

Minutes of the Nettlebed Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting
at The Village Club, High Street, Nettlebed
on **Tuesday, 21st July 2026** at 7.00pm

Councillors

Present: Chair: Dennis Rocks (DR)
Councillors: Geoff Bond (GB), Emilia Henderson (EH), Amanda Foister (AF)
Stuart Mackie (SM), Conway Shaw (CS), Andy Bryan (AB)

Officer: EH acted as Clerk for the meeting (in the Clerk's absence, as agreed at the start of the meeting)

Also present: 9 member(s) of the public

144/26 **Apologies for Absence**

None

145/26 **Appointment of minute-taker**

EH was appointed to take the minutes of the meeting in the absence of the Clerk.

146/26 **Declaration of Interests**

DR declared that he lives opposite the Brick Kiln but has no personal connections to the heritage building.

147/26 **Chairman's Welcome and Public Forum**

It should be noted that the time allocated for the public session is a total of 10 minutes for all those wishing to speak.

DR introduced the meeting and led the agenda. The Council agreed to suspend the usual order of business to allow members of the public to speak when P26/S2184/LB Brick Kiln planning application was considered later on the agenda.

148/26 P26/S2073/LB & P26/S2072/HH [Peebles Crocker End Nettlebed Henley-on-thames RG9 5BJ](#)

Partial demolition of an existing 2-storey extension and the construction of a new 2-storey extension with associative internal modifications. Erection of a new porch over the existing barn entrance. Erection of a new porch over the existing farmhouse entrance.

AB noted that it was unclear whether the neighbouring properties had been made aware of planning application. They are now aware and have no objections, bar that the windows need to be glazed when facing their property.

It was noted that the new SODC planning system does not list the neighbours on the council consultee website.

Following discussion, the Council **Resolved:** No Objection.

P26/S2184/LB [Brick Kiln The Old Kiln Nettlebed RG9 5AX](#)

Recorded removal of early C20 'top hat' section atop original bottle kiln structure and dismantling of approx top 20 courses of original structure due to masonry deterioration; storage of all viable bricks within indoor storage facility, labelled for future reinstatement. Rebuild of the original kiln top courses only.

It was noted that the scaffolding was erected and top part of the kiln was taken down and bricks taken away to be dried out. There were concerns about the length of time the scaffolding was erected and cost to the public.

One individual noted that the original stonemasons had said they were heritage specialists from a national company and had indicated that they would be returning to complete the work. However, the resident raised concerns with OCC regarding the methods/materials being used. The stonemasons were not subsequently re-engaged, and the scaffolding remained in place for several months, with the cost being paid by taxpayers.

MOP: Queries were raised about the current look of the kiln and whether the top hat would be reinstated or repaired properly.

It was noted that there is no 'chimney crown' in the current plans for the top hat to be replaced. It was also noted that the incorrect mortar has been used and the current plan for 20 layers of bricks to be placed at the bottom is not appropriate.

Complaints were raised about lack of consultation with the Parish about the work done. The council put in this application, but it is deemed to be an unsatisfactory course of action.

MOP: Comments were made that the individuals who made the mistake should be responsible and upset at the cost of the scaffolding. Request that the local paper be informed.

DR: Noted that the consultation opened on the 7th July but the sign outside the kiln was only placed on the week of the 13th.

Following discussion, the Council Resolved: Object. It was agreed that the objection would be drafted by SM in line with the discussion and agreed response. Freddie van Mielo, Cllr Jo Robb and Cllr Ben Higgins and The Henley Standard would be contacted to raise awareness. A full consultation process would be requested, including costed options, a series of proposals, and greater transparency.

Meeting closed: 19:38