

**Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 6:45 pm  
on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in the Village Hall, Nether Wallop**

6808 **Present at the meeting:** Cllrs Bedford, Graves, Carpenter and James.

6809 **In Attendance:** Mrs L Armstrong, Parish Clerk, TVBC Cllr Stewart MacDonald, Iain James, Footpaths Officer and 2 members of the public.

6810 **Welcome:** The Vice Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

6811 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Whitaker had sent her apologies.

6812 **Declarations of Interests for items on the agenda, changes in Register of Interests, Requests for dispensations.** None.

6813 **To receive reports from TVBC- Cllr MacDonald**

Winton House – Cllr MacDonald continues to engage with L2L and will be having another meeting with the owner, where either Cllr Whitaker or Cllr James will be present. Social media has posted the opening date will be at the end of October for day cases only, as they still do not have approval to open for full time care.

There will be a resilience forum to highlight procedures for fire or flooding. Those parishes who use these are known to cope better and recover quicker. Cllr Carpenter mentioned that we had one already, Cllr James confirmed that she had made it in 2014, so it would need updating.

There will be a thriving community event for Mid-Test to bring people together to share knowledge. This will be on 1 November, time and venue to be announced. See below for Speed indication points raised.

6814 **Points from the floor** – Mrs Carr from Jack’s Bush mentioned that the pavement and hedge from Martin Dene’s property upwards is in bad repair and very overgrown. This is hazardous and needs to be corrected. She has contacted Test Valley council several times since 3 June, and has had no luck getting anything done. She was given both Cllr Stuart MacDonald and Cllr David Drew’s email addresses for direct contact. Cllr Bedford mentioned that we would contact them on her behalf too. Iain James said that he would look at it and report back to the council.

6815 **To approve the minutes** of the previous NWPC meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman - Cllr Bedford.

6816 **Cllr reports :**

**Playground/Playing Fields** – The new playground is almost complete, the groundwork is being done and final inspection is being done on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The main park should then be open for use, but the toddler park will be cordoned off until the fence around it is completed. There were several complaints in the last few weeks, but these were dealt with by Cllr Whitaker and seem to have been resolved, as no-one was at the meeting to raise any issues.

Cllr Carpenter had received a letter with the cost of the grass cutting for the following year, and mentioned that it was still good value. The company installing the walking track is having a site meeting at 3:30pm on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, with those who are able to attend, and this needs to be brought up with them, as there may have to be a break in the track to allow for the tractor to access for the grass cutting.

**Village Green** – Another 2 quotations are being sought to pollard the willow trees. The Clerk will discuss this with the Green working group and get this done asap.

**Highways & Traffic Calming** – Cllr Bedford reported that Over Wallop and Nether Wallop are to join forces on the proposed 20mph speed limit. Cllr Graves will send an email out via the NW Pump to ask the assistance of all residents to mind their speed when driving in the village, and he will report back on any feedback.

**Footpaths & Lengthsman** – See Footpaths Officer's report attached hereto. Iain James read his report and discussed the use of using unpaid labour to clear an area outside of the main village, Cllr James also suggested that they also paint the railings at the entrances. The Clerk is to contact them to arrange this.

**Village Hall** – Mr Blandford has confirmed that the work agreed to be done at the Village Hall Trust meeting has now been completed. It was however noted that the blind was still not fixed. Cllr Whitaker will be asked to help, as she has some experience with these.

**Speed Indication Devices** – Cllr Bedford stated there was an email a while ago from TVBC identifying the areas to put up the poles for the speed devices. Cllr Bedford would have a look at these and report back in the next meeting, before paying the £250 required for the HC to come and agree to the license for this. Cllr James is not in agreement with the 20MPH speed reduction, she feels that 30MPH is sufficient. The Bent Street bridge barrier seems to have been put there as someone has driven into the bridge and it is badly damaged. Investigations are to be done by Cllr Bedford to arrange for this to be reported to HCC.

6817 **Consideration of the following Planning Applications - *The following comments were made:***

**23/02229/CLEN - Forget me Not Cottage** – Retention of Caravan – Objection-Over Development - **OBJECTION** -Over-development, Traffic safety. The TVBC has been contacted regarding this change of decision from the previous comments.

**23/02356/TREEN – Monks, Ducks Lane** – T1 to T9 – **Works already done**

**23/02382/LBWN – Berry Court Farm** – Repair and structural works to barn, including works to doors and partial roofing.- **SUPPORTED**

**23/02535/TREEN – The Trout – T2 Yew-** Reduce by approx. 1m as overhanging towards property. T3 Beech, T5 Walnut – Crown lift to give 5.5m, T4 Indian Bean- approximately 30% crown reduction - **NO COMMENT**

**23/02530/TPON – The Trout - T1** – Acacia- Reduce crown by 30%–**NO COMMENT**

6818 **Discussion on Nether Wallop NDP** – The completed plan will be shown at the next meeting on 13 October . Cllr James will email Cllr S MacDonald re the Strategy Plan.

6819 **To approve Bank Reconciliation, Payments, Receipts.** (10<sup>th</sup> September 2023–9<sup>th</sup> October 2023): All figures had been posted on the Council's website prior to the meeting, all were approved.

6820 **RFO to prepare** a detailed costing of the playground project for the next meeting.

6821 **To discuss the Park Inspection** – Kevin Barnes had submitted reports up until the 25<sup>th</sup> of September, and is now waiting for the park to be completed as he cannot gain access. Cllr

Carpenter is to replace the rubber footrest on a springer so that it is complete by the time the park re-opens.

**6822 Correspondence received** - Nothing received other than correspondence about the playground dealt with by Cllr Whitaker.

**6823 Matters raised by Councillors for next months meeting** – It was agreed by all that we require a detailed budget/expenditure schedule from the RFO. This must be supplied by the next meeting.

**6824 Points from the floor** – All matters were discussed under the Footpath report.

**6825 Date of next monthly meeting: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023, at 6.45pm.**

**6826 The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 21:30 hrs.**

**Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.**

**Chairman: ..... Date: .....**

**Park Inspection – 25Sept23**

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