

**Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm
on Monday 12 March 2018 in Nether Wallop Village Hall**

4149 Attendance: Cllrs Souter (Chair) Carpenter, Cotterell, H James, R James, Addison and Cllr Foster.

4150 Apologies: Cllr Boulton and HCC Cllr Gibson and the Parish Clerk.

4151 Declaration of councillors' pecuniary interests: There are no changes to be made or representations to make. Cllr Addison has completed her form for submission.

4152 Planning applications: Cllr Souter reported on the following planning application.

1. 18/00576/TREEN | Fell 1 Yew, Pollard 1 Willow to below electricity wires | Winton Nursing Home Winton House Farley Street Nether Wallop Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 8HE3. No comment

4153 Points from the floor: none

4154 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of 12 February 2018 were approved by the council and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

4155 Councillors Reports:

- **Resignation:** At the beginning of the meeting Cllr Souter reported that he had sadly received a resignation letter from the Parish Clerk and her apologies for the meeting. The council agreed to pull together in the short term to cover the role. Cllr Foster agreed to take the minutes and Cllr H James will take over the role of RFO (Responsible Financial Officer) until a replacement can be found.

- **Neighbourhood watch:** Cllr Foster reported that we have a few more coordinators on board and forms are being returned and alerts being sent. It was noted that it will likely take a few more months for phase 1 to be completed. Cllr Cotterell had noted a police report that "Overnight of the 8th - 9th March a battery connected to electric fencing surrounding a horse paddock was stolen. This occurred on Wiremead Lane, East Cholderton." Cllr Souter asked that we are all vigilant.

- **Finance:** Cllr H James presented a more detailed February monthly report along with the March monthly breakdown. It was noted that the repairs to the pavilion cost more than was budgeted for due to unforeseen extras, however all March payments were unanimously approved. It was noted that the sum of £1927 (being the excess over budget) of the repairs to the pavilion had been charged against the Village Fund which is a fund specifically reserved to meet expenditure on the pavilion and the sports field.

- **Highways:** Cllr R James has received a request from HCC Cllr Gibson to contact the owners of a property whose hedge protrudes over the road and causes cars to stray over the white line to the wrong side of the road. Cllr R James agreed to contact the householders and request that they arrange to cut it back.

Cllr R James also reported that the pothole outside Rose Cottage had been reported on the portal. Cllr Carpenter advised that there are serious cracks in the tarmac at the top of Ducks Lane opposite Aylwards Way and at the end of the High Street at the junction with Five Bells Lane.

Cllr Cotterell met with Steve Mereno from HCC on 27 February and reported that HCC would address the issues he reported of the potholes, verges and hedgerows in Jack's Bush. The council were reminded of the press release from HCC: "The stark fact is that local councils are woefully under resourced for this vital part of infrastructure." And "without additional Government funding, it is simply not possible to deliver overall improvements in the roads from year to year." The parish council would encourage residents to report potholes and road defects direct to the County Council at: www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems

- **Playing Fields:** Cllr Carpenter reported that he was pleased with the work carried out on the pavilion and that later on in the year the wooden areas will be receiving a coat of preservative. Cllr Carpenter has been approached by a group of residents who have requested a petanque/boules pitch. It is agreed that the village green is not suitable and therefore the playing field is suggested. The council are open to the idea but would require more information on the proposed plans, costings and maintenance.

- **Footpaths:** Iain James had emailed a report to councillors as below.

Rights of Way - All are passable and in good shape. New footpath marker discs will be placed over the next few weeks to improve some of our waymarking.

Lengthsman – He will be making a first pass through the major Restricted Byways and will undertake a further check/clearance of the Spring Pond/Rill water course to keep these clear. In addition he will undertake clearance of some new growth/ingress on FP7 (Wisdom Lane - Trout Lane) which is only one that has any new ingress.

- Village Green: Cllr Carpenter has received a request that a new bridge of sleepers be sited at the bottom of Five Bells Lane to give access to the green. The sleepers will have chicken wire covering them for safety and the bridge will be installed to be wheelchair safe. The estimated cost is around £200 which was proposed by Cllr Carpenter and seconded by Cllr H James. The meeting confirmed that in principle they were happy for this to proceed.

4156 - Nether Wallop Village Hall: Cllr Souter reported that since the handover of the hall on 07 January 2017 the Parish Council have been managing the hall on a verbal agreement. The Parish council have taken legal advice and the situation can be resolved if a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) is drawn up between the Parish Council and the Trustees of the New Village Hall Trust Fund. Alternatively the running of the hall could be passed back to the Trustees. Cllr Carpenter proposed that the Parish Council retain the running of the hall subject to a proper MOU. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Souter. The council's decision was unanimous. Cllr Souter will present the MOU which has been drawn up to the Trustees on the 20th March. Cllr H James and Cllr Souter will review the insurance policies. Cllr Cotterell will contact SSE to claim the income from the solar panels. Booking fees will be reviewed if the Parish Council retain the running of the hall in the new financial year.

4157 - Asset Register: Cllr Souter and Cllr H James will obtain the previous version and perform the review taking into account all purchases made since.

4158 – Risk Assessment: Cllr H James will review the Financial Risk assessment and Cllrs Souter and Addison will jointly review the Hall, Pavilion and Village Green Risk assessments.

4159 - Matters Raised By Councillors.

- New G.D.P.R (General Data Protection Rules). Cllr Cotterell has contacted the website provider to obtain their assurance that they will be compliant by May 2018. Cllr Souter proposed a Data Protection Policy which was compliant to current legislation. The policy was unanimously agreed upon. Later this year we will document how the Parish Council is compliant.

- Cllr Carpenter has received a letter from a resident complaining about the speed of some cyclists coming through the village. Hampshire Constabulary are investigating, but the dangerous speeding has led to the residents asking if the speed limit can be reduced. This is not possible as the PC have looked into this idea previously but it was suggested that "Twenty is Plenty" signs be obtained. The council feel that this will not have the desired effect on the individuals it would be aimed at. The Council will write to all cycling clubs in the area to request that their members are considerate when passing through our village.

4160 - Points from the floor. None

4161 Date of next meeting: The next monthly meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 9th April 2018 The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and concentration, and closed the meeting at 9.14 pm.

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