NETLEY MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr Welbourn (Chairman), Cllr Cook, Cllr Johnstone, Cllr Shaw & Cllr Smith

In attendance: Cllr Tipp, Cllr Reilly, Cllr Goodwin,3 member of the public, Parish Clerk & RFO/Assistant Clerk

AGENDA

116. Welcome

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

Cllr Goodwin asked the council if they would like a copy of the survey completed in 2013/2014 regarding flooding. Cllr Goodwin to send to clerk.

117. Apologies for absence had been received from:

Cllr Merrill, Cllr Haysom and Cllr Penman - and reasons given accepted.

118. To consider comments from the Public – if necessary for inclusion in the next agenda
None received

118.i CRY charity to speak as part of their awareness campaign

Charlie and Sue kindly attended and spoke of the heart screening that they are able to provide through fundraising – the screening events are run by bereaved families and are not government funded. Each screening event costs the charity £7,300, is able to screen 100 young people and incudes nurses and cardiologists that are can provide advice/information if any issues are found. Many young people have received early diagnosis and have received the treatment or monitoring that they require.
Their aim is to raise awareness up to government and would like to see national screening introduced for all year 11 pupils.
The council are happy to promote the charities fundraising and screening events on the NMPC website and in the Outlook Magazine.
Councillors advised the members to write to the MPs of their own constituencies and ask them to raise to government.

- ***Action*** **–** *RFO/Assistant Clerk to add information to website and to include in next Outlook Magazine*

119. To accept declarations of interest

None received

120. To approve minutes of Parish Council monthly meeting held on 16th September 2026

All agreed

121. To consider the following planning applications:

121.i

Ref	Address	Proposal	Closing Date
26/00852FULL	Staddlestones Farm Fletchwood Lane Totton SO40 7DZ	Retention of agricultural barn	28.10.26 Decision 3 Pass
26/10917	Little Testwood Farm Salisbury Road Calmore Totton SO40 2RW	Industrial unit with solar panels on roof and open storage on site (B2/B8 and E(g)(i)); demolition of farmhouse and outbuildings; construction of new site access; overnight HGV parking; staff parking; landscaping; and boundary security fencing.	06.11.26 Decision Pass but accept officer's decision. Note concerns re traffic and HGV turning
26/01068FULL	7 Lanesbridge Close Woodlands Southampton SO40 7GG	One and two storey extensions - No briefing note received	13.11.26 Decision Accept officer's decision if meets DP36

❖ ***Action*** **-** *Clerk to reply with council decisions/comments*

121.ii To consider any other planning business

Two applications received today, these will be covered at next month's meeting and they will be included in the agenda

122. To receive reports on County, District and NFNPA matters

122.i County Councillors report including school transport/flooding

None as Cllr Penman not present.

122.ii District Councillors report

Cllr Tipp:

- Cllr Reilly - crossed floor to join the conservatives, resulting in a return to conservative majority.
- Grants - Councillors have some small grants left to use by the end of March. This could be provided to NMPC for a small project benefiting the community, £300-£400. Councillors grants will be increasing next year.
- NFDC budget – 13th October meeting heard there will be a 1.25 million deficit next year, the main reason for which is that government grants have not increased with inflation and next year are decreasing. There is expected to be an increase in fees such as parking and council tax. Six items are out to consultation – business waste, community grants, grounds maintenance, information offices, public toilets & climate/sustainability budget. The

consultation is open until 10th November and can be accessed here https://newforest.govocal.com/en-GB/projects/budget-consultation-for-2027-28

123. Matters arising – To consider/accept

123.i Rear of Ridge Farm land tenancy

Council is considering options for the use of this land.

- ***Action*** **–** *Cllr Johnstone & Cllr Cook to look into options*

123.ii 325 Woodlands Road tree boundary work required

The council has obtained a quote of £980 plus VAT from tree surgeon

Cllr Welbourn proposed the following motion:
The council to instruct tree surgeon to carry out work required, to be carried out during half term if possible
Cllr Cook seconded the motion.
Upon being put to vote:
Resolved: The motion was carried unanimously

123.iii Speedwatch update

Cllr Johnstone reported that the SID device has been deployed and has been collecting useful data successfully. We have now received the spare batteries and the SID has been paid for this week. There are currently 6 locations that can be used but could utilise 7 further locations with the addition of extension poles.

Cllr Johnstone proposed the following motion:
The council to approve the payment of £1647.48 for the extension poles, this can be taken from CIL monies
Cllr Cook seconded the motion.
Upon being put to vote:
Resolved: 4 for and 1 abstained - the motion was carried by majority

Concerns were raised about the possible need to secure the SID device and to ensure that it is covered by insurance.

- ***Actions*** **–**
- *RFO/Assistant Clerk to set up payment for extension poles on receipt of invoice.*
- *Cllr Johnstone to look at securing SID device.*
- *Clerk to ensure that the SID device is covered by insurance.*

123.iv Consider use of social media for NMPC

FB page (not group), to ensure that the page cannot be posted on by others and comments cannot be made unless requested.

❖ ***Action*** **–** *RFO/Assistant Clerk to set up FB page*

123.v NMPC Logo

Clerk and RFO/Assistant Clerk have been unable to find the previous logo used by NMPC.

❖ ***Action*** **–** *Cllr Welbourn to try to locate copy of logo*

124. To receive Member's reports on:

124.i Update on Woodlands Community Hall, plans for garages and outside toilet facilities

Payment made for initial plans. Awaiting outcome of CIL application, this is expected soon.

124.ii Play area

Groundsman to attend maintenance course in January, cost has not been confirmed. Clerk has also reminded Groundsman of the tidying work needed around the war memorial ahead of Remembrance Sunday

124.iii Recreation ground: Holes/boundaries/ditches/ equipment/ damage to car park barrier

- **Quote from Gardeners South re holes in field**

Quote received of £450 + VAT, unable to carry out work until Spring.

- **Tree planting scheme**

On hold

-**Offer from insurance company re height barrier**

❖ ***Action*** **–** *Clerk to send quotes and offer to our insurance company*

124.iv Other local halls

- **St Matthew's Church Hall floor repairs**

Cllr Johnstone & Cllr Shaw have visited and taken photos of work required. Damage has been caused to the floor due to a drain not being installed, the drain has since been installed.

Cllr Johnstone proposed the following motion:
The council to approve the payment of £4482.30, to be taken from last years CIL monies and to also agree to pay £1470 for carpet costs once invoice is received
Cllr Welbourn seconded the motion.
Upon being put to vote:
Resolved: The motion was carried unanimously

- ***Action*** **–** *RFO/Assistant Clerk to arrange payments*

125. Outlook – Update on Winter edition

The physical copies have been delivered to Cllr Shaw, the digital version has been added to our website. We are seeing a decline in advertisers and we will look at promoting the magazine more and consider additional drop off points- including phone box on Alpine Road and possibly a note in our noticeboards to direct people to the website.

126. To receive Member's reports on Footpaths & Bridleways

No update.

127. Lengthsman – agree any further work to do/update re Cllr Johnstone walkaround

Cllr Johnstone is assessing this when moving the SID device.

- ***Action*** *– Cllr Johnstone to continue to assess when moving the SID device.*

128. Groundsman – updates on work tasked

Already covered.

129. Clerk/RFOs report

RFO/Assistant Clerk and Cllr Cook have produced year to date and prediction to end of year figures alongside a financial management summary.
Old email address being used by previous RFO, this account is not required and can be closed.
Projects – Bartley clock, we are unable to use CIL monies to help with cost, can add to budget for next year. Village hall predicted cost to be reduced, Cllr Cook to confirm revised amount. Costing of planning consultant for Inspectorate review to be added to next budget.

- ***Actions*** –
- *RFO/Assistant Clerk to add correct figures to financial management summary and prepare draft budget. Also to contact NFDC for a house number prediction for next precept calculation.*
- *Clerk to contact previous RFO and ask for email to be closed.*
- *Cllr Cook to research revised cost for hall planning.*

130. Correspondence

Correspondence report detailing all correspondence received since last Council meeting was circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting

131. To approve payments and consider other Finance Matters

131i. The following October payments were agreed

Expenditure				
Detail	**Details**	**Net**	**VAT**	**Gross**
TLC web 2892 (Sept-Nov)/Outlook 2891	Online	240.00	0.00	240.00
Hold Fast Property inv 1020	Online	150.00	0.00	150.00
Gardeners South Inv 4736	Online	388.33	77.67	466.00
NFDC GIS Partnership inv 41086508	Online	110.51	22.10	132.61
ElanCity SID inv 03588	Online (from Police grant)	2,846.28	569.26	3,415.54
Jane Hudson inv 260501/01	Online	770.00	0.00	770.00
Royal British Legion inv 31343449	Online	46.17	3.83	50.00
ElanCity SID extras inv 03849	Online (from CIL monies)	259.61	51.92	311.53
Clerk	Online	900.98	900.98	
RFO/Assistant Clerk	Online	721.74	721.74	
NEST pension	Direct Debit	10.27	10.27	
Lloyds Bank monthly fee	Auto payment	4.25	4.25	
Payments authorised by:	Total uncleared above	6,448.14	724.78	7,172.92

131.i Approve payments -

- JH for pre application feasibility work for community hall - approved
- Payment of the SID invoice SAJ-UK_2026-03588T (police grant) - approved
- Payment of the SID invoice SO-UK08450 (CIL monies) - approved

131.ii Bank reconciliation to 30 September 2026

Cllr Cook checked, agreed and emailed council to confirm

131.iii Update on year spend and forecast spend for remainder of financial year - to include in budget Bartley Village Clock, upgrade and maintenance

£5k to be added to next year's budget

- ***Action*** *– RFO/Assistant Clerk to add Bartley Village Clock to draft budget*

132. Parish Matters

132.i Councillor's items

Cllr Cook to send formal letter to National Park Authority asking them to look at their process which allows an owner to put in a land option so late in the process which then skips the consultation process.

- ***Action*** *– Cllr Cook to prepare letter.*

133. Items for the next agenda

- Precept and draft budget
- Note – Clerk will not be present at next meeting

- **Action** – Clerk to add precept and draft budget to next agenda

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There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:35 pm

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RFO/Assistant Clerk to the Council to: All Members of the Council

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Next meeting Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 7.00 pm Woodlands Community Hall

Signed: date: 18th November 2026