Nutfield Parish Council Minutes
Nutfield Memorial Hall
Wednesday 9th September 2026
Meeting opened at **7.30pm** and closed at **8.50pm.**

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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 Duncan Mallison (DM)
Cllr Jon Dadswell (JD)
Cllr Aled Duggan (AD)
Cllr Graham Powell (GP)

Apologies:
Cllr John Clarke (JC)

Attending:
Cllr Helena Windsor (HW)
Cllr Louise Case
Apologies:
Cllr Richard Fowler (RF)
Cllr Chris Farr (CF)
Cllr Steve Paris (SP)

In attendance: Jim Paulett (Clerk & RFO). 2 Members of the public

1	**Councillor apologies for absence** Apologies were received and accepted for JC and Councillors Fowler (TDC), Farr (Surrey) and Paris (East Surrey)	
2	**Declarations of interest** None.	
3	**Minutes of Previous Meeting** The minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
4.	**Public Session** One MoP wished to discuss his objections a planning application which is on the agenda for discussion. Councillors listened to the points and agreed that there would be scope to include objections relating to the footpaths in the official NPC response to the application. The MoP also wished to make a point about the general state of footpaths within the parish and expressed disappointment that the overseeing authority (SCC) had been dismissive of his attempts to improve public footpath provision. The clerk expressed sympathy with this position, having had his own attempts to achieve improved public footpaths equally dismissed. The clerk pledged to work with the MoP to bring pressure to bear if the MoP would contact him to work together. Another MoP sought to persuade npc of the benefits of drawing up a neighbourhood plan. RM explained that this had been considered over the preceding years, but dismissed. DM expanded that producing an adequate neighbourhood plan would require 4-5 people doing full-time hours to complete properly. Furthermore, the time required to produce one would exceed the remaining lifepan of the district council. However, interventions from HW and LC pointed out that despite not being ready for next April, a neighbourhood plan would be strongly recommended. They suggested liaising with Bletchingley to see whether a joint plan could be put forward, or else NPC ask to benefit from the work carried out on the BPC plan. The clerk asked the MoP to contact him as there were other residents who held the same view about this that they might like to establish contact with. The two MoP's left at around 7.55.	

5	**Reports from other authorities** HW asked for an update on bin collections. The response was that the worst seems to be over and collections have largely returned to normal. She was asked about progression of the Kentwyn's Rise but she reported no new information. Finally, she reported that it had come to light that around a dozen caravans had been spotted on a property at Dean's Lane. These were said to be temporarily visiting residents there and were due to move on within a certain timeframe. LC and HW reported that TDC has received 3,200 responses from residents to their Local Plan. A discussion took place about the Local Plan and district councillors were asked if they knew why the three alternative options mooted for garden villages last time (South Godstone, Lingfield, Blindley Heath) had fallen out of favour, leaving Redhill Aerodrome as the sole option. LC stated that the preferred option, South Godstone, had been abandoned after TDC accepted that the additional traffic generated would not be satisfactorily funnelled up the A22 to Junction 6 of the M25. The chairman wished to move to close this discussion, but the clerk asked permission to update the meeting on some work that he had been doing following the forwarding of a letter originating in 2018 from the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for General Aviation. Although the composition of MP's and Peers seems to be substantially different now compared to 2018, the public liaison officer remained the same. The clerk has ascertained that the APPG's opinion on the retention of Redhill Aerodrome as an asset of strategic importance remained unchanged; however the group stopped short of making an intervention into TDC's decision. Councillors felt strongly that the clerk should send this information to TDC as it may have fully taken this into consideration thus far.	clerk
6.	**Planning** Three planning applications were considered and responses from NPC were agreed. The clerk to submit the responses to TDC. In addition, it was agreed that responses to the Guinness Partnership proposal as drafted by the planning consultant could be formally submitted following minor tweaks from the clerk.	clerk
7.	**Finance** • The list of payments was approved. SF to release payments • Detailed Receipts & Payments Report was signed for August 2026 • Bank reconciliation for August 2026 was approved and signed £1000 transfer to CMT as per the budget was agreed	Clerk and SF
8.	**Link Magazine** It was agreed to leave the next article to be submitted in October. This would revolve largely around the upcoming bonfire event.	
9	**Cemetery Push Tests** Councillors were asked to vote to defer push-tests at the cemetery indefinitely following risk assessments which showed that it was disproportionate to the risk in terms of time and resources. Councillors voted to accept this recommendation. A brief discussion ensued regarding the same tests under NPC's responsibilities to the closed graveyard at St Peter and St Paul Church and the clerk explained that the Cemetery Manager did plan to carry out push-tests at this location and was going to liaise with the church warden.	
10	**TDC Local Plan** This was discussed earlier in the meeting and now that the deadline for comment has passed, the Chairman asked that it be removed as an agenda item for future meetings.	

11	**Clerk's exchange.** • Mid St Rec - .The football pitches have been fenced off now and residents will be denied access until the pitches are fit to use next March. Works on the MUGA are scheduled for this month and an update on the perimeter fence was given. • The clerk has not been aggressively reporting the current fly-tip of asbestos on Fullers Wood Land as it is on private land (in contrast to previous events which are on the roadside). The new camera does not yet appear to have been installed and the clerk was asked to contact the land-owners. • Councillors heard proposals to improve drainage and access for residents on Jubilee Fields. The clerk was instructed to progress this. • Further to earlier discussions, the clerk reported correspondence that he had had about the overgrowth of trees and bushes which restrict the available space for passing vehicles on Mid St. • A document was circulated which showed recent reports and observations made by NPC's Highways Assistant. Whilst nothing of particular concern was noted, the sheer number of fly-tipping instances was observed, as was the positive contribution made by the employee concerned.	Clerk
12.	**Items for information or for inclusion on future agendas** • The Local Plan is to be removed from future agenda. • Bonfire night. • Budget and current financial position	
11.	**Next meeting date** Date of the next council meeting confirmed as 14th October 2026.	
12.	**Exclusion of press and public** • The chair closed the meeting at 8.50 pm	