

Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting – 19:15, 13 March 2023

6632. **Present at the meeting:** Cllrs Whitaker, Sangster, Cotterell, Graves, Carpenter, Borough Cllr Ian Jeffrey and County Cllr David Drew
6633. **In Attendance:** Mrs L Armstrong, Parish Clerk, and 5 members of the public.
6634. **Welcome:** The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
6635. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Bedford had sent his apologies.
6636. **Declarations of Interests for items on the agenda, changes in Register of Interests, requests for dispensations:** None
6638. **To approve minutes from the previous meeting on 13 Feb 2023-** All in agreement - Approved

Planning:

6639. **23/00567/TREEN – Fir Cottage on The Square-** No Comment. However, it was noted that for the past 4 months it had been mentioned by the Council a new tree could be planted for every tree cut down. Cllr Sangster mentioned that there have been quite a few trees planted on the road to Stockbridge, there is a planting scheme which can be donated to that will plant trees to replace those that have been felled.
6640. **23/00577/TREEN -Fir Cottage on The Square –** No Comment on all three trees
6641. **23/00422/FULLN - Marwood, Farley Street –** The draft NDP states that there is no need for another new large house in the area, and that the need is for several 2-3 bedroom small to medium houses. Objection
6642. **23/00353/FULLN - Winton House –** There is a conservation report that has been compiled and the fences and gates were objected to by TVBC. (NB the fence and gate applications had subsequently been withdrawn)
6643. **To approve Payments and Receipts –** It was noted that nothing had changed since the February meeting. There have been problems with the RFO in getting access to the bank account, which had now been resolved and payments could start to be made. The Chairman highlighted the problems we have had with Unity bank and it was suggested that a new account be opened and to transfer the Playground EarMarked reserves into it, as the Unity balance is currently too high to be covered by Government guarantees should anything happen to the bank. All except Cllr Cotterell were in favour of opening a savings account, which should be at a clearing bank, which could then also accrue interest. Chairman /Clerk to go ahead and research and initiate a second account. It was agreed to keep the Unity bank account for the day to day banking.

6644. **Cllr Drew** – was welcomed and thanked for his report, which is attached. It was discussed that there were too many potholes.
6645. **Celebration for King’s Coronation** – The application to TVBC for £500 grant for celebrations will be sent in once the final quotation has been agreed. The Chairman showed an example of the kind of mug that we would order, and all were invited to comment. It was agreed to order bone china mugs made in the UK. Cllr Cotterell suggested buying wildflower seeds for each household to plant in commemoration of the Coronation. It was agreed by all other Cllrs that a mug would be a better commemorative item. Cllr Whitaker to go ahead and order the mugs.
6646. **Winton House** - As discussed earlier, there had been objections raised by various parties and consultation reports submitted, all of which point towards a bad outcome for the owners’ plans to put up 3m high fences and gates.
6647. **Progress on the new playground** - The former Clerk had not provided all of the documentation she had offered (3 quotations to be compared for work to be done), 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 gates. There was discussion about fencing off the play area for small children, to keep dogs out. It was also suggested that rubberised matting be considered for the entire toddler play area. It was agreed that 2 additional recycled plastic picnic tables were to be purchased. The old bench would be refurbished and moved to the pavilion. The working group are due to meet again once all documentation has been retrieved.
6648. **Cllr J Cotterell- Questions for TVBC** - Cllr Cotterell did not discuss the items listed after the previous meeting, even though Cllr Jeffrey was happy to answer them.
6649. **TVBC Cllr Alison Johnston** - Cllr Johnston did not attend the meeting. Cllr Cotterell took Cllr Jeffrey to task over the fact that she had been invited and did not attend. Cllr Jeffrey apologised on behalf of Cllr Johnston and tried to answer some of the questions that Cllr Cotterell had supplied in advance and were attached to the agenda.
6650. **Approval of Wallop Village Hall Constitution** - The WPH committee had recommended approval of the updated Constitution at its last meeting and this was unanimously approved.
6651. **Wallop Village Hall Solar Panel Donation** - It was agreed that the donor was to be formally thanked. It was confirmed that NWPC had no liabilities with regard to fitting etc. and that everything would be paid for by the donor.
6652. **Neighbourhood Watch** - It was agreed that, due to the fact that there was only one volunteer that came forward after the appeal on the Pump, that it was not necessary to have a separate Neighbourhood watch in Nether Wallop, as we had WhatsApp groups, The Pump, Facebook Gatepost and the newsletter, to help spread any news of any issues. CCTV cameras were suggested and these are to be investigated.

6653. **Playground equipment Inspection report** - It was agreed that the bench, which the report suggested be condemned, be repaired if possible as in Item 12. Cllr Carpenter agreed to investigate repairing the damaged Springer.

6654. **No other Correspondence received.**

Reports from Councillors –

6655. **Safe Travel WG** - The fixing of potholes had already been discussed in item 9.

6656. **Playing Fields and Playground** – Had already been discussed in items 12 and 18.

6657. **Footpaths** - Nothing to report.

6658. **Village Green** - Nothing to report

6659. **Village Hall** - Nothing to report.

6660. **Wallop Parish Hall** - Had already been discussed in items 15 and 16.

6661. **Matters raised by Cllrs to be added to next months agenda – None**

6662. **Points from the Floor** - No additional points.

6663. **The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:18**

Date of the next meeting is 17th April 2023 at 7:15pm.

Lesley Armstrong - Clerk