

Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 11 December 2017 in Nether Wallop Village Hall

4112 Attendance: Cllrs Souter, Carpenter, Foster, Cotterell, H James, Cllr R James, and the Parish Clerk. One member of the public were present.

4113 Apologies: TVBC Cllr Boutlon and HCC Cllr Gibson.

4114 Declaration of councillors' pecuniary interests: There are no changes to be made.

4115 Planning applications: Cllr Souter reported on the following:-

1. 17/02912/TPON - 2 Beech - Crown lift to 4 metres above ground level, 1 Walnut - Crown lift to 4 metres above ground level, 2 Beech Trees - Trim to give 2 metres clearance from garage roof, Fell 3 Pine, Fell 1 Yew - Straw Hall Trout Lane Nether Wallop Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 8EP - No comment made

4116 Points from the floor: None

4117 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of 13 November 2017 were approved by the council and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

4118 Councillors Reports:

- **Neighbourhood watch:** Cllr Foster reported that she and Cllr Souter had made good progress establishing coordinators and briefing them on the role and responsibility. It was felt that there was still a need for more coordinators and that efforts would be made to approach individuals and encourage participation. It was noted that the benefits of having an active and well managed Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was considerable on many levels for the entire village. There was a discussion on how best to inform the village on alerts that came through via the police, in the interim time, whilst establishing the scheme properly. Some pertinent alerts would be put onto the Pump. Cllr Souter and Cllr Foster would finalise the coordinators and Cllr Foster would collate relevant data.
- **Finance :** The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) requested approval for the payments listed on the monthly repost November 2017. Payments were proposed by Cllr James and Seconded by Cllr Souter.
- Cllr H James presented the proposed budget for 2018/19. It was proposed that a slightly higher precept, of £13,500 be requested for the coming financial year, a rise of some £2.70 per household. The Council intends to spend more money on training and development of Councillors and the Clerk. There would be a higher amount spent on expenses for the Clerk and that there would be money set aside again for works to be undertaken on the Pavilion. The motion to approve the budget was Proposed by Cllr H James and Seconded by Cllr G Foster. It was also agreed that the Council should continue to pursue online banking. In the event that this was possible it was agreed that the Chairman should be allowed to authorize BACS payments (to replace cheque payments) with the agreement of one other Councillor. Motion proposed by Cllr H James and seconded by Cllr R James. The bank reconciliation at 30 November had been checked and agreed at the start of the meeting by Cllr. H James.
- **Highways:** Cllr R James took the opportunity to remind councillors that TVBC has a facility on their website to report empty grit bins. Cllr Andrew Gibson is continuing to keep the council updated on the progress on Salisbury Lane.
- **Playing Fields:** Cllr Carpenter reported that he had completed a maintenance list and was undertaking a costing and quote exercise which he hopes to be completed by the end of December, reporting to the meeting in January 2018. The intention is to get all the work done by the end of the financial year. The council discussed the hope to have a long term plan for the pavilion including looking into grant funding, by undertaking a feasibility study.
- **Footpaths:** Iain James IJ emailed a report to councillors. A number of footpaths had been cleared and the lengthsman had worked on cutting down trees. IJ also reported on clearing footpaths and bus stops in Jacks Bush following last months meeting.
- IJ is continuing to monitor and manage the lengthsman expenditure and work management, planning for work into 2018.
- Cllr Cotterell reported to the meeting that had been in conversation with Cllr Gibson about work being undertaken to cut back hedges and footpaths in Jacks Bush. It was agreed that he confirm with Cllr Gibson that he will approach the lengthsman he works with.

4119 - Nether Wallop Village Hall: Cllr H James presented the meeting with a financial report on the village hall. There had been a successful number of months of hall income which will lead to a slightly smaller than budgeted deficit. There is hope that soon the solar panels will bring in additional income. The Village Hall budget for 2018/19 was approved with full support of the meeting.

Cllr Souter updated the meeting on the current correspondence with Charity Commission regarding the Village Hall Trust. There continues to be questions about how to resolve issues with the legal status and ownership of the hall. As information becomes available Cllr Souter will report to the Council. Cllr H James and E Souter will look into the insurable interest element of the hall insurance to ensure that the cover takes into consideration the complex ownership details. Cllr Foster confirmed that the licenses had been arranged for the next film night. There was a discussion on the legal requirements for those hiring the hall. Cllr Foster will look into what the expectations are.

4120 - Dates for 2018: All dates were agreed. The date for the next Annual Parish Meeting will be confirmed following the end of the current financial.

4121 - Review of Financial Regulations and Standing Orders: The Clerk requested that the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders of the Council be reviewed and agreed. The Clerk circulated the draft papers to Councillors in advance of the meeting. Minor amendments were made, before the meeting, all of which were agreed, unanimously by the Council. The motion to approve and adopt the Financial Regulations was proposed by Cllr Souter and Seconded by Cllr H James. The motion to approve and adopt the Standing Orders was propped by Cllr Souter and Seconded by Cllr I Carpenter.

4122 - Matters Raised By Councillors.

- Cllr J Cotterell updated the meeting on the current progress of the CPR training. The hope is that training will still take place and that there are a number of organisations being approach that can offer suitable training for the village. The Chairman thanked Cllr Foster and Cllr Cotterell for the work that have undertaken so far.

4123 - Points from the floor. None

4124 Date of next meeting: The next monthly meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 8 January 2018 The Chairman thanked everyone for their work this evening and closed the meeting at 8.41 pm.

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES PRODUCED FOR REVIEW BY THE PARISH COUNCILLORS PRIOR TO BEING APPROVED AT THE NEXT PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL