Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at
6:45 pm on Monday 10th November 2025
in the Village Hall, Nether Wallop

7293 Present at the meeting: Cllrs' Carpenter, Sharpe, Astell, Lovatt, Worthington, Drew and Clerk.
7294 In Attendance: 3 members of the public.
7295 Welcome: Cllr Carpenter opened the meeting at 18:45 and welcomed everyone. He informed the room that the meeting would be recorded for minute taking purposes. Cllr Carpenter welcomed Cllr Worthington to his first meeting.
7296 Apologies for absence: Cllr's Blandford, Courcoux and Macdonald.
7297 Declarations of interest: Cllr Carpenter declared an interest to planning application NO: 25/02418/TREEN
7298 To receive reports from TVBC and HCC: Cllr Drew asked the clerk to include him when the agenda is emailed to all Cllr's and welcomed Cllr Worthington to the council. He commented on:
The success of the food bin rollout and mentioned the flood water table is low now so should not cause concerns over the coming months. His county reports discussed, foster carers support in the area.

The County Council to consult on School and Post-16 Transport Policies Parents who will be asked for their views on Hampshire County Council's School Transport and Post-16 Transport Policies in two consultations opening on Monday, 3 November The policies cover transport for children of compulsory school age who meet national eligibility criteria, and a Post-16 service for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) travelling to further education or training. The School Transport service is required by law while the Post-16 service is chargeable and offered on a discretionary basis.

Hampshire County Council continues to grow SEND provision with more specialist places and inclusive support Hampshire County Council is continuing its long-term investment in special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) provision, with plans well underway to deliver 1,000 additional specialist school places between 2025 and 2030.This includes a mix of new places in both dedicated special schools and Resourced Provisions (RPs), which are specialist environments based within mainstream schools.

Climate Change grants – there's still time to apply Test Valley Borough Council's new Climate Change Grant is helping several communities across the borough to deliver sustainability projects. The Climate Change Grant is open to community groups and not-for-profit organisations across Test Valley. Grants of up to £10,000 are available, with 20% match funding required for applications of £5,000 or more. Projects must demonstrate how they will reduce greenhouse gas emissions or improve community resilience to climate change.

Lights, planning, action: The new theatre venue gets the go-ahead Plans for a new theatre venue for The Lights in Andover which has been given the green light, with planning consent officially granted by Test Valley Borough Council's planning committee. The new three-storey venue will include a state-of-the-art, multi-level auditorium with seating for over 400 people (a significant increase from the 249-seat capacity of the current theatre). Alongside this, the plans feature a separate, flexible space for performances and events, plus dance studios and meeting rooms available for public hire. Visitors will be able to enjoy relaxed social spaces, with café and bar areas located at either end of the building. Outside, terraced spaces will offer pleasant spots to sit and unwind during warmer weather.

Both Cllr's full reports can be found on the TVBC and HCC website.

7299 Points from the floor: Jonathan Wax report from the Local Village shop

Village Shop – Mr Jonathan Wax WCSPO secretary presented facts and figures regarding the insulation of solar panels to the Village Shop. The insulation would see a significant impact on the summer months bills where usage is high due to fridge and air conditioning use. Since the Village shop advertised for help "save our village shop" they have had an increase in contributions, volunteer support and an increase in sales. Therefor as another cost saving they have applied to TVBC for a climate change grant to cover the costs of solar panels being supplied and fitted. The Village shop have asked NWPC for a contribution of £1800 to cover the gap from the grant and solar cost. The cost for up-and-coming stability was questioned by Cllr Sharpe but was backed up by the fundraising days the village shop has held and the increase in revenue. Cllr Worthington asked if an increase in business could be from Amazon drop off boxes but as the shop is a post office as well this would not be granted via post office. All the Cllrs discussed the contribution of £1800 to which all Cllrs discussed and agreed on the contribution.

7300 To consider planning permission for:

APPLICATION NO: 25/02418/TREENPROPOSAL: Willow - Crown reduce, lowering the height by 3-4m and shortening lateral growth by up to 2m to shape the remaining canopy LOCATION: West Laithe, Five Bells Lane, Nether Wallop APPLICANT: Mrs F Beattie NO COMMENT

APPLICATION NO: 25/02458/TREEN PROPOSAL: T1 - Monterey Cypress - Fell, T2 - Lawson Cypress - Fell, T3 -Yew -

Reduce height by up to 2m, reduce lateral spread garden side and over greenhouse by up to 2m LOCATION: Tall Pines, Heathman Street, Nether Wallop APPLICANT: Mr John Boulton NO COMMENT

7301 Approval of minutes from previous meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and signed. Cllr Carpenter thanked Cllr Lovatt for covering the Clerk and taking the minutes.

7302 Correspondence and Actions:
Village Sign - The Clerk has sent HCC and TVBC follow up emails requesting confirmation for a replacement sign; this is ongoing.
Interim Audit Governance audit 27/10/2025 – All the Cllrs agreed that the report had gone very well and there were no advisories for the year so far. All Governance was clear of comments.
Correspondence:
A local parishioner has requested the location of a handbell and electric fencing posts used for parish events back in 2022 be located**.**

Action
The Clerk has sent an email and awaiting a reply. Cllr carpenter said he would check local pavilion and Cllr Worthington will check the barn. Cllr Lovatt will send email to events.

A local parishioner has requested the hire of the village hall for a child's party.
Action
Clerk has sent an email and redirected to book through the new website**.**

Action
Cllr Lovatt to write to the Post Office on behalf of the parish council in response to plans to cut mobile post office services.
Actioned – Cllr Lovatt wrote to Post Office Services on 15/10/2025 but has not received a response yet.

Action
The Clerk has written to Mr Osmond advising that the hedge will be allowed to increase in height, and that we will investigate the installation of temporary fencing. Simon Tilling to investigate the cost of temporary fencing. This is ongoing.

Councillors Reports:
7303 Playground/Playing Fields: Clerk has initiated a football pitch inspection to apply for the Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund.
Mr Robins has presented his tender of £950 for 2026 to remain cutting the grass. Cllr Sharpe proposed and Cllr's Lovatt and Worthington 2nd the proposal.
Action – Clerk to confirm contract.

7304 Village Green:
Action - The Clerk has purchased a new picnic Bench and Cllr Blandford has built and placed on the Green.

7305 Village Hall: The Clerk has supplied Cllr Blandford with the contracts for our current electricity supplier Octopus to examine how much feedback we are obtaining.
Cllr Blandford still looking at Air conditioning
Sparkles Contract – Cllr Lovatt asked if the Clerk could locate our contract with Sparkles to see if fridge cleaning was currently on there. If not, she suggested that we get this added to the schedule as the fridges are often dirty
Action - Clerk to review contract
Cllr Blandford to contact a contractor who may be able to help in supplying a bulb. This is ongoing

7306 Parish Hall Due to GDPR minutes for the Parish Council will not be published on the pump. The pump is an informal / social village communication.
Action Two Parish Cllrs to attend

7307 Footpaths: The Clerk has contacted HCC to request confirmation that we can proceed with the work on the footpaths and will use the CIL monies to go towards funding. To also confirm that HCC will retain liability.
Action - Cllr Blandford to email HCC details of projected repair specification and the three quotes received.

7308 Speedwatch: Cllr Astell advised that we have two speed watch devices, one will be positioned in Salisbury Lane. This equipment has been collected. Cllr Astell suggested the second being sited on Farley Street at the corner of School Lane although correspondence has been received from HCC that this is not a suitable site.
Action
Cllr Astell to contact HCC to seek permission to site the second speed watch device elsewhere in the village.

7309 Communications: Cllr Lovatt advised that the transfer of emails are still causing concerns of some devices.
Cllr Lovatt reported that Mr Lovatt had successfully installed the gov.uk inbox on Cllr Astell's iPad.
Action - Cllrs to get back to her to arrange installation of inbox on their machines.

7310 Grants Pavilion and Football pitch active.
Action

7311 Future Pavillion: The manhole cover to the septic has been lifted and after inspection it has become apparent that the clay pipes and drainage are not flowing efficiently. It was also noted that footballers should use the outside tap for washing off excess mud from boots. Initial plans have been drawn up; Cllrs' Blandford and Lovatt have been liaising with Marie Stubbington in all steps.
Action
Cllrs have agreed for Simon Tilling to carry out repairs.

7312 To approve Bank Reconciliation, Payments, Receipts: All figures and bank reconciliations were signed approved.

7313 Matters raised by Councillors for Inclusion on the next agenda: Cllr Worthington proposed a 2026 improvement plan for the village to remove old out of use satellites and ariels in the village. All Cllrs agreed.
Cllr Lovatt asked that the Christmas carols on the green event use the card reader machine, all Cllrs agreed.
Clerk requested Precept and budget for Dec/Jan
Action
Clerk and RFO to prepare paperwork.

Christmas Carols 12th December

Points from the floor: Correspondence from a Local Parishioner has asked to use the Green for a reception prior to her daughter's wedding on an afternoon in July for a few hrs. The hire of a marquee was discussed as was parking and comfort facilities. Parish Cllrs agreed subject to discussions with Cllr Blandford and covenant use.

Date of next monthly meeting: Monday, 8th December at 6.45pm.

The Chairman Cllr Carpenter closed the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairman: …….. Date: ……