

Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 7.15 pm.

on Monday 14th March 2022 in the Village Hall, Nether Wallop.

- 6080 Present at the meeting** Cllrs Whitaker, Sangster, Carpenter, Cotterell.
- 6081 In Attendance:** Mrs G Foster, Parish Clerk and for part of the meeting HCC Cllr Drew, and 12 members of the public.
- 6082** The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the March meeting of the council.
- 6083 Apologies for absence:** Cllr Graves had sent his apologies.
- 6084 Absent:** Cllr Roberts.
- 6085 Declarations of Interests for items on the agenda, changes in Register of Interests, Requests for dispensations:** None.
- 6086 To receive reports from HCC & TVBC:** The Chairman deferred the agenda item until Cllr Drew arrived as he had been delayed at another Council meeting.
- 6087 Points from the Floor:** Some residents explained that they were attending the meeting because of the playing fields developments. The Chairman asked if they would like to speak during the public session, or she could make an exception to ask for contributions when the agenda items were discussed. It was agreed that opening the floor to the public during the agenda items would allow councillors to receive feedback at the pertinent time.
- 6088 To receive an update from the NDP Steering Group:** The last meeting had been an informal working group meeting where the existing plan structure and objectives had been reviewed. Members were asked to make suggestions for anything that was felt to have been omitted, but no decisions were made as to the suitability of the existing framework or content. The Chairman would collate comments ready for the next meeting which will be an open public meeting.
- 6089 To consider planning applications and agree comments to be sent to Borough Council:** The following application was considered, and comment unanimously **RESOLVED:**
- 6090** 22/00644/DDCA The Old Butchers Arms, Five Bells Lane – NO COMMENT
- 6091** 22/00468/FULLN 13 Aylwards Way Nether Wallop – NO OBJECTION
- 6092** 22/00480/DDTPO Field House, Trout Lane – NO COMMENT
- 6093** The comments would be forwarded to the Borough Council. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6094 To approve the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting on 15th February 2022:** The minutes had been circulated and posted online. It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, that the draft be approved and the Chairman signed the minutes.
- 6095 To approve the Bank Reconciliation and Payments and Receipts and budget and other financial reports as available on the website:** All reports had been posted on the Council’s website prior to the meeting. The RFO’s suggestion for Virement of funds was considered and **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, to move £1,000 of unspent Wallop Parish Hall budget and £1,610.56 from the May Fair Earmarked Reserves into new Earmarked Reserves for the Playground refurbishment project. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6096** It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, that the other financial reports were noted and the payments approved as below.

Counterparty	Cost	Net	VAT	Total Amount
Standard Life	EE +ER pension costs FEB	£ 92.59	£0.00	£ 92.59
Seagrave inspection	consulting on playground	£ 200.00	£40.00	£ 240.00
Sparkles	Cleaning February	£ 74.00	£14.80	£ 88.80
Anthony Whitaker	Booking manager	£ 210.00	£0.00	£ 210.00
Rialtas	MTD add on	£ 59.00	£11.80	£ 70.80

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Steven Welford	Deposit for jubilee juggler	£ 50.00	£0.00	£ 50.00
Vitaplay	Deposit weather shelter	£ 2,592.90	£518.58	£ 3,111.48
Vitaplay	Deposit Zipwire	£ 4,868.77	£973.76	£ 5,842.53
Gail Foster	Salary and Expenses Feb	£ 1,193.68	£0.00	£ 1,193.68
Freshairfitness	Deposit exercise equipt	£ 3,523.37	£704.68	£ 4,228.05
Merritt Tree Services	Tree works	£ 525.00	£105.00	£ 630.00
Over Wallop PCC	Adverts for film nights	£ 20.00	£0.00	£ 20.00
Gail Foster	Fuel for travel to course	£ 6.57	£0.00	£ 6.57
HALC	Officers update workshop	£ 12.00	£0.00	£ 12.00
Gail Foster	expenses - key cutting	£ 25.50	£0.00	£ 25.50
BT	Phone and Broadband	£ 24.95	£ 4.99	£ 29.94
Octopus Energy Ltd	Electricity village hall	£ 380.83	£ 76.17	£ 457.00
Octopus Energy Ltd	Electricity pavilion	£ 364.56	£ 72.91	£ 437.47
Octopus Energy Ltd	Electricity village green	£ 393.86	£ 78.77	£ 472.63
Totals:		£14,617.58	£2,601.46	£17,219.04

6097 Receipts that had been received were noted as below:

Counterparty	Description	Net	VAT	Total Amount
Various residents	Hall hire - Private	£15.00	£0.00	£15.00
Various residents	Tennis court bulk bookings	£80.00	£0.00	£80.00
Chestnut Tree FC	Football income	£58.34	£11.66	£70.00
Pilates	Hall hire	£24.00	£0.00	£24.00
St Andrews Church	Hall hire	£24.00	£0.00	£24.00
Book Club	Hall hire	£12.00	£0.00	£12.00
Bridge Club	Hall hire	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
Coffee Morning	Hall hire	£8.00	£0.00	£8.00
HCC	Grant Cllr Drew	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
Totals:		£ 741.34	£ 11.66	£ 753.00

6098 The Bank Reconciliation and payments would be signed after the meeting.

6099 **To review the Asset Register and agree alterations:** The asset register was available on the website for comment. An addition would be made to add a Flymo lawnmower that was in the Village Hall Store room, and councillors would check items mentioned were in situ. **Action: Cllr Graves – Village Hall, Cllr Carpenter – Village Green, Cllr Sangster – Playing Fields, Community Assets – Cllr Whitaker, Equipment – Cllr Roberts and Cllr Whitaker.**

6100 **To approve the request to light a beacon on the Village Green on 2nd June at 9.30pm:** It was **RESOLVED:** by Majority, that the beacon could be organised by the resident. He would be asked to supply a risk assessment for the event. **Action: Clerk.**

6101 **To review the provisional plans for the Playing Fields refurbishment:** a summary report of the meeting of 6th March 2022 between Cllrs Sangster, Graves and the Clerk and residents of Aylwards Way had been circulated to the residents who had attended, and was also included in the agenda papers. Councillors confirmed they had read and noted the contents.

6102 **Updates on the items specified by the NWSC Charity: zipwire, weather shelter and exercise equipment and to discuss / agree positioning:** The terms of the grant offer from the Nether Wallop Social Club Charity which had been discussed and accepted in the February meeting were repeated. A paper was reviewed, and the provisional installation dates were noted as: Adult exercise equipment, 9th May, Zipwire, 16th May, Weather Shelter, originally 21st March, but this had been put on hold pending agreement of the site location or council wishing to cancel the order. The Chairman invited members of the public to comment on the placement of each item and a Trustee of the Charity explained why the items had been chosen for the donation. The feedback was considered and after a lively debate it was **RESOLVED:** that the suggested positions for the zipwire and adult exercise equipment be approved. **Action: Clerk.**

6103 It was further **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, with one abstention, that the Weather Shelter positioning be moved from the originally proposed position in the middle of the field, to within the small group of trees separating the

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Pavilion from the large Beech tree. These trees would act as screening to soften the view and would allow the all-weather path to run alongside it giving greater access for those with mobility issues. **Action: Clerk.**

- 6104** A resident asked council to note that there was concern for close neighbours and the possibility of Anti-Social Behaviour in the area increasing. Some undesirable behaviour had been experienced in the past and it was noted that the police had attended previously when asked. Councillors noted the concern and if it became a reality would review the steps that could be taken to curb the behaviour.
- 6105** **To note cost estimates (to date) for other items:** The Clerk provided a list of available funding which included the amounts that were being applied for under the TVBC Community Asset Fund (CAF) and a bid against the Community Infrastructure Levy, (CIL). The total estimated cost of the playing fields project was explained to be approximately £200,000. The installations will need to be staged as the playground apparatus and all-weather track will not be able to be installed until the CIL funds have been received, and the CAF fund will not pay out until the project has been completed. A cash-flow prediction has been prepared and will need to be monitored as the project progresses. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6106** A resident asked if all the VAT could be re-claimed, the Clerk believed this was possible, but would check with a VAT expert. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6107** **To review placement options for each item and to note any issues or agree positions:** Further discussion followed relating to the placement of other apparatus at the playing fields. This was necessary to obtain accurate installation quotes, and to ensure safety requirements were met. It was **RESOLVED:** unanimously, that the Overflow parking plan be progressed, the basketball hoops would be placed where the current picnic bench was sitting on a concrete pad. The obstacle course would fit between the current fenced and barked area and the new basketball hoops, and replace the two toddler rockers. The playground apparatus would be placed at the far side of the field, furthest from the carpark and would replace the current pair of swings. The existing slide would be retained in this area. The existing fenced and barked area will be removed and grass re-instated. This does not need to be done before the installation of the playground apparatus as it is not using the same area. The Headmaster of Wallop Primary school offered to show residents the all-weather path used at the school every day. Plans of all the installations will be uploaded to the website. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6108** Another debate ensued relating to the options for position of the all-weather track/path. None of the original suggestions were considered perfect and after listening to feedback from the public a revised route was agreed. It was **RESOLVED:** unanimously, with one abstention, that a new option “E” would be drawn up and publicised. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6109** **Deferred item: To receive reports from HCC & TVBC:** Cllr Drew was invited to speak reported that information had been received at HCC regarding the imminent arrival of Ukrainian refugees. DBS checks will need to be done, but will be handled with a light touch to speed things up. There were currently 89 people in hospitals in Hampshire due to Covid-19. The Local Plan consultation was open until the 8th April. HCC were spending money on making roads safer.
- 6110** A resident asked if Cllr Drew was working with the PC regarding the Traffic Calming scheme solutions and the Chairman confirmed that Cllr Drew was very much involved with helping Over Wallop and Nether Wallop PCs negotiate with HCC Highways department.
- 6111** **To consider if the volunteer run Parish Resilience Plan should be reviewed:** It was heard that maintaining or providing a resilience plan was not a responsibility of the Parish Council but had been run by two volunteers and a previous councillor historically. There had been street wardens set up during the pandemic, but these were not actioned during the last electricity and internet outage as two of the three volunteers were out of the country. The Parish Council had taken action to help vulnerable residents that were understood to be without electricity for a period of time. The plan consists of: Plan details, a list of residents and assets / skills which may be useful, local grid location and useful contact numbers. It was noted that the current plan had yet to identify communication arrangements if usual communications had been disrupted. It was **RESOLVED:** unanimously, that Councillors Carpenter and Sangster would take the responsibility for the review and revision of the current plan. **Action: Cllrs Carpenter and Sangster**
- 6112** **To consider the purchase of replacement Bridge Tables.** The previous tables had been donated to the Village Hall by the Bridge Club, but were now getting tatty. It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously to spend up to £360 on six tables. **Action: Cllr Whitaker.**
- 6113** **To note the Clerk’s Report and correspondence received and decide on actions.**
- 6114** A resident had requested the council to place a dog mess bin at the bottom of School Lane. Councillors agreed this should be added to the agenda for April.

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- 6115 A resident had thanked the Clerk for help during the electricity outage weekend.
- 6116 A quote had been received for acoustics work in the Village Hall. Information had been circulated to councillors.
- 6117 The first draft of 25 pages of application for the CIL Bid for £102,000 has been sent to TVBC for their review.
- 6118 A meeting with the TVBC's Community engagement officer and Community Asset Fund administrator took place on Friday 11th March with the Clerk. Feedback on the CAF application for £25,000 was very positive. The application will formally be made as soon as quotes are received from the playground suppliers and the all-weather path suppliers.
- 6119 A resident asked to present information from the acoustic engineer who had surveyed the hall and recommended a course of action to help deaden the noise. A sample was shown to the meeting to general approval. The estimate for the works would be added to the next agenda. The Clerk advised that if only one quote was received, that the Financial Regulations would need to be set aside to consider it.
- 6120 To review reports received from Councillors & approve any cost implications:**
- 6121 **Safe Travel WG** – New volunteers had been recruited, the Headmaster of the Primary School and a School Governor. A list of outstanding items had been drawn up for action.
- 6122 **Traffic Calming Scheme** – Progress was partially dependent on the supporting work of the STWG, but communications with Hampshire County Council was progressing with the help of Cllr Drew. A traffic report had recently been carried out and would be circulated to all councillors. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6123 The Speedwatch teams were continuing to go out.
- 6124 **Playing Fields and Playground** - Nothing to report as covered earlier in the meeting.
- 6125 **Footpaths** – Cllr Roberts had not yet reported on the lengthsman account or tasks.
- 6126 **Village Green** – Cllr Carpenter reported that a good job had been done trimming the Willows. A resident advised that the working party had recently cleared the banks alongside the rill, which had made the snowdrops more visible. Councillors expressed their thanks to all the volunteers involved in the clearing operation and those residents who had donated the bulbs which had been planted on the green. The daffodils are looking stunning.
- 6127 The resident also advised that the railings alongside the green were planned to be painted white by the volunteer group. The Clerk had previously requested permission from HCC for this work to be done, but so far HCC had refused permission to paint the railings. This meant that the volunteer group would not be insured by the Parish Council insurance if the painting took place. HCC would be chased again. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6128 **Village Hall** – Cllr Graves was not at the meeting.
- 6129 **Wallops Parish Hall** – The next meeting had been deferred to the end of the month.
- 6130 **Matters raised by councillors for noting or adding to the next month's agenda:** None.
- 6131 **Points from the floor:** A resident asked if progress had been made with HCC after his request last month that the eroded soil in Salisbury Lane be replaced. Cllrs encouraged the resident to keep reporting the issue on the HCC's website as this was the only way to get the issue noticed in the short term. It would be added to the list of items that the STWG were working on. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6132 A resident asked if there had been any consideration given to toilet provision at the playing fields as part of the refurbishment project. The Clerk advised that it had been decided to split the pavilion project apart from the rest of the playing fields project in the interests of making progress in one year. This would also be advantageous in that a new project would be eligible for funding separately from the playing fields applications. The pavilion project would be considered once the playing fields refurbishment was completed.
- 6133 **Date of next monthly meeting:** Monday 11TH April, at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.
- 6134 The Chairman closed the meeting to the public at 21.16 hrs.

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