Nutfield Parish Council Minutes
Nutfield Memorial Hall
Wednesday 14th January 2026
Meeting opened at **7.30pm** and closed at **8.45pm.**

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Councillors (Cllrs) present:
Cllr Rigel Mowatt (Chair) (RM)
Cllr John Corlett (JCo) (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Dean Holborn (DH)
Cllr Sue Ford (SF)
Cllr Jon Dadswell (JD)
Cllr Aled Duggan (AD)
Cllr Duncan Mallison (DM)

Apologies:
Cllr John Clarke (JC)
Cllr Graham Powell (GP)

Attending:
Cllr Helena Windsor (HW)

Apologies:
Cllr Chris Farr (CF)
Cllr Richard Fowler (RF)
Cllr Louise Case (LC)

In attendance: Jim Paulett (Clerk & RFO), PC Lee Newman of Surrey Police plus 8 members of the public. Before the meeting began to hear official business, the Chair thanked PC Newman for his attendance and asked him to address the meeting. PC Newman explained that he was invited by the clerk, following a number of instances of criminal activity in the village. He then went on to list the crimes that had been reported, starting with the instances of the dumping of stolen vehicles in South Nutfield, which he stated were linked to the two known instances of attempted burglary on The Avenue and Mid Street. Without going into detail, PC Newman was able to re-assure the meeting that there were reasons to believe that these criminal activities were to cease and were unlikely to continue to happen. Next, he disclosed that the instances of tyre-slashing and catapult attacks were being treated as non-gang related, and probably carried out by local culprits. The police have a good idea who is likely behind these attacks and will be dealing with it. The car stolen from Morris Road has been identified as being unrelated to other car crime; it is being treated as the activity of a criminal gang from another county, and, again, the police have leads on these criminals. When asked about a message for the residents, PC Newman agreed that although there had been a surge in crime recently, much of this was from out of the area, and with the police on top of the likely suspects that the car crime and burglary was likely to tail off again. After allowing the public and councillors an opportunity to ask questions, the Chairman expressed his gratitude to PC Newman, who left at this point.

1	**Councillor apologies for absence** Apologies were received and accepted for JC, GP, Councillor Farr (Surrey) and Fowler and Case (TDC).	
2	**Declarations of interest** None declared.	
3	**Minutes of Previous Meeting** The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2025 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
4.	**Public Session** Several MoP's had come to talk about planning matters. The first to speak introduced himself and explained his background as an expert in drainage matters. He wished to represent another MoP, a farmer, who was also present and had concerns about the impact that development 2025/1469 would have on the ditches and other drainage arrangements. Council noted these concerns. Other MoP's wished to discuss application 2025/1408 and council was able to disclose that it had engaged a planning professional who had prepared (an as yet unfinished version of) a letter outlining comments on the viability of the Thepp's Close proposal. Although attendees had not had time to fully digest this document, it was assessed as being suitable and represented what the council had expected when it commissioned the work. Some MoP's left at this point.	

5. **Reports from other authorities**

HW, having listened to the public session about planning was able to disclose that in discussions with Nick Perrins of TDC, had supported the local concerns about planning and had warned that allowing too much planning to proceed would exacerbate known problems of creaking infrastructure, with the village school being of particular concern. As a result of the report from HW and the concerns expressed in the public session, council instructed the clerk to engage Steve Tilbury to write a short letter to TDC on behalf of the council where concerns about drainage could be raised. With LC offering apologies, the clerk was able to read out a report about the re-development of Thepp's Close. In short, residents are being relocated; the planning application will be submitted in the coming months, and demolition work is anticipated in 2027.

6. **Planning** — Clerk

To agree a response to the following planning applications:

No.	Address	Detail
2025/1469	Eugene Bann Tennis Centre, Crab Hill Lane, South Nutfield, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 5PG	Demolition of existing tennis centre and redevelopment of site to provide 9 houses with associated vehicular access, parking and landscaping.
2025/1408	Land At Thepps Close, South Nutfield, Redhill, RH1 5NX	Provision of 26 new dwellings (50% of which will be affordable), green infrastructure, public open space, biodiversity enhancements, parking, vehicular and pedestrian access arrangements.
2025/1483/TPO	Beech House, The Avenue, South Nutfield, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 5RY	Please refer to photos provided: T1) - Beech- Fell to ground level. T2) - Horse Chestnut - Reduce height by 1.5m maintaining natural shape and back to suitable growth point leaving remaining height and width of 9m and 5m and crown lift to height of 3m removing secondary growth. T3) - Cherry - Fell to ground level. Re planting of same species will take place further away from house.
2025/1521	47 Mid St, South Nutfield. RH14JU	Erection of 3 bedroom dwelling located in rear garden of 47 Mid St and fronting Kentwyns Drive

The first two applications had been discussed at length earlier in the meeting and council **RESOLVED** to use the Steve Tilbury report as representation to TDC for 2025/1408. Furthermore it **RESOLVED** to engage Steve Tilbury to represent the council by drafting a reply in response to 2025/1469 with particular regard to the drainage issues raised earlier in the meeting. The other two applications were uncontentious (2025/1483/TPO) and noted as having had a pre-application which raised no objections unless reasonable objections from neighbours.

Clerk to report to TDC

7. **Finance**

- The list of payments was approved.
- Detailed Receipts & Payments Report was approved and signed
- Bank reconciliation for December 2025 was noted and signed
- DH offered to release payments
- **RESOLVED** – The proposed budget and precept was agreed and the clerk instructed to make the submission. — clerk

8 **Village Summer Event** — Clerk and DM

The clerk was instructed to provide support to DM who was finding the admin for the event to be more involved than expected. In particular, obtaining the necessary licences was proving difficult. DM warned that there was a possibility that the event may need to be postponed by a year and planned for 2027. However, if it was felt feasible to still arrange for this year, a mooted date of 4th July was put forward. The event will have a very different feel to the bonfire event. Any alcohol licence would be limited to 500 people, and it may be necessary to fence off any bar areas from the rest of the event. More details to follow in later meetings

9 **Link Magazine** — clerk

The clerk was instructed to continue finish with the final part of the three-part article for the Link which outlines mechanisms and helplines for reporting various aspects of community life which are currently being channelled through the parish council.

10	**Policies.** Last-minute checks had picked up inconsistencies between actual financial payment procedures and what had been set out in the Financial Regulations. The clerk agreed to tweak this and re-present in February. The clerk expressed gratitude for the work of the various councillors who had been reviewing documents on behalf of the council. More of these policies will be reviewed and adopted each month until May/June.	Clerk
11	**Clerk's exchange.** Fullers Wood Lane has been fly-tipped again, which was a surprise to nobody. The clerk had appealed for help to TDC in tracking down the fly-tippers via names and addresses left at the scene, and there was hope that TDC would clear the site of rubbish. In the event, TDC declined to remove the waste as it is on private land, and it was acknowledged that the sheer number of packages with names and addresses suggested that these people were not directly the fly-tippers. The site had been assessed by the clerk for its suitability for placing a surveillance camera. However, there is no obvious point to site the camera without installing a post and, in any case, none of the land belongs to NPC, which cannot put cameras on land not belonging to it. DH said he would speak to landowners to see if they would consent to installing cameras. **RESOLVED** – the clerk sought permission to join social media groups for local developments and this was agreed. Residents at the marsh has requested funding for a new mower. Salt bins – the clerk was instructed to engage with HW about this. It was pointed out that the residues in the bins might have to be removed before new stocks could be delivered.	clerk
12	**Application for a local By-law** The clerk reported that research had led him to believe that by-laws were possible, but the process, the cost and the procedure were all unknown. When discussing the viability, alternative strategies were discussed and the clerk was asked to look into these.	
13	**Items for information or for inclusion on future agendas** • Bonfire finances • Asset transfer	
14	**Next meeting date** Date of the next council meeting confirmed as 11th February 2026.	
15	**Exclusion of press and public** The chair dismissed this item and then closed the meeting at 8.45 pm	