

Draft Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting – 12 June 2023

6726. **Present at the meeting:** Cllrs Whitaker, Graves, Bedford, HCC Cllr Drew
6727. **In Attendance:** Mrs L Armstrong, Parish Clerk, Marie Stubbington - Community Engagement Officer, TVBC and 4 members of the public.
6728. **Welcome:** The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
6729. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Carpenter and TVB Cllr Macdonald had sent apologies.
6730. **Helen James was Co Opted as a new Councilor**, proposed Cllr Whitaker and seconded Cllr Bedford, all Cllrs in agreement and she signed the Declaration of acceptance and was welcomed onto the Council.
6731. **Declarations of Interests for items on the agenda, changes in Register of Interests, requests for dispensations:** Cllr Graves mentioned that he had communicated with Test Valley concerning Winton House trees.
6732. It was noted that **Five Bells has been re-listed as an Asset of Community Value for a further 5 years.**

Points from the Floor

6733. **Community Engagement Officer, Marie Stubbington**, introduced herself and explained her role at the Test Valley Borough Council. She has been of great assistance to NWPC on many occasions.
6734. **Alan Elsey , Broughton Football Club Chairman**, asked if he could secure the use of both pitches on a Saturday morning, in addition to Sundays, as well as practices on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings for a new girls football team. A usage/payment agreement is to be drawn up. Mr Elsey agreed that payment will still be made if a game is cancelled for any reason. Broughton FC insurance will be altered to cover the increased usage.
- The parish will establish whether the pitches are graded by the FA and let Mr Elsey know.
- It is suggested that they are to be billed every 2 months, initially in advance for 5 sessions a week and the fee must be for at least 10 sessions at a time. Cllr James suggested the agreement should state that NWPC reserves the right to increase the fee if necessary, and a cleaning fee will be added due to higher use of the changing rooms and toilets. Cllr Graves agreed to liaise with Mr Elsey to make the agreement.
- Paul from MPM is to be asked to unblock any drains in the pavilion that may need done.
6735. **Hampshire County Council report** was received (see attached) Cllr Drew spoke about the following points:
- Free courses have been made available for parents and guardians of children with mental health issues.
 - 'Ancestry' are in partnership with HCC to allow for easier access to family records.
 - Extra funds have been allocated by the National Lottery to the Greening Campaign in the area.
 - £14 million has been allocated for cost of living grants.
 - There is a public survey, to be distributed through the pump, to find a way out of the £132 million deficit in which Hampshire County Council finds itself. Everyone is encouraged to complete this survey.
6736. **To approve minutes from the previous meeting on 15th May 2023-** All in agreement - Approved
6737. **Discuss Speed Indication Devices** - Following a meeting between Cllr Bedford had and TVBC

Cllr Macdonald, it was agreed that automated speed cameras may be more helpful than those with just a speed and a smiley/sad face. They may also help with any crime in the area, due to being able to see number plates of offending cars. Cllr Bedford will meet with PCSO Max Cleary regarding the change of signage, which may be a cost that NWPC would have to bear. Cllr Drew mentioned that it would be at least a couple of months before a 20mph speed limit is approved.

Planning:

6738. **23/01477/FULLN - Hollom Down Farm** - Alterations and conversion of agricultural building to form 4 dwellings. - Supported by all.
6739. **23/01378/TREEN - Learn 2 Live- Winton House-** Yew trees T6, T7, T8 & T9 to be removed - Objection on the grounds that the tree report states they are healthy and have at least \pm 40yrs life left in them.
6740. **23/01384/CLEN - Kestrels Nest, 1 The Kestrels** - Application for lawful development certificate for the continued use of the building as an independent dwellinghouse. Objection, on the grounds that there is no evidence that the applicants have complied with previous planning requirements about drainage.
6741. **23/01298/TREEN - West Laithe, Five Bells** - T1- Poplar -Fell, T2- Willow -Prune lower branches by up to 1m. - Objection to felling of a healthy tree.
6742. **23/01256/TREEN - Learn 2 Live Winton House fell 11 yew trees** - OBJECTION, Removal of dangerous Ash tree sited North of Winton House. As the permission was granted the day after application, comment was made that a TPO should be applied to the replacement tree, whose planting should be observed by the tree officer.
6743. **Discuss Nether Wallop NDP** - Following assessment by Sarah Hughes from TVBC, there are numerous changes to be made. Once complete the NDP will be re-submitted.
6744. **To approve Payments and Receipts** – The payments and receipts from 15th May - 12th June were approved. Cllr James requested access to the Rialtus accounting program on a read only basis, this was unanimously agreed to.
6745. **To review the Annual Governance and Accountability report** - Section 1 of the AGAR was discussed and reviewed and signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.
6746. **The dates for the exercise of the Public Rights** are :
Date of Notice: Monday 26th June
Inspection period commences: Tuesday 27th June
Inspection period ends: Monday 7th August
6747. **To approve the accounts for the financial year 2022/23.** - Section 2 of the AGAR was reviewed and signed by the chairman. The accounts were then reviewed, approved and signed by the chairman. The Agar is to be put onto the NWPC website. Thanks go to Bev Hunt, the RFO, for all of the hard work done under challenging circumstances.
6748. It was unanimously agreed to move the **Review of the inventory of Land and Assets including Buildings and Office Equipment**, to the July Agenda.
6749. **Update on Playground upgrade** - It was resolved that the council implement section 11- 1d of its Financial Regulations, which removes the need to go to tender for the playground purchases. Final quotations are to be accepted.
The working group has had several meetings with suppliers, and it was discussed not to install Rhino Mulch under the majority of the playground, only under the toddler area, which will be fenced off. Rubber grass matting would suffice under other equipment. The erection of the fence around the toddler area and the car park, plus the picnic tables will be removed from the play equipment quotations and cheaper alternatives sourced elsewhere.

6750. **Park inspection** - There was a discussion over the loose joint at the top of the toddler swings. Cllr Graves will attempt to tighten this. There will be a sign put up to state that these swings may only be used for children 3 and under. This will help with joints loosening, due to heavier children using it. The swings will be removed shortly to make way for the new equipment.
6751. **Lloyds Bank Account** - The Chairman and Clerk had spent over an hour and a half on the phone with the specialist Parish Council division at Lloyds, Councillors signed the mandate papers. An open current account is required before a savings account can be opened.
6752. **Discuss Quotation for Zipline Service** - It was agreed that although the quote was very high, the service was necessary. The clerk will ask them to go ahead and a different company be approached for future servicing.

Reports from Councillors –

6753. **Safe Travel WG** - This was discussed in Point 9 of the agenda.
6754. **Playing Fields and Playground** – This was discussed in points 16 and 18 of the Agenda.
6755. **Footpaths** - HCC has acknowledged that footpath 7, Trout Lane is their responsibility but that it was too expensive to repair. They propose that 'NO HORSES' signs be put up to reduce further damage to the path.
6756. **Village Green** - There have been several notices stuck on the outside of the notice board, damaging the frame and laminate. The clerk is to put up a sign on all 3 Council notice boards with her contact details, so people can contact her should they wish to put up a notice .
6757. **Village Hall** - Cllr James will look at the accounts for the Village Hall as it is running at a significant loss.
6758. **Wallop Parish Hall** - It was confirmed that 4 Nether Wallop Councillors are required at meetings of the Wallop Parish Hall committee. The members are Cllr Whitaker, Cllr Bedford, Cllr Graves and Cllr Carpenter.
6759. **Annual Parish Meeting** - It was confirmed that although it was very badly attended last year, this is required by law, and that a date in July would be announced and notification would be sent out and notices put on the notice boards.
6760. **Change of monthly meeting time**- It was resolved that the monthly NWPC meeting start time be changed from 7:15pm to 6:45pm.
6761. **No other Correspondence received.**
6762. **Matters raised by Cllrs to be added to next months agenda** – None
6763. **Points from the Floor** -None.
6764. **The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:30**

Date of the next meeting : 10th July 2023 at 6:45pm

Lesley Armstrong - Clerk