

Minutes of Nether Wallop Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 13 May 2019 at Nether Wallop Village Hall

Attendance: The Chairman welcomed all especially the audience! The meeting was attended by Cllrs Addison, Cotterell and James, the Footpaths Officer, the clerk and one member of the public.

Apologies for absence: HCC Cllr Gibson, TVBC Cllrs Ward, Johnston and Jeffrey. Mr M Lambert.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 14 May 2018: These were proposed to be adopted and unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising from last year's meeting, if any: None

Chairman's Report:

Overview The last year from April 2018 to April 2019 has been a busy one for Nether Wallop Parish Council. We have had monthly meetings every month except for August. I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors for their hard work which has make the running of the PC go smoothly.

The year has seen a considerable number of changes. In particular thanks go to Pippa Grob who stepped in as our temporary Clerk after the previous Clerk resigned just before the previous year end in 2018. Cllr Mrs Helen James took on the role of Responsible Financial Officer until March 2019 when Mrs Gail Foster took over the Parish Clerk role from Pippa and the RFO role from Helen. We have been 1 councillor short since Cllr MacDonald Smith resigned. Since the election on 2 May 2019 we are now 2 councillors short of the 7 councillors that the PC should have. We are keen to find volunteers to co-opt into the PC.

The parish council's main tasks in summary are:

- To manage the village Assets which include:
 - > The Village Green
 - > The Village Recreation Ground, Pavilion, Children Play Area and Tennis Court
 - > The New Village Hall for the Nether Wallop New Village Hall Trust
 - > The Wallops Parish Hall shared with Over Wallop PC
- Liaise with the Borough and County Councils over:
 - > Planning Applications – TVBC
 - > Footpaths and Rights of Way issues and maintenance – Hants CC
 - > Highways (potholes and traffic issues) – Hants CC

I will expand on some of these areas

Village Green and the Tents Team

The running and maintenance of the village green is made possible by the volunteer team that runs it. It is a focus point for many of the Village Activities such as the Carols, Outdoor Church Services Rounders and many other events including, in July last year being a refreshment point for the Andover Cycle Event. Thanks to the Village Green Team who are: Led by Viv Blandford, Janet Pettitt, Trevor Johnson, David Greenwood Ian Carpenter, ably Supported by John Duckworth, Paul Beeson, Matthew Osmond, Peter Preston and Mark Lovell.

The Green seems to attract passers-by like a Magnet and I often see people sitting on the benches by the Brook enjoying pic-nics or just relaxing in the peaceful and beautiful atmosphere

The Tent team have been kept busy providing tents both for Village events and for Private Parties they provide brilliant service putting up the tents and then taking them away afterwards all managed by Trevor Johnson.

The Recreation Ground Play Area and Pavilion

This year we have not had a resident Football Team but the Recreation Ground has still been well used by dog walkers, families on the Play Area, Tennis Players. A fairly major refurbishment was carried out on the Children's Play area which is now safer and brightly painted. Thanks go to:

- Gary Richardson for looking after the Football pitches and the team booking them.

- Bill Cullen for strimming around the Play Area
- David Pasque for mowing the field
- Daniel for cutting the Hedges
- Simon Tilling and Jim for their work on the Pavilion and the Play Area

New Village Hall

The Village Hall continues to be a valuable and well used asset for the village. The arrangement whereby the Parish Council runs and manages the Hall for the Trust is working well. A lot of the success is down to individuals who have organised activities such as Film Nights and a winter bowling league which not only provide good entertainment but also make sure that the Village Hall is breaking even financially. Special thanks to Ian Courcoux, Trevor Johnson, Viv Blandford and everyone who uses and supports events in the Hall.

Wallops Parish Hall

The Wallops Parish Hall is run by a joint management committee comprising of 4 Councillors from Over Wallop and 4 Councillors from Nether Wallop. The hall is running successfully making a profit largely due to the careful management provided by Cllr John Taylor Firth from Over Wallop. The building of a new store room is planned which should happen in the coming year.

Planning

At each monthly meeting the Parish Council are asked to comment on anything between 2 -10 Planning Applications being assessed by Test Valley council. Because we have conservation areas in the village a number of the applications are for Trees where our standard response is no comment as the decisions on trees are made by the specialists at Test Valley Borough Council. Since the planning rules were changed a number of new developments have been given permission in the Village mostly in the existing curtilage of houses with large areas of land around them. One application to build new houses in the centre of the conservation area was objected to by the parish council and a large number of parishioners and was refused by TVBC. The Parish needs to Develop a Neighbourhood Development Plan to protect it from further unwanted development. This cannot be done by the Parish Council alone and needs support from the community.

Footpaths and Rights of Way

We are lucky to have an active volunteer ROW and Footpaths officer who covered this topic already so I won't say much except to thank Iain James and the other volunteers who helped.

Highways

Hampshire County council is working with a limited budget for Highways and Road works. We are about to get a trial Traffic Management scheme to try and improve the traffic flow going mainly to Grateley Station. The scheme involves closing off Salisbury Lane to through traffic and installing Traffic Calming measures in Station Road.

Conclusion

Overall the Parish Council have had a busy year and we are very grateful for the active support received from the community without which we could not have achieved all that we needed to do.

HCC Report: HCC Cllr Gibson had sent the following report:

May I start by congratulating all the new Parish Councilors and thanking those who have decided to stand down for their hard work over the last 4 years

Brexit continues to create uncertainty and HCC is now looking at potential cut of £80M over the next two years while lobbying for additional Government funding. The details of possible cuts will be available for the July Parish Council meeting.

Broadband With the visionary HCC review looking at the environment by 2050, HCC is preparing for the massive technological changes over the next 30 years especially in terms of Electric cars and increased dependence on multimedia. Broadband will play a significant role in the rural economy as people work in-creasingly from home but need the tools to be able to operate effectively. Over the last 4 years massive progress has been made in rolling out broadband and 95% of the county now has fast broadband. The challenge now will be with the 5G roll-out.

Highways. Please continue to report potholes on the HCC portal and please let me know if reported potholes have not been completed so that I can escalate and ensure that the work is done. Also I have attached the latest Highways report. The Highways report indicated that Hampshire Highways fills circa 6,000 pot-hole per month which is circa 72,000 per year.

Village Shop I have been approached by a representative of the Village Shop committee about HCC grant funding. As you will be aware HCC provided an £18k grant to the Community shop a number of years ago. It is now likely that HCC will be able, based on the information from the Village Shop Committee, to help through the Rural Communities Fund, which provides awards normally up to £5,000, but can extend up to £10,000 for particularly strong cases which demonstrate significant value to the communities. Clearly there are conditions and we await the application.

Traffic Project I sincerely hope that the trial is a great success and the closure of Salisbury Lane and the traffic calming on Station Road is successful. It is hoped the traffic will be diverted onto the A343 which has the capacity to pick up the additional traffic.

TVBC Report: TVBC Cllrs Ward, Johnston and Jeffrey had sent the following report:-

On the 5th May Ian Jeffrey, Alison Johnston and Tony Ward were elected as Test Valley Borough Councillors for the newly formed Mid Test Ward

The Mid Test Ward covers a huge area with 18 Parishes, 15 Parish Councils and 9775 residents. An absolutely fundamental part of our role is to work closely with Parish Councils. We intend to do that by attending as many Parish Council meetings as possible and to communicate by email and social media. This newsletter is part of that communication and we will aim to keep Parish Councils aware of TVBC news and other information relevant to Mid Test. If anyone has suggestions on how this can be improved please contact us. We are starting this first newsletter with information on significant changes to Planning Committees and how planning decisions will be made in the future

Planning for change in committee structure

From May 9, a single tier planning committee system will be introduced, with a northern area and southern area committee each comprising 13 elected councillors. This will replace the current two-tier system where all councillors sit on either the Northern Area Planning Committee or Southern Area Planning Committee depending on their ward.

A select number of councillors also sit on the Planning Control Committee, which provides a second stage review for applications where there is a risk of costs being awarded against the council at appeal, or the decision of an area committee breached a borough planning policy. From May 9 this will be dissolved with all decisions now made at the respective area committees.

The Northern Area Committee will cover the area to the north of the newly formed Mid Test ward and the Southern Area Committee will include the Mid Test ward and all other wards to the south. There will be no Planning Control Committee.

The authority will undertake a review of the new structure prior to annual council in 2020.

Head of planning and building services, Paul Jackson, said: "The council has followed the independent recommendations of the Planning Advisory Service, the LGA Peer Review and current councillors. The proposed reforms to the planning committee structure will make the process more efficient and effective and most importantly more transparent and understandable for members of the public and applicants.

“All councillors will still be able to voice their opinions about applications at planning committee meetings and those not sitting on the planning committees will be able to undertake their role as community advocates by representing the views of their local constituents in relation to applications referred to committee.”
As we write this newsletter the decisions on which Councillors will be the new committees has not been taken but we will endeavour to ensure at least one Mid Test Councillor is appointed.

Community Litter Pick Update

As springtime continues, so do the community litter picks – the latest taking place in Longparish, King’s Somborne and North Baddesley.

In Longparish, the volunteers collected seven sacks of litter as part of their bi-annual Village Clean Up Day. Volunteers in King’s Somborne collected around ten sacks of litter and in North Baddesley, a group from the Rapid Relief Team collected nearly a tonne of waste. If anyone else would like to organise a clean-up for their neighbourhood, then get in touch – we can provide advice and any equipment as necessary

Stockbridge Temporary Local Recycling Centre

The Local Recycling Centre located at The White Hart public house in Stockbridge closed recently due to ongoing building works. This work will continue until the autumn which would have left Stockbridge without additional recycling facilities during this time.

Stockbridge’s Local Recycling Centre is well used and as a result, the Environmental Service has found an alternative, temporary site in a layby along Roman Road, close to Test Valley School. Two glass banks will be installed on Friday, 3 May.

Review of Playing Pitch Strategy and Sport and Recreation Strategy underway

New strategies are needed to help improve the playing pitches and sports facilities the council helps to look after around Test Valley. The current Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) and Sport and Recreation Strategy (SRS) were completed in 2014 and 2015 and led to progress being made on many of the recommendations, such as a new leisure centre in Andover and improved pitches in Knightwood.

Now, these new strategies need to be updated to take into account changes in supply and demand for sports facilities, to ensure they remain robust and up to date to plan for the future. As such, Continuum Sport and Leisure has been appointed to undertake this work. As part of the preparation of new strategies, Continuum will be contacting sports clubs, leagues, schools and parish councils to update evidence on the availability and quality of sports facilities. They will also be looking at the demand for those facilities and how they expect it to change. Continuum and council officers will also be working with national sports governing bodies represented within the borough to ensure the final strategies are prepared collaboratively.

A new Vicar for Kings Somborne

On May 1st the Licensing of The Reverend Richard Burningham as an Associate Priest of Somborne and Ashley took place in St John & St Paul, King’s Somborne. The Parish **has** too long been without a resident vicar and we look forward to working with him on all aspects of the community. This is particularly important at this particular point in time with a lot of resentment to the wish of the Diocese to develop the allotments for housing.

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Wallop Primary School: The Head Teacher Mr Martin Lambert had sent in a report and the Chairman had read out some sections.

“The school was taken out of Requires Improvement in February 2018 and we are continuing to maintain our Good standing.

Presently the children are allocated through 5 classes. The classes are mixed-aged classes except for Kites (Year R). Our current PAN (Pupil Admission Number) is 30. Of the children on role we currently have 48% Boys and 52% Girls. 54% of our children come from the local Army Air Corp. base. 12 children are on the 'ever 6' register for Free School Meals, although only 4% children currently take up free school meals. There are 2% of our children who are looked after currently at the school and 0 child with Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs). 8% of children on the SEND register.

This academic year we have had 12 children into Wallop and 8 children leave Wallop school. This gives us an in year net gain of 4 children. The majority in and out are from Service families.

Curriculum We are in the process of revamping the curriculum. We are working with Hampshire Advisory and Inspection Service to develop our broad and balanced curriculum, both inside and outside. As part of this we have developed a Values Based Curriculum.

Values Based Curriculum: We have now started the Values Based Education Curriculum. A Monday assembly is always values based. January we looked at the value of honesty, through stories and anecdotes followed up in classes with lessons on the value.

Each month had a different value, February being Cooperation, March being Positivity, April being Happiness and May is looking at Patience.

Teachers work on the value and everyone is expected to "live" that value and then children are invited to nominate each other when they see the value in action. These children are celebrated with a certificate during celebration assembly on a Friday each week. The value should transcend children and adults and children were nominating adults who they also see living the value in school. This has started a success and we will continue with our goal of instilling human values into the curriculum and all the work we do at Wallop.

Sports: We have Bronze Ambassadors in place in school to promote sports and competition in sport. We also take part in cluster sports:

Cross Country: 1st Place

Indoor Athletics: 1st Place

Girls Football: 2nd Place

Basketball: 1st Place

Netball: 2nd Place

Boys Football: 1st Place

Rounders, Tri-golf and athletics are still to come this year.

A full copy of the report is available on the website under the heading useful links."

The Parish Council had again given a donation to the school during the year to go towards Prize Givings for the children. The Chairman congratulated the school on the improvements made.

Points from the floor: None

There being no further points, the Chairman concluded the meeting at 9.25pm and refreshments were served.

THESE ARE THE DRAFT MINUTES PRODUCED FOR REVIEW BY THE PARISH COUNCILLORS PRIOR TO BEING APPROVED AT THE NEXT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING