

Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 7.15 pm.

on Monday 14th June 2021 on the Village Green, Nether Wallop.

- 5681 Present at the meeting** Cllrs Whitaker, Sangster, Souter, Cotterell, Carpenter, and Graves.
- 5682 In Attendance:** Mrs G Foster, Parish Clerk and 5 members of the public along with HCC Cllr Drew were present for part of the meeting.
- 5683** The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the village green.
- 5684 Apologies for absence:** Cllr Roberts had sent his apologies.
- 5685 Declarations of Interests for items on the agenda, changes in Register of Interests, Requests for dispensations:** None declared.
- 5686 To receive reports from TVBC and HCC:**
- 5687** The chairman welcomed HCC Cllr Drew to his first attendance at a Nether Wallop Parish Council meeting. Cllr Drew said he was very interested to attend the meeting and understand how this Council works. He lives in Goodworth Clatford and was used to village life and felt that Parish Councillors are the eyes and ears for reporting back to TVBC and HCC. He would gladly assist the Parish Council in issues that could not be resolved using the usual online reporting system.
- 5688** Cllr Souter joined the meeting at 19.17.
- 5689** Cllr Drew had already requested HCC to advise why the periodic flooding issue on the A30 at Lopcombe had not been resolved. Under reference 7077648 the Highways department had responded that jetting works had taken place and water run off had improved, but this was not necessarily fast enough during very heavy rainfall as the water took some time to drain away. The site was being monitored by the Assistant Highway Engineer to assess if flooding was continuing during periods of rain. Cllr Drew asked that notes be taken, and information gathered that could be reported online to HCC. Cllr Cotterell advised that the problem had been ongoing for years and that many reports had already been made on the online portal. It was noted that HCC have a prioritisation method for dealing with road issues, mainly driven by risk of death/injury. Reports of issues online help prove the need for action to be taken.
- 5690** A member of the public asked why verge cutting had not taken place this year as many areas around the village were becoming dangerous due to lack of visibility of sight lines on the road. Any dangerous junctions should be reported using the online portal. Cllr Drew would obtain a map of areas in Nether Wallop that were on the HCC cutting schedule and pass this to the Clerk along with information of who to contact at HCC. **Action: Cllr Drew.**
- 5691** It was noted that Cllr Jeffrey had emailed a summary of the MidTest Matters newsletter no.24 which had been circulated on the 8th of June. A copy of the newsletter is available to read on the [website](#).
- 5692 Points from the Floor:** A member of the public queried if anything could be done to prevent large lorries following Satellite Navigation systems directing them down Bent Street. It was noted that other villages had signs stating, "Ignore Sat Nav directions". Obtaining a sign similar to this would be investigated. **Action: Cllr Drew.**
- 5693 To note the NDP Steering Group did not meet in May due to the committee meetings not being able to be held online:** Cllr Souter explained that the meeting could not be held in public due to the pandemic lockdown restrictions and government's decision not to extend the Coronavirus Act 2020 which allowed Parish Councils to hold Virtual Meetings online instead of meetings in person until 6th May 2021. Some members of the team had been meeting as Working Groups to ensure that progress was still being made. Another WG meeting was planned for 21st June.
- 5694 To consider planning applications and agree comments to be sent to Borough Council:** The following applications were considered, and comments as below were unanimously **RESOLVED:**
- 5695** 21/01367/VARN – Foxgloves, Hollom Down Road Lopcombe – Cllr Cotterell declared an interest, that he knew the applicants well, but had not pecuniary interest. - **No Objection.**

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- 5696** 21/01556/FULLN - 21/01557/LBWN Piccadilly Cottage Station Road - **No Objection**
5697 21/01676/TREEN – Asher’s Farm, Five Bells Lane - **No Comment**
5698 21/01678/FULLN & 21/01679/LBWN - Wickhams, Church Road - **No Objection**
5699 21/01710/FULLN - The Manor, Heathman Street - **No Objection**
5700 The comments would be forwarded to the Borough Council. **Action: Clerk.**

5701 **To approve the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting on 4th May 2021:** The minutes had been circulated and posted online. It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, that the draft be approved. The Chairman would sign the paper copies at her earliest opportunity. **Action: Clerk.**

5702 **To approve the Bank Reconciliation and Payments and Receipts and other financial reports as available on the website:** All reports had been filed in the council’s Dropbox and posted on the website prior to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, that payments be approved as below.

Counterparty	Cost	Net	VAT	Total Amount
Sparkles	Cleaning April	29.00	5.80	34.80
GFC Garden Services	Gardening April	72.00		72.00
Microsoft 365	Office 365 April	9.40	1.88	11.28
Abbots Ann Pest Control	Mole Catching	70.00		70.00
BT	Phone April	41.99	8.40	50.39
HALC	Yearly membership	335.89		335.89
Octopus Energy Ltd	Electricity - VG	16.54	0.83	17.37
Octopus Energy Ltd	Electricity - Pavilion	85.50	4.28	89.78
HALC	Good councillor guides	71.39		71.39
Microsoft 365	office 365 May	9.40	1.88	11.28
Viv Blandford	Fuel for VG mowing	30.49		30.49
Gail Foster	Salary & Expenses May	993.59		993.59
HMRC	Tax and NI – May	64.27		64.27
Standard Life	Pension conts EE+ER - May	92.59		92.59
BT	Phone May	41.99	8.40	50.39
Viv Blandford	Fuel for VG mowing	28.55		28.55
Anthony Whitaker	Booking manager	210.00		210.00
Furniture@work	Notice Board playing fields	326.00	65.20	391.20
123Reg	website hosting 5 years	59.95	11.99	71.94
GFC Garden Services	Gardening May	173.00		173.00
Gail Foster	Salary & Expenses June	1,063.73		1,063.73
HMRC	Tax and NI	111.21		111.21
Standard Life	Pension conts EE+ER	92.59		92.59
Totals		4,029.07	108.66	4,137.73

Receipts that had been received were noted as below:

Counterparty	Description	Net	VAT	Total
Alex Dawkins	Tennis bulk bookings	40.00	-	40.00
Anna Green	Tennis bulk bookings	30.00	-	30.00
Caroline Laird	Tennis bulk bookings	50.00	-	50.00
Claire Feeney	Tennis bulk bookings	60.00	-	60.00
E Kelly	Tennis bulk bookings	40.00	-	40.00
Edward Souter	Tennis bulk bookings	40.00	-	40.00
Elizabeth Prickett	Tennis bulk bookings	60.00	-	60.00
JP+AS Reed	Tennis bulk bookings	41.00	-	41.00
Louise Payne	Tennis bulk bookings	30.00	-	30.00
Pam Quick	Tennis bulk bookings	80.00	-	80.00
Steve Linge	Tennis bulk bookings	40.00	-	40.00
T M Powell	Tennis bulk bookings	30.00	-	30.00

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TVBC	Hall hire for elections	160.00	-	160.00
TVBC	Restart Grant	8,000.00	-	8,000.00
Totals		8,701.00	-	8,701.00

The Bank Reconciliation would be signed as soon as possible. **Action: Cllr Whitaker and Clerk.**

- 5703 To receive a report on the effectiveness of the online Tennis Calendar and to note a report from the Bookings Manager:** Councillors had been provided with a written report from the booking manager along with a list of comments received from the residents and a schedule showing the usage of the court since the beginning of the financial year. The booking manager gave a short verbal report and expressed his delight at the supportive comments that had been received. There had not been any negative responses from users and the booking manager felt the system was working much better than it had before. It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, that the online calendar and booking via WhatsApp should continue. **Action: Booking Manager.**
- 5704** Cllr Drew left the meeting at 19.49, to attend another Parish's meeting.
- 5705 To consider if the PC will become the contract party with Openreach to install community Faster Broadband:** A member of the public had attended the meeting to give a report to council on the findings so far. It had been established that the Council did have the power to enter into a contract with Openreach, and a draft contract had been received. It was expected that the costs could be recovered from Grant applications, however the total cost involved and process for claiming recompense had not yet been established. A further meeting with Openreach would be organised via Zoom, and Cllr Sangster and the Clerk would attend. **Action: Community Broadband WG.**
- 5706** West Tytherley Parish Council had recently been through the process and would be contacted. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5707** The decision on whether to enter into the contract with Openreach would be deferred. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5708 To consider if a free Housing Needs Survey should be undertaken by Test Valley Borough Council:** Councillors had been provided with information from TVBC regarding the Housing Needs Survey, along with a copy of the current questionnaire and a copy of the report that had been generated following a survey in Longstock. After some debate, it was **RESOLVED:** by majority, that TVBC be asked to carry out the survey. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5709 To consider requests regarding the Village Green:** A discussion in which the chairman invited members of the public to contribute to, resulted in the following unanimous **RESOLUTIONS:**
- 5710** A poster would be made for the Village Green notice board, the wording would be agreed via email after the meeting. A sticker would be found for the existing black bin on the Green: **Action Clerk.**
- 5711** No extra parts of the Village Green would be left "wild". Whilst the council support wilding in theory, it was felt that the strip of land the other side of the brook and bordering Heathman Street was intentionally left wild, as was the field opposite Gerrards Farm, and therefore the community space should not be altered.
- 5712** The offer from residents to organise a community talk on "Wildflowers and their value to our declining pollinating insects" was enthusiastically approved. The council would waive the Village Hall hire charge for such an event that may encourage residents to participate in wilding sections of their gardens. It should be organised as soon as lockdown restrictions permit. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5713 To decide on action to take regarding the Willows on the Village Green:** Cllr Souter had inspected the trees but was unable to advise on the severity of the problem. TVBC would be asked for their opinion. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5714** If a full tree survey was required, a quote would be obtained from a local specialist. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5715 To note the Clerk's Report and correspondence received:**
- 5716** A resident had called Cllr Cotterell and explained that she had been a victim of bad driving in the parish while she had been out riding her horse. Cllr Cotterell had recommended that the resident pen a letter to the parish magazine and perhaps join the Speedwatch group.
- 5717** A bin is missing from Bent Street, HCC have been contacted via the website.
- 5718** Footpaths: The Lengthsman has been asked to strim RB 35, 36 and 37. The rights of way would be checked to see if the work had been completed. **Action: Cllr Souter.**
- 5719** A resident has advised the council that he had had a particularly nasty fall while in the Village Hall's Garden. His injury had necessitated a hospital stay due to broken bones and reconstructive surgery. The Chairman and Clerk had visited the resident at home and passed on the Council's best wishes. The Council will be taking advice from

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the VH gardener regarding planting that will help prevent soil erosion of the bank at the bank of the garden.

Action: Cllr Whitaker.

5720 The Bus Shelter in Jack's Bush had been damaged. Andover Glass Works have been asked to repair at an approximate cost of £270.

5721 To note Councillors written reports / update / approve any cost implications:

5722 Safe Travel WG – Cllr Whitaker advised that meeting with Hampshire Constabulary had gone ahead.

5723 Sites for Speedwatch volunteering had been passed to the police for their review/approvals. Equipment had been obtained and Cllr Graves was investigating how data could be downloaded. Cllr Whitaker and OWPC Cllr Dixon would be meeting with HCC Cllr Drew to talk about traffic calming.

5724 Playing Fields and Playground – Cllr Sangster advised that the grass contractor had unfortunately cut the playing fields three times in May despite being told the council were participating in "No Mow May".

5725 Village Green – Cllr Carpenter reported that two weddings were hoped to be hosted on the green later in the year.

5726 Village Hall – A meeting was held of the Village Hall Management Committee Working Group to discuss the 'snagging' list and works required. The primary contractors were being contacted for the works to be assessed and scheduled in addition to a redecoration of the hall. The Risk Assessment would be reviewed and updated inline with the changing guidelines. **Action: Cllr Graves.**

5727 The Wallops Parish Hall risk assessment would be obtained. **Action: Cllr Souter.**

5728 Wallops Parish Hall – The next meeting would be held on 16th June. Cllr Cotterell advised that investigations were ongoing in relation to the purchase of solar panels for the hall. Councillors noted it was important that the panels were bought and not rented.

5729 Matters raised by councillors for noting or adding to the next month's agenda: Cllr Cotterell was disappointed to report he had not had a response from TVBC Cllr Jeffrey to his previous questions. Cllr Jeffrey would be contacted. **Action: Cllr Carpenter.**

5730 Cllr Souter reported that the Tennis Courts would soon need repainting and that the hedges were in need of a cut inside and out. Quotes would be obtained. **Action: Clerk.**

5731 Points from the floor. None.

5732 Date of next monthly meeting: Monday 12th July 2021 at 7.15 pm on the Village Green if weather permits.

5733 The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.12 hrs.

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