Nutfield Parish Council Minutes
Nutfield Memorial Hall
Wednesday 13th May 2026
Meeting opened at **7.30pm** and closed at 8.33**pm.**

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Councillors (Cllrs) present:
Cllr Rigel Mowatt (Chair) (RM)
Cllr John Corlett (JCo) (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Graham Powell (GP)
Cllr John Clarke (JC)
Cllr Aled Duggan (AD)
Cllr Dean Holborn (DH)
Cllr Duncan Mallison (DM)

Apologies:
Cllr Jon Dadswell (JD)
Cllr Sue Ford (SF)

Attending:
Cllr Helena Windsor (HW)
Cllr Richard Fowler (RF)

Apologies:
Cllr Chris Farr (CF)
Cllr Louise Case (LC)

In attendance: Jim Paulett (Clerk & RFO) – Around 12 Members of the Public.

1	**Councillor apologies for absence** Apologies were received and accepted for JD, SF and Councillors Case (TDC) and Farr (Surrey)	
2	**Declarations of interest** None declared.	
3	**Minutes of Previous Meeting** The minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
4.	**Public Session (Changed from the agenda order)** Most members of the public had attended because they had an interest in planning decisions. Several of them spoke and most seem to have an interest in the proposed development of 90 houses on mid Street in particular. It had been expected that representatives from the Guinness trust were going to attend the meeting but in the event none of them appeared. Further to this, none of the members of public had any more contributions to make at this stage and so the chairman moved onto the next agenda item.	
5	**Elections** Election of a Chairman for 2026/27. Councillor Rigel Mowatt was re-elected Chairman Under s83(4) Local Government Act 1972 and signed the prescribed declaration of office at the meeting. Election of a Vice-Chairman for 2026/27 Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Councillor John Corlett was re-elected Vice-Chairman Under s83(4) Local Government Act 1972 and signed the prescribed declaration of office at the meeting.	
6	**Allocation of councillors to committees both internal and external bodies** See list of Committees, Working Groups and Liaison Bodies below. Councillors were allocated to these for 2026-27 with no changes made to the existing arrangements.	

7.	**Reports from other authorities** RF and HW between them were able to update the council on: • Changes to the Godstone Local Plan. A working Group is due to meet tomorrow (14th May 2026), after which more information would become available. • Further to this was a recognition that their persisted many problems around traffic and road transport in the local area particularly on the A22 from East Grinstead to the M25. Other risks from overdevelopment of Greenbelt land include flooding and lack of infrastructure.	
8.	**Jubilee Fields Proposal** Council heard proposals from a representative of Nutfield Conservation Society about increasing bio-diversity on Parish Council land. The representative was pleased to be able to list a number of species of wildflower which had been assessed as being present at the middle Jubilee field. Soil analysis findings are awaited after which the Nutfield Conservation Society will have a clearer idea about what they might wish to do with that land. Council thanks for the representative for her presentation and agreed to consider whatever proposal might be put forward in the coming months. There was a reminder from council to the representative that council may plan to hold events in that field and that the Conservation Society should be mindful that it might be a shared space in the future.	
9	**Planning** To agree a response to the seven planning applications on the agenda. Council RESOLVED responses to all of these applications and instructed the clerk to make the submissions to TDC	Cl erk
10.	**Finance** • The list of payments was approved. DH to release • Detailed Receipts & Payments Report was signed for April • Bank reconciliation for April 2026 was approved and signed	
11.	**Link Magazine** The clerk was instructed to produce an article incorporating the annual update created by the Chairman given at the Annual Parish Assembly.	
12.	**AGAR** • The Annual Governance Statement for the financial year ending 31st March 2026 was APPROVED and signed off • The accounting statements for the financial year ending 31st March 2026 were approved and signed off. • Dates of the period for Exercise of Public Rights were APPROVED as 3rd June to 14th July 2026.	cle rk

13.	**Clerk's exchange.** Repairs to church steps: after setting out the position that the steps seemed to form part of the path to the church which in turn is part of the responsibility of the parish Council councillors decided to instruct the clerk to obtain quotes for the repair of the steps.– SCC refusal to cut Mid Street the clock explained that his efforts to have the county Council cut back the overgrown trees and bushes on mid Street have been unsuccessful. In response council decided to seek private quotes from Redhill farm services to see how much that would cost for the parish Council to do the work.– Updates on Fuller's Wood Lane a third lot of fly tipping in the last 12 months had been cleared following a meeting between councillors and the local MP. Cones and tape seem to have prevented any further fly tipping for the time being. The Clerk is due to meet land owners from the field opposite about installing a CCTV camera in the coming weeks– Application to assess the pond at the allotments for re-homing the newts from the fields. Councillors were shown the letter from Pegasus group and the Clerk was asked to scan this and put it onto the SharePoint. No decision was to be made on this until Pegasus could explain who had instructed them and what the purpose of the survey was to be. Further discussions were held about the efficiency of the current CCTV system.	cle rk
14.	**Transport** HW and RF were still present. An update was received from district councillors who were able to report back from the recent meeting at Redhill aerodrome. It seems that the owners of the aerodrome are still finding it financially difficult particularly after the departure of the NHS department who were stationed there.	Cle rk
15.	**Items for information or for inclusion on future agendas** • None, but RF and HW (TDC) gave advance apologies, as did AD (NPC)	
14.	**Next meeting date** Date of the next council meeting confirmed as 10th June 2026.	
15.	**Exclusion of press and public** The chair closed the meeting at 8.33 pm	