

Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting – 19:15, 17 April 2023

6664. **Present at the meeting:** Cllrs Whitaker, Sangster, Graves, Carpenter, Borough Cllr Alison Johnston

6665. **In Attendance:** Mrs L Armstrong, Parish Clerk, and 5 members of the public.

6666. **Welcome:** The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

6667. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Bedford and Cllr Cotterell had sent their apologies.

6668. **Declarations of Interests for items on the agenda, changes in Register of Interests, requests for dispensations:** Cllr Whitaker has an interest in planning item for Pinxton House, as it is a neighboring property.

6669. **Report from Cllr Alison Johnston**

- Bourne House has been awarded a grant to be revamped, by the public sector de-carbonization scheme.
- Carbon footprint- HVO2 Fuel is to be introduced for all Council vehicles, to reduce the current 60% emission by 95%.
- UK Property Fund- Is to reduce their carbon footprint.
- All tree removal complaints must be made on the portal at TVBC. Cllr Johnstone has noted our dislike to so many trees being removed, and has agreed to find out about plans to re-plant trees in the area.
- Of the 38 000 people in the rural area of the borough, 25% are retired and 20% under 18. The rural property fund is to support skilled people living rurally to increase the availability of jobs in the area.
- In Summer 2024, a 4th bin is to be introduced to all households, to further separate recycling to incorporate glass.

Responses to questions asked -

1. *Road sweeper visits to the Wallops*-The sweepers run on a schedule of approximately every six weeks. The mechanical sweeper was around Nether Wallop five weeks ago so is due there again imminently. We are to inform her of any areas that require particular attention.
2. *Meeting of the community engagement team* - Two ladies deal with grant applications can guide us on what is available. Cllr Johnston has spoken to Michaela Cavuoto, a Mid Test community engagement officers suggesting that she come to a future parish council meeting to explain her role and discuss potential grant schemes for the village hall. (LA subsequently had a telephone conversation with the other team member Marie and a date will be fixed to meet at their offices).

3. *Status of grants* ie CIL, CAF and potential grant for tennis court maintenance - Cllr Johnston had emailed Jenny Brain last week for an update but thinks she may be on leave. She will update us when she hears. The Council's Coronation Grant was declined, but the The Street Party group had received £500 towards the mugs.
4. Tree planting initiative to be investigated.

The chairman thanked Cllr Johnston for coming and answering so many questions.

6669. To approve minutes from the previous meeting on 13 March 2023- All in agreement - Approved

6670. Discuss speed Indication Devices following the reply from Cllr Nick Adams-King - It was agreed that a smile/sad face sign would be appropriate. Subject to cost, it was agreed to go ahead with this, LA to write to Nick Adams-King and has also requested a quotation for the 2 signs.

Planning:

6671. 22/03350/FULLN - Haydown Farm - Erection of 2 dwellings - The application had been refused by TVBC.

6672. 23/00646/FULLN - Rookley House, extension - No Comment

6673. 23/00781/FULLN - Water Tank House, Jerrets lane change of use to residential - No Comment

6674. 23/000798/FULLN - Hatchetts Barn drainage and sewage works - No Objection

6675. 23/00947/TREEN - Learn 2 Live Winton House fell 11 yew trees - OBJECTION, as there is no condition report or any indication to why these Yew trees need to be removed. Justification and a wildlife survey were requested, and a suggestion that 2 trees be planted elsewhere for every one removed.

6676. 23/0733/TREEN - Learn 2 Live Winton House fell 3 yew trees - T3, T12 and T13 - No Comment.

6677. 23/00825/FULLN - The Old Thatch - New log store and driveway - An OBJECTION was made, due to concerns for traffic safety.

6678. 23/00736/TREEN - Colindale Cottage trim Ash tree- No Comment

6679. 23/00735/TREEN - Pinxton House lower yew tree and ash tree by 2m - No Comment.

6680. 23/00821/LBWN - the old Thatch, minor internal works - No Objection

6681. Discuss Nether Wallop NDP - The latest draft of the NDP document was unanimously approved.

6682. To approve Payments and Receipts – The payments and receipts from 6th Feb - 17th March and 17th March - 17th April were approved.

6683. To discuss updates on Learn2Live, Winton House - The application for the fence and gates has been withdrawn.

6684. **Update on Playground upgrade** - Former Clerk, Gail Foster had still not communicated with anyone and had not supplied the updated quotations as she had agreed to do. Cllr Ian Carpenter has provided a new catalog from one potential supplier, which will be looked at in the working group meeting on Mon 24th April.
6685. **Park inspection** - After discussion it was agreed that the bench at the pavilion did not impede access to the defibrillator, as raised by the Inspector Kevin Barnes, and that it could be left where it is. Cllr Ian Carpenter had replaced the rubber handles on the damaged springer, and it will no longer be considered condemned. The revamping of the old bench had been completed and it was suggested that the wooden ends be sanded down so they were not so rough. It was agreed that 2 more recycled plastic picnic benches would be acquired and placement of these was discussed.
6686. **Progress on the new playground** - The former Clerk had not yet provided all of the documentation for which she had offered to gather updates (3 quotations to be compared), so the working group had not been able to make any recommendations. The fence around the old play area had been measured, and it was established that there is enough to fence off the car park from the play area, with the addition of pedestrian and car gates. There was discussion about fencing off the new play area for small children, to keep dogs out. It was also suggested that rubberised matting be considered for the entire toddler play area. The working group are due to meet again once all documentation has been retrieved.
6687. **Parish Elections** - There is no need for elections as there are only 5 candidates. Ben Sangster will be stepping down and will be sorely missed, however he has agreed to remain on the Playground working group.
6688. **Ratify new Lloyds's savings bank account** - It was resolved that a new bank account at Lloyds Bank be opened
6689. **Relisting Five Bells as an asset to the community** - It was resolved that the Chairman be authorised to contact Test Valley Borough Council to re-list the Five Bells as an AVC as the current listing was due to expire in June.
6690. **Discuss Coronation Plans** - The chairman updated the council on the plans for the coronation weekend, with the lighting of the beacon at the Village Green on Friday 5th, street party in the High Street on Sunday 7th and the family picnic with the juggler on Monday 8th May.
6691. **Nether Wallop May Fair** - The Chairman reminded the Council that the May Fair will be taking place on the playing fields on Monday 1st May
6692. **Sunset Fun Run** - The chairman reminded the Council that the May Fair organisers are holding a fun run on Sunday 30th April at Dene Farm.
6693. **No other Correspondence received.**

Reports from Councillors –

6694. **Safe Travel WG** - Nothing to report.

6695. **Playing Fields and Playground** – The Working Group report had been discussed. One of the regular players had asked that the tennis court lines be repainted and that the weeds around the edge of the court be spray and it was agreed to go ahead with these. Tim is to check all benches to make sure they are all sound and safe.

6696. **Footpaths** - Nothing to report.

6697. **Village Green** - Nothing to report.

6698. **Village Hall** - It was agreed that the benches in front of the hall be power hosed and oiled. The Village Hall Trust had just met and Charles Rogers had stood down as Chairman and would be replaced by Edward Souter. The council thanked Mr Rogers for his many years of service on the Trust.

6699. **Wallop Parish Hall** - The Chairman of the Village Hall trust has given a bench as a leaving present. It is to be decided where to put the bench and arrangements to be made to have it installed.
A tapestry of the Wallops is to be loaned to the NWPC to put up in the Hall, the print of the tapestry is to be put up in the Wallops hall.

6700. **Matters raised by Cllrs to be added to next months agenda** – None

6701. **Points from the Floor** - It was brought up that when non-protected trees are to be cut down, a thorough check must be done to make sure they do not have a good use, as many of these trees are useful, depending on where they are.

6663. **The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:35**

Date of the next meeting : 15th May 2023 at 7:15pm.

Lesley Armstrong - Clerk