

**Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 6:45 pm
on Monday 13th May 2024 in the Village Hall, Nether Wallop**

- 6936 Present at the meeting:** Cllrs Whitaker, Bedford, James, Carpenter and Graves
- 6937 In Attendance:** The Clerk, the RFO – Christian Anstis, the Footpaths Officer and 3 members of the public.
- 6938 Welcome:** Cllr Whitaker opened the meeting at 18:45 and welcomed everyone.
- 6939 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2024 -** Sarah Whitaker was re-elected as Chairman and Richard Bedford re-elected as Vice-Chairman.
- 6940 Apologies for absence:** None.
- 6941 Declarations of Interest** for items on the agenda, changes in Register of Interests, Requests for dispensations. Cllr James declared that her neighbour has a planning application 24/00926/FULLN listed below. Cllr Whitaker signed a new declaration of interest including the Five Bells Community Society Ltd.
- 6942 To reports from TVBC and HCC** – Both Councillor Drew and Councillor MacDonald were present and gave their reports, which are available on the NWPC website [Link](#); [Link](#). **Cllr Drew reported** that HCC were talking to the land owner regarding the water being pumped into the drain on The Square, and will report back once a solution found. He reiterated the pothole reporting process [Link](#) and that these were being fixed faster than they were being reported.
TVBC Cllr McDonald reported that there were resilience meetings every 6 months and that it would be helpful for Councillors to attend this, even though there is a plan in place. Southern Water are investigating sewage in the river Test.
- He reported that the administrators of Learn2Live at Winton House would not now complete the works on for the Listed building and that any purchaser would be required to do this. Some caravans are on the vacant land for sale behind Pinchbecks, and this being investigated.
- Over Wallop’s NDP has passed the referendum stage with almost 90% approval and will now be implemented.
- Traffic speeds are down overall, and it has been agreed with TVBC that 2 devices be purchased subject to gaining permission from the pole owners to install them, once HCC approval has been obtained. The PC may now apply for a reduction of speed limit to 20MPH. However, the approximately £10K cost of this would be from NWPC funds.
- 6943 Points from the floor** – None
- 6944 Consideration of the following Planning Applications** - The following comments were made:
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| 24/00997/DDCA | Old Butchers Arms | Removal of Maple stem | Already approved |
| 24/00833/LBWN | Elm Cottage | Increase height of chimney | No Objection |
| 24/00832/FULLN | Elm Cottage | Increase height of chimney | No Objection |
| 24/00926/FULLN | Jesmond Cottage | Single storey extension and porch | No Objection |
- 6945 To approve the minutes** of the previous NWPC meeting on 8th April 2023 – These were approved and signed by the Chairman, together with the monthly bank reconciliations.
- 6946 Discuss Audit 13 May 2024** -The audit went well, given it was a first time for both the RFO and the Clerk. The AGAR was signed off and the internal audit report will be approved and sent out after a couple of additions. The Clerk will post the notice of Public Rights on 31 May, for the

period 6 June – 17 July 2024. The signed AGAR forms were given to the RFO for the external audit.

- a) **AGAR section 1**- was approved by the council and signed by the chair and clerk.
- b) **AGAR section 2** – was approved by the council and signed by the chair and clerk.
- c) **BDO Conflict of interest form** was completed and signed.

The Chairman thanked the RFO, Cllr James and the Clerk for all their hard work and time put into the preparation of the internal audit.

6947 Cllr reports:

Playground/Playing Fields – It was agreed that, as required by the warranty conditions, a weekly visual check on the playground and exercise equipment would be made by Cllr Carpenter. Cllrs will take it in turns to do a quarterly check and complete the checklist, to be sent to all Cllrs. The Clerk will contact Kompan to arrange an annual inspection. It was agreed that there was no need to recruit a new person to inspect the equipment do this from 1 June.

It was agreed that Simon Tilling will perform the strimming at the playing field. He will report the time taken for the first trim as an indication of future costs. It was noted that despite two signs on the gate, it was still not being closed, and this posed a risk to children and dogs that may walk into the car park unattended. This will be monitored. The latch on the gate cannot be reached a wheelchair, so this may have to be changed.

It was agreed to move the new Picnic table/bench beside to the top of the zipwire.

Village Green – Two quotes had been obtained for the new bridge for the village green. One is to be amended to include handrails, and Cllrs will then make a decision.

The quote for the mower repair was about £400.

Footpaths & Lengthsman – The Footpaths Officer has written his annual report and this will be available on the website. The chairman thanked him for his hard work.

Village Hall – The RFO continues to try to get the feed in tariff paid to the council by the electricity supplier.

Parish Hall – At the end of the financial year, the hall had made a small profit for the first time since the pandemic and the hall manager was congratulated.

6948 To approve Bank Reconciliation, Payments, Receipts. (11th March 2024 – 7th April 2024)

All figures and bank reconciliations were approved and signed. Purchases were approved for payment. Cllr James proposed that the General reserves should be 12 months of expenses and that the excess reserves can be put to general reserves to cover for the shortfall in the Lewngthsman budget. She also reported that the Standing Orders had now been updated, and would be available on the PC website.

6949 Councillor responsibilities for 2024: All responsibilities remain unchanged:

Finance – Helen James

Traffic – Richard Bedford

Planning – Paul Graves

Village Hall – Sarah Whitaker

HR committee – Sarah Whitaker, Paul Graves and Richard Bedford.

Date of next monthly meeting: Monday 10th June 2024, at 6.45pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:56.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairman: Date: