

Draft Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting – 19:15, 15 May 2023

6703. **Present at the meeting:** Cllrs Whitaker, Graves, Bedford, Carpenter, County Cllr Drew and TVBC Cllr MacDonald
6704. **In Attendance:** Mrs L Armstrong, Parish Clerk, and 4 members of the public.
6705. **Welcome:** The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
6706. **Apologies for absence:** None. The Chairman reported that Cllr Cotterell had resigned from the council on Thursday 11th May.
6707. **Election of new Chairman and Vice-Chairman.** It was proposed by Cllr Carpenter and seconded by Cllr Bedford that Sarah Whitaker be elected as Chairman. It was then proposed by Cllr Whitaker and seconded by Cllr Graves that Richard Bedford be elected as Vice-Chairman.
6708. **Declarations of Interests for items on the agenda, changes in Register of Interests, requests for dispensations:** None
6709. **County Council & Borough Council: New TVBC Cllr Stewart MacDonald** - introduced himself and was welcomed by the Chairman who wishes him success in his new role. **Cllr Drew reported** on school application numbers in the area and potholes.
- Cllr Drew reiterated the importance of reporting potholes on the HCC website and suggested that an email should be sent to the local MP to report if nothing is being done or there is danger because of a bad pothole or road surface problem.
6710. **Items from the floor:** 2 members of the public complained about potholes that have become very large and are causing cars to have punctures and other damage. One brought up the issue of road sweeping and was advised that the road sweeper circulates around every 6 weeks, as per the reply from the Cllr Johnston. He further commented that the area is looking very untidy and needed cleaning up, particularly the Poplar Farm Inn area on the A343 in Abbots Ann Parish and the chairman suggested they report this through the pothole portal on the HCC website.
Cllr Drew suggested emailing the local MP too.
6711. **To approve minutes from the previous meeting on 17 April 2023** - Approved and signed by the Chairman

6712. To allocate new responsibilities for Cllrs –

The councilors were allocated the responsibilities for the areas below:

Playing Fields & Playgrounds- Cllr Ian Carpenter

Village Green - Cllr Ian Carpenter

Village Hall - Cllr Sarah Whitaker

Highways & Traffic Calming - Cllr Richard Bedford

Footpaths & Lengthsman -Cllr Richard Bedford

Parish Hall Committee - as 4 councilors are required, all will be members

HR Committee - All 4 councilors -SW, IR, PG & RB

6713. **Discuss speed Indication Devices following the reply from Cllr Nick Adams-King** - Following an email confirming receipt of our choice of sign, HCC said that they will be in touch to advise on the next step. It was suggested to contact Over Wallop parish council to see if they are interested in sharing the sign to help spread the cost, as they do with the current speed indicator sign.

Planning:

6714. **23/01066/TREEN - Elm Cottage Five Bells Lane** - Pussy Willow - Remove 2 boughs and top out (reduce) by 4 metres - **No Objection.**
6715. **23/00985/FULLN - Monks Ducks Lane** - Replacement of tennis court fence and repair of court surface (Retrospective) - **No Comment**
6716. **23/00901/FULLN - King House Farley Street** - **No Objection. However, a comment would be made** that due to the proximity to the school and as the property is on a blind corner, there is a concern that during construction works deliveries and parking will cause significant safety issues.
6716. **Discuss Nether Wallop NDP** - There are some changes being implemented following a meeting with Sarah Hughes of TVBC and a new draft would be made available to the council and on the website
6717. **To approve Payments and Receipts** – The payments and receipts from 17th April - 15th May were approved.
6718. **To receive a progress report on the Playground upgrade – Working group progress.** The working group had received four quotes following seven enquiries to potential suppliers for the all weather track and it was agreed that the quote from Fieldform was the most attractive. However, this must now be put out to tender.
It was **RESOLVED** that the existing fence around the old playground area be salvaged and used for the parking area.
The next working group meeting will be on Thursday 18th May at 7pm.
6719. **To review park inspection** - Cllr Carpenter questioned the cost of the park inspections and it was explained that for insurance purposes a full report is submitted each week, so the cost was justified. The clerk is to contact both the supplier of the zipwire to arrange for tightening of the wire and the supplier of the adult exercise equipment about paint peeling off - photos of the peeling paint have been submitted to the supplier and a response is awaited.

6720. **To approve the transfer of £85K from current bank account to Lloyds savings Account** - It was unanimously agreed to move the funds as soon as the bank account details were confirmed.
6721. **To note correspondence received and decide on actions** - None
6722. **To review reports received from Councillors & approve any cost implications:**
- a. **Safe Travel WG** - Hampshire County Council are to decide within the next 3 months, whether they will reduce the speed limit through the village to 20mph. Any emails regarding this can be sent to Cllr Nick Adams-King.
 - b. **Playing Fields and Playground** - It was noted that lock on the notice board may need replacing, as there doesn't seem to be a key for it.
 - c. **Footpaths** - The Lengthsman is strimming many parish footpaths.
 - d. **Village Green - The WG** will arrange for quotes to repair a bridge, where the sleeper is broken, It was noted that the sound system used for functions on the green as well as elsewhere in the parish, is no longer working, after several repairs over the years. It was agreed that a new one could be bought at a budget of £350.
 - e. **Village Hall** - Nothing to report
 - f. **Wallops Parish Hall** - Cllr Whitaker will circulate the minutes from the meeting held on May 10th when she receives them, as no current councillors had been at the meeting.
6723. **Matters raised by Cllrs to be added to next month's agenda – The Council thanked** Cllr Jon Cotterell for his service with the NWPC.
6724. **Points from the Floor** - The group who run the May Fair would like to trial a part time 'cafe' at the pavilion, for parents and children using the facilities. This will be run by volunteers. It was agreed that they could use the old bridge tables that are no longer being used in the hall. Cllr Carpenter suggested that the group publicise this proposal on the Pump to see what the feedback was and all Cllrs were in agreement. The cafe facility would be notified to the insurers once a start date has been agreed.
6725. **The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:35**

Date of the next meeting : 12th June 2023 at 7:15pm.

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Lesley Armstrong - Clerk