

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

on Monday 10th October 2022 in the Village Hall, Nether Wallop.

- 6401 Present at the meeting:** Cllrs Whitaker, Sangster, Cotterell, Carpenter, Graves and Bedford.
- 6402 In Attendance:** Mrs G Foster, Parish Clerk, and for part of the meeting, HCC Cllr David Drew and 5 members of the public.
- 6403 Welcome:** The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the council since July.
- 6404 Apologies for absence:** None received.
- 6405 Declarations of Interests for items on the agenda, changes in Register of Interests, Requests for dispensations.** No changes were declared to the registers. Cllr Graves declared an interest in planning application 22/02351/CLEN. Cllrs agreed it was not necessary for Cllr Graves to leave the room while it was discussed provided he did not take part in the discussions.
- 6406 To receive reports from HCC & TVBC - Cllr D Drew & Cllr I Jeffrey:** Cllrs had been forwarded the TVBC Midtest matters by Cllr Jeffrey. It had been uploaded to the website. Cllr Drew had not arrived and would give his report later on in the meeting.
- 6407 Points from the Floor:** A resident stated they wanted to object to one of the planning applications. The Chairman advised that they would be asked for comments when the planning application were discussed.
- 6408 To consider planning applications and agree comments to be sent to Borough Council:**
- 6409** 22/02447/TREEN – no comment - Unanimous
- 6410** 22/02440/DDCA – no comment - Unanimous
- 6411** 22/02352/CLPN – support - Unanimous
- 6412** 22/02351/CLEN – Cllr Graves remained silent while the planning application was discussed. It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously to Support the application.
- 6413** 22/02196/TREEN – no comment
- 6414** 22/02268/LBWN – see below.
- 6415** 22/02267/FULLN – The Chairman asked the public for comments. One resident objected due to being overlooked, and concern over the weight of the new extension being too much for the retaining walls of the properties below, and fears that building works combined with building weight would cause the bank to collapse into his and his neighbours' properties. The applicants were asked to comment and said the application had been amended, but not updated on the Planning website by TVBC. They asked if councillors could comment on a description of the revised plans. The Clerk advised the Councillors comment could only be made on information that was visible. Cllr Cotterell checked the website, and no amended plans were showing. The applicants were asked if they had communicated their plans to any neighbours to the south of their property. The applicants stated they had not done so and the Chairman asked that this be remedied and that they consider taking out insurance in case their building works caused issues to neighbours. It was **RESOLVED:** by majority, that the Council would object to the application on the grounds of overdevelopment.
- 6416** 22/02259/TREEN – no comment.
- 6417** 22/01989/FULLN – no comment.
- 6418** 22/02097/FULLN – the application had been withdrawn as was not discussed.
- 6419** Cllr Cotterell noted the amount of trees that were being removed and asked if the NDP could consider adding something to the plan to require replanting. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6420** The comments would be forwarded to the Borough Council. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6421 To approve the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting on 10th July 2022:** The draft minutes had been posted on the website and it was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, to approve them. The Chairman signed the minutes.
- 6422 To approve Bank Reconciliation, Payments, Receipts, & Budget as available on the website. (7th July to 5th October):** All reports had been posted on the Council's website prior to the meeting. The Bank account as of 5th November showed a balance of £73,147.02.

6423 It was **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, to approve all the financial reports including the payments and receipts as below. Payments:

Transaction no.	Counterparty	Cost	Net	VAT	Total
75	British Heart Foundation	Defibrillator pads	£ 175.00	£ 35.00	£ 210.00
85	Octopus	Electricity - Village Green	£ 10.17	£ 0.51	£ 10.68
86	Octopus	Electricity - Village Hall	£ 120.89	£ 6.04	£ 126.93
87	Octopus	Electricity - Pavilion	£ 64.00	£ 3.20	£ 67.20
88	Parish Magazine	Advert for playground inspector	£ 10.00		£ 10.00
89	HALC	Membership	£ 344.84		£ 344.84
90	BT	Phone and Broadband - July	£ 28.21	£ 5.64	£ 33.85
91	Gallagher	Insurance extra for playground	£ 358.60		£ 358.60
92	Sparkles	Cleaning	£ 55.50	£ 11.10	£ 66.60
93	Octopus	Electricity - Pavilion	£ 65.84	£ 3.29	£ 69.13
94	Octopus	Electricity - Village Green	£ 10.50	£ 0.52	£ 11.02
95	Octopus	Electricity - Village Hall	£ 124.35	£ 6.22	£ 130.57
96	Amazon	Printer imaging unit	£ 11.82	£ 2.37	£ 14.19
97	GFC Gardening	Gardening July	£ 72.00		£ 72.00
98	Microsoft	Office 365 - July	£ 9.40	£ 1.88	£ 11.28
99	VG WG member	Petrol for Strimming	£ 30.00		£ 30.00
100	Andover Garden Machinery	Servicing machinery	£ 87.43		£ 87.43
101	Andover Garden Machinery	Servicing machinery	£ 118.08		£ 118.08
102	Burgess Furniture	Village Hall chairs	£ 1,004.76	£ 200.95	£ 1,205.71
103	Abbotts Ann Pest Control	Mole catching	£ 70.00		£ 70.00
104	BT	Phone and Broadband - Aug	£ 28.21	£ 5.64	£ 33.85
55	Booking Manager	Booking Fees	£ 210.00		£ 210.00
105	Sparkles	Cleaning	£ 88.80		£ 88.80
106	OWPCC	Movie night advert Sept	£ 10.00		£ 10.00
107	Plummer's Plumbing	Pavilion repairs	£ 980.58	£ 196.12	£ 1,176.70
108	Staff Costs	Salary, Expenses, Tax & NI - Aug	£ 866.14		£ 866.14
109	Staff Costs	Pension August	£ 92.59		£ 92.59
110	Staff Costs	Salary, Expenses, Tax & NI - Sep	£ 1,049.70		£ 1,049.70
111	Staff Costs	Pension Sept	£ 92.59		£ 92.59
112	BT	Phone and Broadband - Sept	£ 28.21	£ 5.64	£ 33.85
113	Octopus	Electricity - Pavilion	£ 71.58	£ 3.58	£ 75.16
114	Octopus	Electricity - Village Green	£ 10.58	£ 0.53	£ 11.11
115	Octopus	Electricity - Village Hall	£ 135.96	£ 6.80	£ 142.76
116	Sum Up	Sum up terminal	£ 39.00	£ 7.80	£ 46.80
117	GFC Gardening	Gardening and hedge cutting	£ 422.00		£ 422.00
118	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit Fees	£ 300.00	£ 60.00	£ 360.00
119	Parish Online	subscription	£ 75.00	£ 15.00	£ 90.00
120	Test Valley Borough Council	Green bin	£ 37.00		£ 37.00
121	Microsoft	Office 365 - August	£ 9.40	£ 1.88	£ 11.28
122	Daniel Robins	Football pitch cutting 2022	£ 928.00		£ 928.00
123	Booking Manager	Cleaning / hygiene materials	£ 13.50		£ 13.50
124	VG WG member	Petrol for Strimming	£ 30.08		£ 30.08
125	Andover Garden Machinery	Strimming Helmet	£ 54.97		£ 54.97
126	Screwfix	VHWG recommends	£ 51.01	£ 10.21	£ 61.22
127	NWNVHT	Rent for Village Hall	£ 3.24		£ 3.24
128	OWPCC	Advert for Carols on Green	£ 10.00		£ 10.00
129	BT	Phone and Broadband - October	£ 28.21	£ 5.64	£ 33.85
130	Defib Warehouse	Defibrillator for playing fields	£ 1,540.00	£ 308.00	£ 1,848.00
131	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	£ 18.00		£ 18.00
132	Sparkles	Cleaning	£ 37.00	£ 7.40	£ 44.40
133	GFC Gardening	Gardening September	£ 36.00		£ 36.00
134	Business Stream	Water - Pavilion	£ 122.43		£ 122.43
		Total	£ 10,191.17	£ 910.96	£ 11,102.13

6424 Receipts that had been received were noted as below:

Transaction no.	Counterparty	Cost	Net	VAT	Total
35	T-010	Various Tennis	£ 60.00		£ 60.00
36	FB - 003	Queen Charlotte FC	£ 35.00	£ 7.00	£ 42.00
37	FB - 004	Queen Charlotte FC	£ 35.00	£ 7.00	£ 42.00
38	FB - 005	Queen Charlotte FC	£ 35.00	£ 7.00	£ 42.00
39	FB - 006	Queen Charlotte FC	£ 35.00	£ 7.00	£ 42.00
40	FB - 007	Queen Charlotte FC	£ 35.00	£ 7.00	£ 42.00
41	FB - 008	Queen Charlotte FC	£ 35.00	£ 7.00	£ 42.00
34	T-011	Various Tennis	£ 40.00		£ 40.00
42	FB - 009	Clarendon FC	£ 35.00	£ 7.00	£ 42.00
43	VH - 018	Private Hire	£ 63.00		£ 63.00
44	T - 012	Various Tennis	£ 40.00		£ 40.00
45	FB - 010	Redlynch FC	£ 35.00	£ 7.00	£ 42.00
46	FB - 011	Alex - PALS FC ?	£ 35.00	£ 7.00	£ 42.00
47	T - 013	Various Tennis	£ 40.00		£ 40.00

48	n/a	HCC	machine servicing	£	305.00		£	305.00	
49	FB - 015	New Street FC	Football pitch Adults	£	35.00	£	7.00	£	42.00
50	FB - 012	Broughton FC	Football pitch Adults	£	70.00	£	14.00	£	84.00
51	FB - 013	Queen Charlotte FC	Football pitch Adults	£	35.00	£	7.00	£	42.00
52	FB - 014	Hayward FC	Football pitch Adults	£	35.00	£	7.00	£	42.00
53	T - 015	Various Tennis	Tennis Court bulk bookings	£	40.00			£	40.00
54	T - 014	Various Tennis	Tennis Court bulk bookings	£	40.00			£	40.00
55	T - 016	Various Tennis	Tennis Court bulk bookings	£	60.00			£	60.00
56	FB - 016	New Street FC	Football pitch Adults	£	6.67	£	1.33	£	8.00
57	FB - 017	Hayward FC	Football pitch Adults	£	35.00	£	7.00	£	42.00
58	FB - 018	Clarendon FC	Football pitch Adults	£	35.00	£	7.00	£	42.00
59	FB - 019	AFC Tuckers	Football pitch Adults	£	35.00	£	7.00	£	42.00
60	FB - 020	New Street FC	Football pitch Junior	£	20.83	£	4.17	£	25.00
61	FB - 021	New Street FC	Football pitch Adults	£	20.83	£	4.17	£	25.00
62	FB - 022	New Street FC	Football pitch Adults	£	20.83	£	4.17	£	25.00
63	FB - 023	New Street FC	Football pitch Adults	£	35.00	£	7.00	£	42.00
64	FB - 024	New Street FC	Football pitch Adults	£	20.83	£	4.17	£	25.00
65	T - 017	Various Tennis	Tennis Court bulk bookings	£	40.00			£	40.00
66	T - 018	Various Tennis	Tennis Court bulk bookings	£	40.00			£	40.00
67	T - 019	Various Tennis	Tennis Court bulk bookings	£	30.00			£	30.00
68	T - 020	Various Tennis	Tennis Court bulk bookings	£	50.00			£	50.00
69	T - 021	Various Tennis	Tennis Court bulk bookings	£	40.00			£	40.00
70	VH - 019	St Andrews Church	Hall hire	£	8.00			£	8.00
71	VH - 020	Book Club	Hall hire	£	12.00			£	12.00
72	VH - 021	Private Hire	Hall hire	£	28.00			£	28.00
73	VH - 022	Bridge Club	Hall hire	£	20.00			£	20.00
74	VH - 023	Private Hire	Hall hire	£	68.00			£	68.00
75	VH - 024	St Andrews Church	Hall hire	£	8.00			£	8.00
76	VH - 025	Book Club	Hall hire	£	12.00			£	12.00
77	PC-001	Test Valley BC	Section 106 - 10/00798/FULLN	£	1,695.38			£	1,695.38
78	PC-002	Test Valley BC	Section 106 - 14/00662/FULLN	£	1,205.72			£	1,205.72
79	PC-003	Test Valley BC	Section 106 - 10/00798/FULLN	£	1,324.15			£	1,324.15
80	PC-004	Test Valley BC	Section 106 - 14/00662/FULLN	£	941.77			£	941.77
81	PC-005	NWSC	Donation	£	40,245.74			£	40,245.74
82	VH - 026	Bridge Club	Hall hire	£	20.00			£	20.00
83	T - 022	Various Tennis	Tennis refund	-£	7.00			-£	7.00
84	T - 023	Various Tennis	Tennis refund	-£	18.00			-£	18.00
85	FB - 025	Alex - PALS FC ?	Football pitch Adults	-£	35.00	-£	7.00	-£	42.00
86	MQ-01	Village Resident	Marquee hire 10 * 4	£	75.00	£	15.00	£	90.00
87	MQ-02	Village Resident	Marquee hire 10 * 4	£	75.00	£	15.00	£	90.00
88	MQ-03	Village Resident	Marquee hire 10 * 4	£	75.00	£	15.00	£	90.00
89	MQ-04	Test Valley School	Marquee hire 12 * 6	£	125.00	£	25.00	£	150.00
90	MQ-05	Village Resident	Marquee hire 10 * 4	£	75.00	£	15.00	£	90.00
91	T - 024	Various Tennis	Tennis court bulk bookings	£	40.00			£	40.00
92	T - 025	Various Tennis	Tennis Court bulk bookings	£	25.00			£	25.00
93	n/a	Test Valley BC	Precept payment 2	£	21,675.00			£	21,675.00
94	VH - 027	Quiz Night	Hall hire	£	12.00			£	12.00
95	VH - 028	Village Resident	Hall hire	£	56.00			£	56.00
96	VH - 029	St Andrews Church	Hall hire	£	8.00			£	8.00
97	VH - 030	St Andrews Church	Hall hire	£	8.00			£	8.00
98	T - 026	Various Tennis	Tennis Court bulk bookings	£	50.00			£	50.00
99	T - 027	Various Tennis	Tennis Court bulk bookings	£	40.00			£	40.00
100	FB - 026	New Street FC	Football pitch Junior	£	20.83	£	4.17	£	25.00
101	FB - 027	New Street FC	Football pitch Junior	£	20.83	£	4.17	£	25.00
102	FB - 028	New Street FC	Football pitch Junior	£	20.83	£	4.17	£	25.00
103	FB - 029	New Street FC	Football pitch Junior	£	20.83	£	4.17	£	25.00
104	FB - 030	New Street FC	Football pitch Adults	£	35.00	£	7.00	£	42.00
105	FB - 031	New Street FC	Football pitch Adults	£	35.00	£	7.00	£	42.00
106	FB - 032	New Street FC	Football pitch Adults	-£	20.83	-£	4.17	-£	25.00
107	VH - 031	Private Hire	Hall hire	£	32.00			£	32.00
108	VH - 032	Private Hire	Hall hire	£	12.00			£	12.00
109	FB - 033	Broughton FC	Football pitch Adults	£	35.00	£	7.00	£	42.00
110	VH - 033	Bridge Club	Hall hire	£	20.00			£	20.00
35	T-010	Various Tennis	Tennis Court bulk bookings	£	60.00			£	60.00
36	FB - 003	Queen Charlotte FC	Football pitch Adults	£	35.00	£	7.00	£	42.00
		Total		£	69,707.26	£	255.50	£	69,962.76

6425 To approve the Village Hall WG costs and recommendations: The paper of issues needing attention had been reviewed. It was RESOLVED: unanimously that MPM waste would make two visits per year if necessary to empty the septic tank and check the waste apparatus was functioning correctly. **Action: Clerk.**

6426 An electrician would be engaged to re-survey the all the electrics at the VH. **Action: Clerk.**

- 6427 HCC Cllr Drew arrived at 19.43 and summarized the HCC report which is available on the [website](#).
- 6428 Cllr Drew noted that the parish had received a proposal from HCC regarding the Traffic Calming Scheme which was nearly ready for implementation. The Clerk advised that HCC had not forwarded any plans to NWPC and Councillors were therefore not aware of the plans. Cllr Drew had forwarded the plans to the Chairman the previous week and was able to display the maps on his laptop for councillors to view.
- 6429 The HCC Highways officer would be contacted for complete copies that should be circulated to Councillors.
Action: Clerk.
- 6430 Cllr Cotterell asked what criteria had been identified to measure whether the plan was successful or not.
- 6431 A proposal had been made to install Village Gates at the entrance of Salisbury Lane. Councillors agreed that maintenance costs could be covered by the Parish. Details of the proposed designs would be requested. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6432 Cllr Drew left the meeting at 20.23.
- 6433 **To consider if the Council will opt out of SAAA External Audit arrangements until 26/27:** It was unanimously **RESOLVED:** That the Council would stay opted into the current arrangements. No action required.
- 6434 **To note the Conclusion of Audit:** The statutory notice and copy of the external auditor's certificate signed by PKFLittlejohn had been posted on the website and Village Hall Notice board before the 30 September deadline. A note had been made by PKF stating "We have not seen evidence in respect of any financial arrangements in place relating to the Wallops Parish Hall. The smaller authority needs to establish the legal status of a potential joint arrangement and ensure the correct accounting treatment is applied." Councillors thanked the Clerk for her hard work and noted that discussions were ongoing with Over Wallop PC regarding the accounting and governance treatment for the Wallops Parish Hall.
- 6435 **To note progress on the Resilience Plan:** Cllr Sangster had checked the emergency contact details in the plan. Many were out of date and a new list was being prepared from scratch. Residents would be asked to advise which resources they could make available in an emergency. **Action: Cllrs Sangster and Carpenter.**
- 6436 **To receive and if appropriate to approve a recommendation from the NDP SG:** The draft SG minutes were noted, and the new Development Plan Draft had been reviewed. It was **RESOLVED:** unanimously, to accept the recommendation to adopt the current draft. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6437 **To review and if appropriate to approve the Process for Parish Council Event Insurance:** Councillors confirmed that they had read the Insurance back up paper, the Insurer's advice, the Insurer's summary of expectations and summary list of excluded activities as well as a Template Volunteer policy provided by the insurers. A draft process had been put together to ensure that the Council and volunteers remained insured whilst carrying out council events. The Chairman and councillors noted that the administration requirements were increasing year by year, but that the council had no choice but to comply if they wanted to remain insured. It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, to adopt the draft process. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6438 All documents would be forwarded to Cllr Carpenter as email attachments. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6439 Cllr Carpenter would explain to the Village Green Working Group what actions were required. **Action: Cllr Carpenter.**
- 6440 **To consider the use of BBQs on Council land:** Councillors considered all types of village events that were held throughout the year. It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, that BBQs could be held at the Summer Market and Rounders match on the Village Green, and the May Fayre at the Playing fields, all subject to certain conditions.
- 6441 Conditions that the council require compliance with would be published on the council website. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6442 Any other events wishing to have a BBQ on the Green or at the Playing Fields would need to request permission from the Council prior to the event.
- 6443 **To consider a response to HCC – surfacing of Footpath 7:** Councillors and members of the public expressed their frustration at the state of the footpath, and it was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, that HCC would be asked to reconsider their position and make good the surfacing. **Action: Clerk.**

- 6444** **To review the council's policies and procedures:** The draft policies based on the SLCC templates for Complaints and Vexatious complaints had been reviewed and it was **RESOLVED:** by majority, that they be accepted and approved and uploaded to the website. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6445** The HR Working Group would additionally take on the role of the Complaints WG.
- 6446** **To review Risk Assessments (RA) and decide on Actions and cost:** Councillors reviewed the re-written Carols on the Green RA along with the previous RA for the Village Hall Gardener, and the Village Hall decorating RA. It was **RESOLVED:** unanimously, that they would be approved, with minor amendments to the Gardener and Decorating documents. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6447** **To review the snagging list for playing fields works:** Councillors had reviewed the latest version of the list and it was **RESOLVED:** unanimously, that an ex-Councillor would be asked to undertake a Tree Survey at his earliest opportunity. **Action: Cllr Carpenter.**
- 6448** A height indicator would be added to the post by the exercise equipment. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6449** The leg lift and chin up station did not require any more adjustment.
- 6450** The inspection instructions for the Leg Press would be requested again from the suppliers. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6451** The updated inspection sheet would be emailed to the equipment inspectors. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6452** The balance of £1,000 would be approved for payment to Fresh Air Fitness. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6453** **To receive an update on the Tennis Courts:** Three residents of the Parish had been contacted to find out if they engaged a contractor to carry out annual servicing or maintenance. Unfortunately, no responses have been received. The Council had considered if some actions should be undertaken in July, but no decisions had been made other than to have the hedge trimmed. It was **RESOLVED:** unanimously that quotes should be sought for repainting the Tennis Court lines and purchasing a new net. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6454** **To appoint a Councillor in charge of Footpaths / Lengthsman:** Cllr Bedford offered to take on the four roles of, sending the scheduled monthly tasks to Stockbridge PC, checking the tasks are completed, Updating and following up on the HCC reporting tool and providing short written reports for council meetings. All Councillors thanked Cllr Bedford for taking on the tasks. A handover would be arranged. **Action: Clerk and Cllr Bedford.**
- 6455** **To receive an update on Fundraising for the Playing Fields:** The Clerk provided a table of amounts applied for and the status of each application.
- 6456** Community Asset Fund, (CAF Grant) applied for £25,000, should have received a decision by 23rd September, but now expecting to hear by 24th October. This would be chased. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6457** Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL Bid) applied for £101,000. The application is pending TVBC panel review which should be available on 7th December 2022.
- 6458** Section 106 Funds application of £ 5,167. Status is approved and payment is pending.
- 6459** Nether Wallop Social Club Charity Donation £ 40,245.74, payment is pending.
- 6460** Savings held by the Parish Council = £34,975.28 held in earmarked reserves for the project.
- 6461** No further action or ordering can take place until all funding is confirmed.
- 6462** **To consider a response to a resident's letter:** A draft response had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED:** unanimously, to delegate some minor changes to Cllr Cotterell and the Clerk. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6463** **To note the Clerk's report and decide on actions:** TVBC have written to advise that 1 Fifehead Cottages, was originally subject to a buy back clause with TVBC, but this has now expired and will be removed when the property is sold.
- 6464** PKF Littlejohn have completed the External Audit review for 2021-22. No issues have been found with NWPC accounts. A note has been raised in respect of the Wallops Parish Hall accounts, and the External Auditor has stated "the authority needs to establish the legal status of a potential joint arrangement and ensure the correct accounting treatment is applied."
- 6465** An email from a resident has been received, the response to which has been added to the agenda for discussion.
- 6466** Resident has queried the demolition of the garages at Rags Corner. TVBC have confirmed planning permission was granted, but new build will require a new planning application.

- 6467 Rights of Way issues have been brought to council's attention. Landowners need to be consulted about remedial work to stiles.
- 6468 The Green bin subscription for Village Hall has been renewed.
- 6469 The Wallops Broadband project has been delayed by Central Government Red Tape despite the best efforts of the resident heading up the project and MP Caroline Nokes. There is not expected to be any movement until late 2023.
- 6470 Lengthsman – The August jobs had not been completed as the Lengthsman had not been well. The Balance held for NWPC by Stockbridge PC was £402 not taking into account the jobs for Sept.
- 6471 The defibrillator and wall cabinet for the for the playing fields have been purchased and fitted. The Village Charity have offered to make a donation to cover the net cost of the items. The Council have gratefully accepted the offer. The defibrillator would be added to the Council's asset register and insurance policy. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6472 Paediatric pads would be ordered, and provision in the next financial year's budget would be made for replacements of consumables. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6473 **To review Reports received from councillors and approve any cost implications:**
- 6474 **Safe Travel:** Cllr Whitaker advised that HCC Highways had offered to install Village Gates at the junction of Salisbury Lane. Councillors were asked if maintenance costs could be covered by the council. This was expected to only comprise cleaning and grass cutting. The lengthsman would be the only contractor licensed to work on the highway and undertake this task. Councillors agree that the Parish could afford the maintenance costs. HCC would be asked to send a map of where the gates would be placed, and a design for them including the signage wording. Cllr Drew would be copied. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6475 Cllr Bedford mentioned that vegetation was again encroaching on road space in specific areas of the parish. A map would be drawn up of affected areas and landowners asked to trim back their hedges or shrubs. **Action: Cllr Bedford & Clerk.**
- 6476 **Traffic Calming:** A new provisional plan was being talked about by HCC which appeared to have been made in March 2022, but the details had not been passed onto Nether Wallop Parish Council. The officer at HCC would be asked to forward all the latest proposals and to ensure that both Nether and Over Wallop parish councils were consulted as the plan affects residents in both parishes. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6477 **Playing fields and playground:** Cllr Sangster reported that two playground inspectors had been taken round the playing fields equipment and had agreed to perform weekly checks for the council. Contracts and payment details were yet to be arranged. **Action: Cllr Sangster and Clerk.**
- 6478 A resident had approached the Clerk offering to repair the roof the pavilion with a small team of volunteers if the Council paid for the materials. **It was RESOLVED:** Unanimously, to accept the kind offer and materials up to the cost of £3,000 would be purchased. **Action: Cllr Sangster and Clerk.**
- 6479 A Risk Assessment would be written before any works took place. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6480 **Footpaths:** Cllr Bedford would go through the footpaths schedule with the Clerk prior to the November list being prepared. **Action: Cllr Bedford and Clerk.**
- 6481 **Village Green:** Cllr Carpenter had nothing to report. The Chairman advised that the Notice Board keys that had been lost had now been replaced and sets were held by herself and the Clerk. The missing Risk Assessments for the Village Green had also been displayed.
- 6482 The Chairman advised she had been approached by some residents wanting to know if they could walk pet alpacas or goats on the village green. The purpose was for recreation rather than grazing them for food, although the animals would undoubtedly nibble at grass or willow. It was stated that the animals would be accompanied and remain on leads at all times. Councillors approved the request provided that no damage would be caused.
- 6483 **Village Hall:** The hall was due to be closed for two weeks for redecoration from Monday 17th October.
- 6484 **Wallops Parish Hall:** A resident that had been found to replace Over Wallop Councillor Taylor-Firth as Treasurer had now decided not to take on the role. Another replacement was being sought by OWPC. A meeting had been arranged for 20th October to hear from OWPC's auditor. NWPC's auditor was not available for the date.
- 6485 **Matters raised by councillors for noting or adding to next month's agenda:** Cllr Graves reminded councillors of the brave actions of all the farm workers and the fire brigade during the field fires in the parish this summer. Councillors wished to thank all those that had been involved in preventing loss of life or damage to homes.
- 6486 Cllr Carpenter voiced his opposition to the proposal from TVBC to set up a warm hub in the Village Hall. The Clerk had so far received messages from 21 residents, 18 in support and 3 against. The motion would be debated at the November meeting.

- 6487** Cllr Whitaker proposed that a different style of meeting be held in December when the council would be setting their budget. Residents would be asked to attend to view the budget calculations and refreshments should be provided. Proposal for the cost element would be added to the November Agenda.
- 6488** **Points from the floor:** Two members of the public who had been the organisers of the Vintage Fair in August, gave the Council a donation of £200 to be spent on buying paediatric pads and/or the installation of the defibrillator at the playing fields. Councillors expressed their grateful thanks for such a kind gesture towards the well-being of the parish.
- 6489** Cllr Graves expressed his admiration of the farm workers that had battled against the various field fires in the village during the extremely dry spell. Their brave actions had prevented the destruction of nearby private property, although several farm vehicles had been lost to the fire.
- 6490** A member of the public offered to help with providing useful equipment to the resilience plan. Cllr Sangster would take note of his details.
- 6491** **Date of next monthly meeting: Monday 14th November 2022, at 7.15.**
- 6492** The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.43 hrs.

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