

**Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 6:45 pm
on Monday 8th April 2024 in the Village Hall, Nether Wallop**

- 6920 **Present at the meeting:** Cllrs Whitaker, Bedford, James, Carpenter and Graves
- 6921 **In Attendance:** RFO – Christian Anstis, the Footpaths Officer and 4 members of the public.
- 6922 **Welcome:** Cllr Whitaker, opened the meeting at 18:45 and welcomed everyone.
- 6923 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Drew, Cllr MacDonald and the Clerk.
- 6924 **Declarations of Interests** for items on the agenda, changes in Register of Interests, Requests for dispensations. None, but it was noted that Councillors should amend their standing declarations if they are involved or have invested in the Five Bells Community Society.
- 6925 **To reports from TVBC and HCC** – Neither councillor was present so no report was given, however, Mid-Test Matters and County Council reports are available on the website.

6926 **Points from the floor** – None

6927 **Consideration of the following Planning Applications** - The following comments were made:

24/00789/LBWN	Berry Court Farm	Repairs and structural work	No Objection
24/00704/FULLN	Green Gables	Erection of 2 bay garage & store	No Objection
24/00650/DDCA	Mallows High Str	Dead Crab Apple tree	No Comment
24/00690/FULLN	Hollom Bungalow	Convert rural building to dwelling, to include packaging plant etc	Objection (see * below)

***Objection based on the report of Nitrites and item 8.8 of the Nutrient Treatment Assessment and Budget document of the application. The Parish Council feel that offsetting in a different place is not adequate to prevent nitrite pollution in this parish. Subject to a satisfactory outcome on this there are no objections.**

6928 **To approve the minutes** of the previous NWPC meeting on 11th March 2023 – These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6929 **Preparedness for Audit** -The RFO and Clerk are as prepared as they can be for the audit meeting on 15th May. The accounts have to be made available to the public for inspection for 30 working days, to conclude 3rd – 14th July. The Clerk will receive requests, and inspection can take place in the Village Hall if needed. The inspection period will run from the 3rd of July to 10th of August 2024.

6930 **Cllr reports:**

Playground/Playing Fields – The All-weather track is coming along well but work was halted by an irresponsible dog owner who lifted up the tape cordoning off the works, and allowed her dog to run on the wet surface, damaging it with footprints. This was a shame. Quotes have been sought for dealing with the moss on the tennis court and it was resolved to enter into an annual maintenance contract with Caine Courts, who marked up the court recently.

Village Green – One quote has been received for installing a new bridge and a single safety handrail on one side of each of the existing and new bridges. Further quotes have been requested but none have arrived so far.

Footpaths & Lengthsman – The Footpaths Officer reported on a meeting with the Lengthsman and has agreed a schedule of works for the coming months. It is expected that the lengthsman will have to divert attention to maintaining the restricted byways around the parish and that the Parish council will have to fund this in future. **The chairman signed the Lengthsman contract for the forthcoming year.**

Village Hall – Quotes were sought for a cheaper company to clean the hall, but these were more expensive than the current service provided by Sparkles.

Parish Hall – At the end of the financial year, the hall had made a small profit for the first time since the pandemic and the hall manager was congratulated.

6931 To approve Bank Reconciliation, Payments, Receipts. (11th March 2024 – 7th April 2024)
All figures and bank reconciliations were approved and signed. Purchases were approved for payment.

6932 To discuss the Park Inspection Councillors noted that the weekly comments about the state of the Zipwire have now been dealt with by Vitaplay, who have repaired the wire, and that the Clerk has ordered warning signs to be placed on the Zipwire, Pedestrian gate, adult gym equipment and toddler area.

6933 Correspondence received – None received.

6934 Points from the floor – None.

6935 The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 13th May 2024, before the normal council meeting. Timings were agreed and it was resolved to offer attendees a glass of wine at the end of the monthly meeting on May 13th, after the Annual Meeting.

Date of next monthly meeting: Monday 13th May 2024, at 6.45pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:43.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairman: Date: