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**NURSLING &
ROWNHAMS
PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 16th April 2026 at 7:00pm**

Council Members Present:

Cllr P Bundy – Chairman (PB) Cllr M Maltby Vice-Chairman (MM)	Cllr D Hedges (DH) Cllr A Fisher (AF)	Cllr G Orriss (GO) Cllr I Brewer (IB) Cllr T Swain (TS)
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In Attendance:

No.	No.	ITEM	Action by
1.		Apologies: PB advised that Cllr Karen Dunleavy, Cllr Pauline Dukes, Cllr Graham Barker, Cllr Christina Boella, Maxine Gordon (Parish Clerk) and Cllr Nick Adam-King were unable to attend.	
2.		Declarations of Interests.	
	2.1	Before the start of the meeting wish to confirm appointment of temporary clerk for minutes of the meeting, without any payment.	
	2.2	Proposed PB, seconded GO. All agreed.	
	2.3	Item 10 on the agenda (Dog Bin Emptying) should read £1243.15 plus VAT.	
	2.4	GB will be on a rolling declaration for the construction of the new pavilion.	
3.		To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10th March 2026	
	3.1	The minutes were proposed by GO and seconded by IB. All agreed that the minutes of the Full Meeting held on Tuesday 10 th March 2026 were accurate and correct.	
4.		Adjournment for 10 Minute Public Question Time.	

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	4.1	<p>Item 12 on the Agenda Carried Forward, Planning Application 26/00538/OUTS. Land at Packridge.</p> <p>Residents attended the meeting, objecting to this application.</p> <p>Strong opposition to this development. 70 Objections have been sent to TVBC. At the moment 4 local G.P surgeries are already 10,000 oversubscribed, Mountbatten school at capacity, detrimental impact on wildlife. The application is against Policy COM8 and COM9 development in the countryside. Policy COM2 Development lies outside the settlement boundary and conflicts with policies protecting the countryside. Policy E5. Well managed agricultural land – evidence of bats and newts. There is insufficient evidence that development will achieve the required measurable Biodiversity net gain. Road infrastructure cannot cope, at saturation point. Access via Hoe Lane or Packridge Lane is unsuitable for the level of traffic that would be created if the development was built.</p>	
	4.2	Need to speak to planners re confusion of the application being in the name of Packridge Farm, Packridge Lane. The relevant land is in Hoe Lane.	
	4.3	Parish Councilor's object to this application.	
	5.	Police Report and Community Safety.	
	5.1	No attendants from Police.	
	6.	TVBC and County Councillors' Report	
	6.1	Notified of outcome of LGR at the end of March. Option chosen was very disappointing	
	6.2	PB and TS listened to the debate of NFDC that took place on Monday 13 th April 2026. They had 38 Councillors in the chamber, 16 spoke. NFDC to obtain legal advice whether a Judicial Review is feasible.	
	6.3	If the advice is that there are sufficient grounds for a JR the resolution was, they would pursue that action.	
	6.4	PB contacted Sir Julian Lewis (MP for the area) and a Borough Councillor.	
	6.5	Need New Forest, Chilworth, Nursling and Rownhams, Valley Park to join forces to oppose the proposal by the government for boundary reviews. Will try to encourage leader of Test Valley to back these, Parishes.	

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	6.6	HCC will object to boundary changes.	
	6.7	PB , we are pursuing Reg 18 part 2, heading towards Reg 19. Reg 19 plan carries more weight; therefore, speculative development is easier to argue against. Needs to be completed by the end of 2026. We will still be part of Test Valley in December 2027. Therefore, time to influence decisions.	
7.		To Dispose of Business Remaining from the Previous Meeting/Chairman's Report	
	7.1	Dropped kerbs in Hillyfields. TS Pursue funding dropped kerbs from CIL infrastructure funds	Continues
	7.2	Home Covert Link Path – Contractor has commenced work to remove trees affected by Ash die back. During the process, they caused damage to the new path. Will be repaired. Work has started to remove some of the suspect Ash trees, particularly ones that are adjacent to neighbouring properties.	Continues
	7.3	Second Link Path from Fenn Meadow to Down the Side of Jubilee Park to Link with the Existing One – To ensure these paths link.	
	7.4	Resilience Forum/Emergency Planning – Looking for volunteers around the Parish to take on responsibility if an emergency occurs. PB and DH attended a general meeting on 27 th March 2026.	Continues
	7.5	SANG alongside Broadleaf Development – PB, all outstanding actions are complete.	Complete
	7.6	Park Benches – Concrete bases. As we are now going to install an All-weather cricket pitch the original plan for the benches showed two of them inside the boundary. A new plan will be redrawn to show a new location. Pile of sand to be used to repair football pitch. GO raised a query reference the bench at the bottom of Horns Drove. Not in a good state. Responsibility of HCC. Clerk to contact HCC	Continues
	7.7	Speed Indicator Devices – PB, attempting to source two poles for the devices. Need to review the siting of the poles. Obtain help from residents regarding CCTV.	Continues
	7.8	Drainage for Football Pitch – TVBC Ground maintenance still to carry out work.	Continues
8.		Approval of Payments for Period Ending 31st March 2026 plus Financial Reports.	
	8.1	A schedule of payments and financial reports for the month ending 31 st March 2026 were presented to the Council. DH proposed the report be accepted, GO seconded. All agreed.	
9.		Pavilion Project Update	
	9.1	Very much behind schedule	

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	9.2	If the cladding had been completed there would not have been so many questions reference the timescale of the project from residents.	
10.		To Approve Annual Contract for Dog Bin Emptying with Test Valley Borough Council, £1243.15 + VAT	
	10.1	Proposed by GO, seconded by DH. All agreed	
11.		Planning Application 26/00695/OUTS, Land East of Broadleaf Park, Shutler Close, Rownhams (2nd April 2026)	
	11.1	Objection to be sent to planning department from the Parish Council	
12.		Planning Application 26/00538/OUTS, Land at Packridge Farm, Packridge Lane	
	12.1	Refer to Items 4.1 – 4.2 – 4.3	
13.		Developments and Applications.	
	13.1	26/00375/VARS, SHB HIRE, MILL LANE, NURSLING – Variation of condition 2 and 5 of 23/01080/FULLS (Erection of an Electricity sub-station. Inclusion of firewall and removal of switch house and provide details of external lighting. NO OBJECTION	
	13.2	26/00474/ADVS, THE PADEL HUB, UNITS A1 AND A2, ADANAC TRADE PARK, ADANAC DRIVE, Display of Non-illuminated signs. NO OBJECTION	
	13.3	26/00501/VARS, M27 EASTBOUND, Variation of condition 2 of 20/03021/FULLS. Works to hard standing, to provide 97 additional car parking spaces, amend car parking layout. NO OBJECTION	
	13.4	26/00429/CLPS, 19 JEFFRIES CLOSE, ROWNHAMS, Application for a lawful development certificate for proposed installation of 12 solar panels. NO OBJECTION	
	13.5	26/00541/OUTS, LAND ADJACENT 23A UPTON CRESCENT, NURSLING – Erection of Chalet Bungalow (all matters reserved apart from size/scale and layout. No Objection.	
	13.6	26/00546/TPOS, 6 BARKER MILL CLOSE, ROWNHAMS – T1 – sycamore-crown approximately 3 metres reduction. T2 – oak – approximately 1.5 metres reduction. T3 – ash- crown – reduce by 3 metres. T4 – ash – approximately 2.3 metres reduction . No Objection	
	13.7	26/00538/OUTS, LAND AT PACKRIDGE FARM – Development of up to 190 dwellings with access from Hoe Lane. Objection	

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	13.8	26/00493/CLPS, 16 HANN ROAD, ROWNHAMS – Lawful development certificate for proposed demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey side extension. No Objection	
	13.9	26/00655/TPOS, HORNS INN, ROMSEY ROAD – (T1) Oak-Reduce down to 8-10 metres finishing height.	
	13.10	26/00597/FULLS/ THE NOOK, ROMSEY ROAD, NURSLING – Erection of side extension and installation of two dormers. No Objection	
	13.11	26/00683/TPOS, 39 FAIRLAWN CLOSE, ROWNHAMS – T1 – Oak – Remove major deadwood (exempt) remove first low limb, T2 – Beech crown lift – removing first group of 4/5 small diameter branches to provide 3-4 metres clearance. No Objection	

14.		Correspondence for Discussion and Action. Appendix 2 Attached	
15.		Members questions	
	15.1	Balmoral Way , close to the junction of Greenwood Ave, Parish wishes to clear foliage and create lay-by. PB and MG met Daniel Hutchins Transport Service Team. He is to inform clerk who is the best person to contact.	Continues
	15.2	TS – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – PD and CB volunteered. No response from residents yet.	Continues
	15.3	TS-All Weather Cricket Wicket and MUGA – Both projects progressing through TVBC. For the MUGA, the Funding in Section 106 is quite strict as to what can be installed in relation to the size.	Continues
	15.4	Request 2 Dog Bins – TVBC to give a date when they can install the bins	Continues
	15.5	Understand, we do not need planning permission for an illuminated sign. To be checked	Continues
	15.6	CB, Shared area for documents. MM, need to have a central account which owns the storage. Would be an additional amount of £4.36 per month per user. IB happy to help with IT.	Continues

15.7	PB spoke to transport services. Speed limit will only be possible passed the houses. Also, when we have attendance from the police, discuss the reduction of the speed limit.	Continues	
15.8	Gateway Sign for Mill Lane. Require sign, stating No Through Road to be erected to avoid traffic accidently turning into Mill Lane. Residents would like sign placed Mill Lane fork, Weston Corner. MG to follow up	Continues	
15.9	Earth at St. Boniface Park, Clerk to obtain quote from TVBC for earth to be spread evenly.		
15.10	TS, LGR – New Forest questionnaire online. Encourage people to sign up. Also, letter to The Secretary of State from Caroline Nokes, is collecting signatures to add to the letter.		
15.11	At the AGM, NAK will have flyers to go out, reference LGR.		
15.12	Nursling and Rownhams Parish Council – Write to The Secretary of State, stating why Nursling and Rownhams Parish Council Object to a Boundary change. Will ask Chilworth Parish Council to send a similar letter.		
15.13	AF – St. Johns Church have removed some pews and replaced with chairs. It is a church decision. The Parish Council only have the responsibility to ensure there is adequate burial spaces at St. Johns and St. Boniface church.		
15.14	AF – Long trailers back parking in Station Road. PB and MG discussed with officer from Test valley to place planters made from railway sleepers in Station Road to alleviate this issue. Officer to seek approval from HCC.		

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

The next Full Meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 12th May 2026

Post Meeting Note: Next Full meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 14th May 2026