 11th Sept. To include winter issues such as flooding, ditches and Cllr Johnstone offered to write a Speedwatch update for the magazine.

Action – Cllr Johnstone

74.i Future delivery address - Cllr Merrill happy to continue to accept delivery of Outlook magazine

74.ii Future assistance – Cllr Merrill happy to continue to support with Cllr Shaw as needed

75 To receive Member's reports on Footpaths & Bridleways - No update on footpath 5. Footpath 12, noted this is overgrown adjacent to Lanesbridge. There are new owners of the adjacent property. Agreed Clerk to write asking if they are aware of their responsibilities for keeping the path clear, copy to HCC Rights of Way Dept.

Action Clerk to write to residents and HCC RoW

76, Lengthsman – Car park weedkilling to be carried out in school holidays. Clerk has contacted Lengthsman to remind of this and will follow up as necessary.

77 Groundsman – report has been circulated. Reminder sent regarding treating of all wood areas/ noticeboards etc. Groundsman to be asked to clear growth from neighbouring property which is encroaching on and through the fence and apply treatment to fence as necessary.

78. Clerk/RFOs report

Clerks application to Historic England for the War Memorial at St Matthews to be listed has been successful and the listing approved by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

The building is now listed at Grade II.

Replacement bus shelter panel still pending as not standard size has taken longer lead time. Due by early August latest.

RFO confirmed that although she will continue to complete her handover to new RFO, this was to be her last Council meeting with NMPC since tendering her resignation.

The Councillors wish to thank Ros Cooper for her hard work and support to the Council in an incredible 17 year service as RFO/ Assistant Clerk, having also previously worked for NMPC as Clerk in the 1980's.

79. Correspondence

79i Tree Planting 2nd stage – further information required. Clerk to seek advice re most appropriate trees for the field and ground conditions. **Action – Clerk**

79.ii Notification of gas mains replacement work – Bourne Road from 03/08/26 for 5 weeks.

Information has been circulated to Councillors

79 iii Email from local resident re parking issues near enclosure/ phone box. Further information on the situation provided by Cllr Haysom. Email information had been previously sent out to Cllrs and an email sent to FE, HCC regarding the issues raised. No response received by the meeting, but reply from Forestry England received since and circulated.

Cllr Cook agreed to raise this issue at the next Quadrant meeting on the 6th August

Action Cllr Cook

80. Financial matters

The following payments were agreed

Expenditure

Detail	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
Emma Sainsbury field deposit refund	Online	50.00		50.00
TLC webmaint inv2811 part payment	Online	15.00		15.00
Andy Tyler Groundsman inv 1167	Online	200.00		200.00
Gardeners South Inv awaited	Online			-
CH RFO/Assistant Clerk	Online	540.76		540.76
Clerk	Online	931.22		931.22
RC- RFO/Assistant Clerk	Online	306.94		306.94
Katie Wilkinson field deposit refund	Online	50.00		50.00
NEST pension	Direct Debit	26.29		26.29
Lloyds Bank monthly fee	Auto payment	4.25		4.25
Total uncleared above				2,124.46

80.ii Bank reconciliation to 30 June 2026 had been checked by the Vice Chairman and was agreed.

81. Parish Matters

81.i Councillors items – Cllr Johnstone raised the email received from Vicar of St Matthews regarding emergency work needed to the lobby and toilet floor in Church Hall. Total quoted for repairs is £1425 and the church is seeking support with this cost if possible as the work is urgent. After discussion the Council agreed to fund 50% of this amount awarding £725. It was noted that the church could come back to us for further consideration if they had no means to cover the other half of this amount.

82. Items for the next agenda - Height barrier update

83. Confidential business if any – none

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

Next meeting Wednesday 19th August 2026 at 7.00 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed:

date: 19th August 2026