

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

on Monday 15th November 2021 in the Village Hall, Nether Wallop.

- 5881 Present at the meeting** Cllrs Whitaker, Sangster, Souter, Cotterell, Roberts and Graves.
- 5882 In Attendance:** Mrs G Foster, Parish Clerk and for part of the meeting HCC Cllr Drew and 7 members of the public.
- 5883** The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting in the Village Hall.
- 5884 Apologies for absence:** Cllr Carpenter and TVBC Cllr Jeffrey had sent their apologies.
- 5885** Cllr Roberts arrived at 19:18hrs.
- 5886 Declarations of Interests for items on the agenda, changes in Register of Interests, Requests for dispensations:** Cllr Roberts declared an interest in planning application 21/03154/AGNN. Whilst not required to do so, the Clerk declared interest in item 21/03075/FULLN.
- 5887 Points from the Floor:** Some members of the public advised that they had heard that there was to be a public consultation regarding the Traffic Calming scheme in Salisbury Lane. They had come to the meeting to express their frustration that nothing had happened since the last referendum and to vocalise their support for the scheme and to find out why a further consultation was needed. They advised the council that as residents of Salisbury Lane they were very much in favour of the trial period. The chairman advised that HCC had changed the planned works since the last referendum and some residents were not in favour of the new proposals. Therefore a further consultation was being considered.
- 5888 To receive reports from TVBC and HCC:** Cllr Jeffrey had sent the MidTest Matters no.28 on the 12th November. It is viewable on the website. Cllr Drew arrived at 19.20 spoke about the challenges HCC are having closing the £80 million budget deficit. Technology is being used to help the £40 million budget for adult social care. Robots are helping careworkers lift patients and cutting down the need for two people to attend each person in their own home. The highways budget has been reduced by a third in the last two years. However there had been a positive response from the Highways department to the visibility issues that had been reported on the A30 and to the repair work undertaken in the The Square. Cllr Drew was thanked for his part in helping keep the issues current with the County council.
- 5889 To receive an update from the NDP Steering Group and to consider actions:** Cllr Souter reported that drafts for the plan policies were being worked on, and that they should be ready for review by the January council meeting. The next NDP meeting would again be a working group rather than an open Committee meeting as there were no decisions that need to be made. The only action was ongoing work to complete the policies.
- 5890 To consider planning applications and agree comments to be sent to Borough Council:** The following applications were considered, and comments as below were **RESOLVED:**
- 5891** 21/02968/CLEN Hatchetts Barn, Farley Street - No objection, majority, with one abstention.
- 5892** 21/03032/FULLN Place Farm Barns, Heathman Street - No objection, unanimous.
- 5893** 21/03075/FULLN Land Off Trout Lane, Trout Lane – Support, Unanimous
- 5894** 21/03154/AGNN Land At Berry Court Farm Church Hill - No objection, Cllr Roberts was excluded from voting.
- 5895** 21/03166/FULLN 1 School Lane - No objection, unanimous.
- 5896** The comments would be forwarded to the Borough Council. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5897 To approve the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting on 11th October 2021:** The minutes had been circulated and posted online. It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, that the draft be approved and the Chairman signed the minutes.
- 5898 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. It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, that the reports were noted and the payments approved as below.

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Counterparty	Cost	Net	VAT	Total
Over Wallop PCC	Advert for CPR Training	£ 2.50	£ -	£ 2.50
D Robins	Mowing playing fields	£ 896.00	£ -	£ 896.00
Over Wallop PCC	Advert for Carols on the Green	£ 10.00	£ -	£ 10.00
Tanya Royle	VH planting expenses	£ 37.94	£ -	£ 37.94
Octopus Energy	Electricity pavilion	£ 86.76	£ 4.34	£ 91.10
Octopus Energy	Electricity village green	£ 16.68	£ 0.83	£ 17.51
Business Stream	Water village green	£ 14.14	£ -	£ 14.14
Business Stream	water playing fields	£ 194.47	£ -	£ 194.47
Moviola	movie night 20 oct	£ 77.46	£ 14.49	£ 91.95
Southern Fire protection	fire alarm testing and service	£ 270.00	£ 54.00	£ 324.00
TVBC	premises licence	£ 70.00	£ -	£ 70.00
BT	phone and broadband - Octo	£ 24.95	£ 4.99	£ 29.94
Test Valley School	prizegiving	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 50.00
Sparkles	Cleaning October	£ 25.50	£ 5.10	£ 30.60
Business Stream	water pavilion	£ 243.02	£ -	£ 243.02
CPRE	membership	£ 36.00	£ -	£ 36.00
GFC Garden Services	Gardening October	£ 90.00	£ -	£ 90.00
GFC Garden Services	Hedge cutting on village green	£ 475.00	£ -	£ 475.00
Octopus Energy	Electricity pavilion	£ 104.10	£ 5.21	£ 109.31
Octopus Energy	Electricity pavilion	-£ 792.77	-£ 39.64	-£ 832.41
Octopus Energy	Electricity village hall	£ 97.68	£ 4.88	£ 102.56
ICO	Data protection fee	£ 35.00	£ -	£ 35.00
Gary Richardson Garden Care	Pitch marking	£ 700.00	0	£ 700.00
Gail Foster	Salary and expenses November	£1,028.66	0	£ 1,028.66
HMRC	Tax and NI november.	£ 87.74	0	£ 87.74
Totals:		£3,880.83	£ 54.20	£ 3,935.03

Receipts that had been received were noted as below:

Counterparty	Description	Net	VAT	Total
Coffee Morning	Hall hire	£ 8.00	£ -	£ 8.00
Book Club	Hall hire	£ 12.00	£ -	£ 12.00
Bridge Club	Hall hire	£ 40.00	£ -	£ 40.00
Chestnut Tree FC	Football income	£ 50.00	£ 10.00	£ 60.00
Pilates	Hall hire	£ 80.00	£ -	£ 80.00
Keep fit	Hall hire	£ 144.00	£ -	£ 144.00
Movie Night	Hall hire	£ 86.40	£ 17.28	£ 103.68
Quiz	Hall hire	£ 24.00	£ -	£ 24.00
Private hire	Tennis court hire	£ 40.00	£ -	£ 40.00
Private hire	Marquee hire	£ 210.00	£ -	£ 210.00
NWSC	Hall hire	£ 124.50	£ -	£ 124.50
Private hire	Tennis court hire	£ 40.00	£ -	£ 40.00
Private hire	Hall hire	£ 44.00	£ -	£ 44.00
Queen Charlotte FC	Football income	£ 150.00	£ 30.00	£ 180.00
TVBC	Precept	£21,832.50	£ -	£21,832.50
Private hire	Hall hire	£ 37.00	£ -	£ 37.00
	Totals	£22,922.40	£ 57.28	£22,979.68

5899 The Bank Reconciliation and payments were signed.

5900 **To consider quotes for the Playing fields contracts and to approve appointments for next year:** It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, that the current contractors' contracts be extended for another year. **Action: Clerk.**

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- 5901 To decide which Councillor will take on the responsibility of running the Lengthsman Scheme:** The schedules for monthly work had already been produced and approved, but the contract required a monthly appointment with the lengthsman so that work could be approved within 24hrs of being completed. There had been difficulties arranging this and a councillor was asked to take on the role. It was **RESOLVED:** That Cllr Roberts would schedule the work with the lengthsman and advise when it had been completed and approved. **Action: Cllr Roberts.**
- 5902 To consider a Grant Request from Victim Support for £50. Councillors had been forwarded copies of the application form.** It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, not to support the application for a national charity as this was against policy. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5903 To note & approve the provision for accounting software including MTD provision for 2022/23.** Councillors were satisfied with the accounts details provided by the current package and unanimously approved the additional cost for the Making Tax Digital connection to HMRC. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5904 To approve the outstanding Policies as per schedule:** Councillor Roberts had reviewed three existing policies which were past their review date and made some minor suggestions for change which had yet to be reviewed by the Clerk. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5905** No new policies had been drafted, and the list of policies that should be implemented would be forwarded to Cllr Roberts. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5906 To review previous Risk Assessments and adopt new versions and/or notices as per schedule.** The item was deferred to the January meeting. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5907 To receive the revised quotations relating to Tree Works and to agree actions / costs:** Councillors had reviewed quotations from seven companies which had been anonymised. It was agreed to appoint the third contractor on the list, Merrit Tree Specialists to carry out the works at the Village Green and Playing Fields at a cost of £325 and £200 for each site. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5908 To consider if the council formally support lobbying HCC to reduce speed limits to 20mph.** A short discussion ensued and concerns were raised regarding the enforceability of the proposal whether a blanket speed reduction across entire villages would be appropriate. It was **RESOLVED:** by majority, to support the proposal. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5909 To review the proposed Budget for the year 2022/23 and to suggest alterations. The proposed budget and suggested virements had been circulated and the reports had been made available on the website. It was RESOLVED:** by majority, that Earmarked Reserve (EMR) Code 326 would be increased by £5,000 of the 20/21 precept and £5,000 from General Reserves. A new EMR would be set up for the Pavilion replacement or refurbishment, and this would receive £2,000 from the General Reserves. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5910 The proposed budget was discussed, and it was RESOLVED:** Unanimously, that the amount budgeted under code 4600 for the Wallops Parish Hall expenses would be reduced from £1,000 to £250. This would reduce the yearly precept to £43,350, a reduction of £315 on the previous year. A copy of the revised budget would be sent to all councillors. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5911 To consider actions regarding the bench at the top of Five Bells Lane and to agree costs:** It was **RESOLVED:** unanimously, that the condition of the bench should be inspected before any decision was made. **Action: Cllr Whitaker.**
- 5912 To approve the wording for the Playground and Playing Fields surveys or suggest alterations:** It was **RESOLVED:** by majority, that the surveys be approved and publicised as soon as possible to prevent delays in getting feedback until February. Some of the questions had been specifically designed to demonstrate whether there was community support for certain projects. Evidence of community support would be required in order to make grant applications which were hoped to be worked on early in the new year. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5913 To receive an update on the village green lease discussions:** The Clerk had had a long discussion with a representative of the family who owned the land. The family felt that the original intent of the parties signing the lease, which was evidenced by the way the lease was written, was to exclude private functions and that the green

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should be used only for community events that were open to everyone. They did not wish to amend the lease wording.

- 5914 To resolve to suspend the Financial Regulations for the remainder of the meeting:** It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, to suspend the Financial Regulations clause 11h as other quotations had not been possible to obtain.
- 5915 To approve the payment for the removal of the playground apparatus.** It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, to approve the payment for the playground equipment removal. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5916 To approve a quotation for the maintenance of the Village Hall.** It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, to accept the quotation from M Ayers for the Village Hall repairs as a maximum cost. If possible, the specifications would be reduced, but this would be discussed when a date for works to start had been agreed. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5917 To note the Clerk's Report and correspondence received and decide on actions.**
- 5918** The hedge around the playing fields has been scheduled for a cut.
- 5919** The climbing equipment has been removed from the playground at Aylwards Way. The contractor has reported: "The general condition of the structure was below average, in that there was quite a lot of rot in some of the timber, some of which was important to the platform's integrity and safety. The two benches are fine, nothing wrong structurally, but the paint work could do with some tlc at some stage."
- 5920** A Business Rate relief application has been re-applied for. We are awaiting news from TVBC on the outcome.
- 5921** TVBC have confirmed that £2,265.92 of Section 106 money can be given towards the playground equipment refurb once an order for apparatus has been made. The remainder of the section 106 fund will need to be spent on the playing fields or pavilion project.
- 5922 To review reports received from Councillors & approve any cost implications:**
- 5923 Safe Travel WG** – The groups for the Speedwatch had been set up and had started to go out in both parishes. There would be a meeting on Tuesday 16th November at 7.30pm hosted by Over Wallop Parish Council in the Wallops Parish Hall to discuss how to move forward with the Traffic Calming scheme.
- 5924 Playing Fields and Playground** – Cllr Sangster reported that the leak in the Pavilion had got worse and was still evident when the mains was turned off. A local plumber had been contacted and would be looking at a solution to the problem this week. On a positive note, the electricity account had been refunded after sending numerous photographs of the meter reading.
- 5925 Village Green** – Nothing to report.
- 5926 Village Hall** – the Solar panels had been checked, but they were not very dirty and did not need cleaning. Some new regular hirers had started using the village hall for yoga sessions.
- 5927 Wallops Parish Hall** - Nothing to report.
- 5928 Matters raised by councillors for noting or adding to the next month's agenda:** No issues raised.
- 5929 Points from the floor:** Some residents spoke to voice their support for the 20 is plenty initiative, whilst acknowledging it would not be easy to enforce, they hoped drivers may drive slower than they would in a 30 mph speed limit.
- 5930** A resident offered to check the bench in Five Bells Lane and those on the village green and advise if any work needed doing.
- 5931 The Chairman reverted back to item no.10 on the agenda.** Councillors **RESOLVED:** to exclude the public and press from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the agenda item. The meeting was then closed to the public.
- 5932** The recommendation from the HR Working Group was discussed and **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, that it be approved. The next full council meeting would be cancelled and replaced with a short planning meeting which would be held purely to discuss planning applications in public.
- 5933 Date of next monthly meeting:** Tuesday 14th December, at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.
- 5934** The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.13 hrs.

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