

**Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm
on Monday 11 March 2019 in the Village Hall**

- 4306 Attendance:** Cllrs Carpenter, Cotterell, H James and Souter and the Parish Clerk. There were two members of the public.
- 4307 Welcome:** The chairman welcomed Mrs Foster as the new clerk.
- 4308 Apologies:** TVBC Cllr Boulton, HCC Cllr Gibson, Cllr Addison and Cllr R James.
- 4309 Declaration of councillors' pecuniary interests:** none
- 4310 Planning applications:** The Chairman reported on the following:-
- a) 19/00393/TREEN - Fell conifer - The Gables Heathman - **no comment**
 - b) 19/00345/FULLN | Retention of screen fencing on boundary | Bush Farm Hollom Down Rd, Lopcombe – **no comment**
 - c) 19/00542/FULLN | Change of use of garage to dwelling house and installation of package sewage treatment plant - | 2 Piccadilly Cottages Station Rd Over Wallop SO20 8HP – **no objection**
- 4311 Points from the floor:** Mr James commented that the TVBC tree officer had noted that a property in the village had over the course of several years been granted permission to remove a number of trees from the garden. This appeared to have been done in order to clear the way for a planning application for a dwelling to be built. The council will bear this in mind when considering multiple tree applications for the same sites in the future.
- 4312 Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of 11 February 2019 were approved by the council and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
- 4313 Finance:** The RFO reported on payments and receipts as per the attached. **Proposed:** Cllr H James, **Seconded:** Cllr Cotterell, **Resolved** unanimously that the payments be accepted. The bank reconciliation was signed off by Cllr Souter.
- 4314** The grant from HCC Cllr Gibson of £1,000 has still not been received from HCC despite calls being made by the Clerk, who would continue to chase for receipt. **Action: Clerk**
- 4315** The estimated cost for Fire Assessment Inspection of the village hall is likely to be overstated however the previous contractor has so far failed to respond to requests from the Chairman and from the Clerk to arrange the next site visit. Other quotes to be sought. **Action: Clerk.**
- 4316 Playing Fields:** Cllr Carpenter would order bark for the playground at the end of March.
- 4317** The football pitch does not have a regular team playing and has only received interest for occasional matches. This has impacted on revenue and it was decided to seek prospective teams in time for the new season. The Clerk to write to possible teams stating 2019/20 season costs are £220 for 10 match booking (VAT exempt) or £22+VAT per match for single date bookings. **Action Clerk**
- 4318** Further to the Fireworks at the playground in November last year it was heard that the Village Charity has not received any communication from the organisers of the event. The donation to charity would be chased. **Action: Cllr Carpenter.**
- 4319 Village Green:** A new rota for maintenance has been sent out to the existing working group.
- 4320 Village Hall:** Cllr Souter reported that the Hall is doing well financially to remain at break even for the year. Use has been well supported by the village.
- 4321** The door locks have been recently replaced and Burdens have inspected the exterior Kitchen Door.
- 4322** The contract for cleaning would be reviewed after the elections in May and bids would be sought from contractors prior to the next meeting for review by the Parish Council. A formal tender would be drafted. **Action Clerk and Cllr H James.**
- 4323 Footpaths:** The Footpaths officer had circulated a report earlier in the week which Cllr Souter read out. A copy is available on the website.
- 4324 Proposed:** Cllr Cotterell, **Seconded:** Cllr H James. **Resolved** unanimously that summons to meeting be sent by email. Councillors present completed GDPR forms. Absent councillors to complete forms: **Action: Clerk and Cllrs R James and Addison.**

- 4325** A draft letter to Mono regarding the proposed Telecoms Monopole on the Recreation Ground had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. It was felt the site chosen would not improve coverage to the area of the village which is in need of better mobile phone signals. **Proposed:** Cllr H James, **Seconded:** Cllr Carpenter, **Resolved** unanimously that the letter be sent. **Action: Cllr Souter.**
- 4326** It was reported that the meeting on 22nd March 2019 to discuss the Neighbourhood plan had been re-scheduled for 29th March at 19.00 in the Village hall.
- 4327** Cllr Souter reminded all present that Nether Wallop Parish Council will be taking part in the Local Council Elections on 2nd May 2019. The Parish Council have 7 seats for councillors and the meetings are held once a month. Councillors who wished to re-stand for election or residents interested in standing for election could contact the Clerk who would help with completing the forms. Contact details are available on the website.
- 4328** The Clerk had been given access to update the Parish Council website by Cllr Cotterell. Current editors are Cllrs Cotterell, H James, Addison and R James and the Clerk.
Proposed: Cllr Souter, **Seconded:** Cllr H James **Resolved** that this arrangement continues.
- 4329** Cllrs Souter, H James and the Clerk reported their dissatisfaction with the Bank used by the Parish Council. There had been numerous occasions of Natwest losing paperwork, failing to return erroneously taken funds timely and other administrative issues. It was discussed that to comply with legislation the Parish Council would need to maintain a cheque book with dual signatures. It was discussed further that Internet banking and online payments would be the preferred method of payment provided the payments could be set up by the Clerk and authorised by two councillors. Unity Trust Bank had been reviewed as a possible alternative however it had not yet been established whether Unity Trust Bank were FCA registered. It was **Proposed:** Cllr Souter, **Seconded:** Cllr H James, **Resolved** unanimously to change to arrangements to Unity Trust Bank in the new Financial Year provided the institution was found to be FCA registered. **Action: Cllr H James and the Clerk.**
- 4330** It was reported by Cllr Souter that the fence next to the Village Hall currently being used to pin notices to was looking untidy due to the amount of pins and papers left there. The Clerk would obtain quotations for a metal notice board which had a lockable side for Parish Council papers and an unlocking side for public notices. **Action: Clerk**
- 4331** Cllr Cotterell reported that the Bus Shelter at Jack's Bush had been damaged and that broken glass was lying around the area. Mr S Tilling had been asked to carry out an emergency tidy up and temporary repair and then to submit a quotation for replacing the glass and making good at the next meeting. **Action Mr S Tilling.**
- 4332** Cllr Cotterell reported that he had received a Crime Prevention Bulletin which would be displayed on the website. **Action: Cllr Cotterell.**
- 4333** Cllr Souter advised that HCC/Cllr A Gibson had sent his Monthly Report prior to the meeting which would be displayed on the website. **Action Clerk.**
- 4334 Points from the floor:** none.
- 4335 Date of next meeting:** The Chairman thanked all for attending and noted that he was unable to attend the next meeting. The meeting was closed at 8.55 pm.

4336 The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 08th April 2019 in the village hall at 7.30pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting

by Ian Carpenter

Date