

NETHER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL
CLERK'S REPORT

June 08th 2020

1. A resident has stated their belief that the land behind Rags Corner belongs to the Parish Council. The Clerk is checking with the land registry.
2. HCC have sent a poster that can be laminated and displayed at Bus Stops advising how Covid-19 is affecting bus travel. A copy is noted as agenda item 23a. Would councillors like to be displayed in the Jack's Bush bus shelter?
3. Middle Wallop Airfield were contacted regarding night flying, and provided the following information:
 - *There isn't just one route into the airfield although the Apache's do tend to use the direction you have described (from Danebury). More often they are not the only type of aircraft we operate. We utilise Air Traffic procedures for all aircraft departing and arriving at the Aerodrome however helicopters will mainly arrive from the South, East and West. All our activity is conducted with safety as the primary concern, under set procedures and under Air Traffic Control when in 5 Nautical Miles of the aerodrome. The flying training conducted at Middle Wallop directly supports the front line UK military and as such is classed by the UK Government as essential activity. To answer your specific queries:*
 - *The Aerodrome Operating Hours are from 0800 – 0200 Monday to Thursday and 0800 – 1700 on Friday. Flying will be programmed during these times to meet our essential tasking.*
 - *As above we normally fly Monday to Friday but the Aerodrome can be opened at the weekend if tasking requires.*
 - *It is impossible to provide you an exact answer as the flying programme is influenced by many different aspects for example, aircraft serviceability, training requirement, student progression, prevailing weather conditions and seasonal variation to name just a few. What I can tell you is that there is a requirement to conduct night flying constantly and this could be currently between 0 and 20 flights each day. Having said this it is likely our night flying will be noticeable for the next 3 – 4 months as students reach that particular part of their course.*
4. The outstanding work on the Bus Shelter in Jack's Bush has been chased. Andover Glass Works have only recently re-opened.
5. The Chairman has been contacted by a resident complaining that the height of the land known as the Watercress Beds opposite the George Public House, has again been substantially raised over the last few months. It is claimed that the increase is over 1 metre and not in compliance with the planning permission granted. TVBC have been informed.
6. We have received £200 from the Police Commissioner as a donation towards running Zoom meetings for the Parish council and the community. Local organisations can contact the Clerk to enquire if the facility can be made available to them.
7. The application for a business Grant for the Playing Fields has been refused by TVBC as the pavilion is not registered for business rates.