Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 31 October 2016 in the Parishes Hall

- **3057 Attendance:** Cllrs Carpenter, Cotterell, Curry, James MacDonald-Smith and Souter, HCC Cllr Gibson. TVBC Cllr Boulton and the Parish Clerk. There were two members of the public.
- 3058 Apologies: Cllr Mrs James.
- **3059 Declaration of councillors' pecuniary interests:** All councillors present had no changes to declare.
- 3060 Planning applications: Cllr MacDonald-Smith reported on the following:
 - a) 16/16/02603/TREEN T1 Silver Birch -Fell to ground level. G1 Row of Damsen Fell to ground level Damsen furthest from property (on left of row when facing brook), crown reduce by 2m two remaining Damsen, Wallop Brook Lodge, Heathman Street, no comment.
 - b) 16/02302/FULLN Demolish single storey outbuilding; build two storey rear extension to provide annexed accommodation at ground level for an elderly parent and two additional bedrooms at first floor, The Old Post Office, Salisbury Hill, no comment.
- **3061 Points from the floor:** Mrs Burton said that there are two pedestrian signs covered by brambles, one a school sign and another along Heathman Street. The Chairman advised that this is up to the landowner (Action: Parish Clerk). Mrs Burton was concerned about speeding traffic in the village. HCC Cllr Gibson reported that the Hants Highways Salisbury Lane consultation results would be posted on their website. All respondents in Station Road want Salisbury Lane to remain open whereas those residents living in Salisbury Lane prefer to have it closed. To implement the whole scheme traffic needs to be transferred to the Stockbridge Road and round to Kentsboro. Cllr Souter replied that this is noted and he will wait to see exactly what is proposed. HCC Cllr Gibson reported that it is imperative that both Nether and Over Wallop Parish Councils agree to the final project. Cllr MacDonald-Smith wondered if the closing of Salisbury Lane might contribute to traffic calming. HCC Cllr Gibson replied that several schemes are being put forward and that the Grateley junction is to be worked on. Cllr Souter reported that the white lines on the A343 junction have disappeared. There has been one serious accident recently. HCC Cllr Gibson would take this up with Hants Highways. However he reported that it is Highways policy not to make any speed limit changes unless there are major issues. He further reported that Highways have agreed to take responsibility in flattening the footpath along Heathman Street adjoining Fishing Cottage. Cllr MacDonald-Smith proposed a wooden finger board be placed there as it is only a small path.
- **3062 Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of 3 October were approved by the council and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
- **3063 a) Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr Curry reported that there have been a couple of garage break ins. Nothing was taken except the padlocks. Residents should dial 101 if they are concerned about any irregular activities. HCC Cllr Gibson reported that there had been house burglaries in Romsey.
 - **b) Finance:** The Responsible Financial Officer reported on the following financial position: Payments were made up as follows:-

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Mrs Grob – Clerk - October	cheque 1611	413.00
Mr Tilling – pavilion maintenance	cheque 1612	30.00
Lockerley Silver Band – Carols on the Green	cheque 1613	175.00
V Blandford Property Services – Village Green works	cheque 1614	<u>879.44</u>
Total payments		<u>1,497.44</u>
Income was made up as follows:-		
Tent hire		30.00
Tennis - October		112.00
Total income		142.00

The bank balance is represented by:-	
General Fund	16713.96
Village Green Development Fund	3712.33
Village Fund	2504.50
Village Design Statement Fund	393.50
	23,324,29

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) requested approval for the above payments which was proposed by Cllr Carpenter and seconded by Cllr Cotterell with all in favour. The bank reconciliation would be checked once the bank statement had been received (**Action: Cllr Souter/Parish Clerk**). Councillors unanimously agreed to support the Clerk's request to attend a HALC course on Audit on 2 November. Cllr Souter reported that he has replaced two locks at the pavilion at a cost of £65 and would be looking to be reimbursed at the next meeting.

- c) Highways: Cllr James reported that the grit bin at the top of Ducks Lane has been replaced. A variety of potholes around the village have been marked up and it is hoped that part of Church Lane will be re-surfaced. This is also being done on Airfield Road/Jerretts Lane. Cllr Curry enquired whether a road sign could be erected following on from the repair work (Action: Parish Clerk). A Hants Highways questionnaire had been completed by Cllr Souter who reported a number of concerns about the work carried out on the A343 crossroads. Cllr Cotterell enquired whether councillors felt a 'Speedwatch' scheme would be of benefit in the village. The project required three residents out at a time to verify speeds. The first offence would be reported, the second and third offence would mean a visit to the house. TVBC Cllr Boulton reported that this is usually counterproductive as most offenders were local. The Chairman would support the group if there is sufficient interest. HCC Cllr Gibson reported that Hants Highways consider Jack's Bush a low priority in speed monitoring and will forward the report to Cllr Cotterell.
- e) **Playing Fields:** Cllr Carpenter reported that two loads of a high grade of scalpings would be purchased from CA Stevens at a cost of £130 per load. Cllr Curry queried the price but after discussion this was unanimously considered to be reasonable.
- **3064 Village Green:** Cllr Carpenter reported that work has started on the river bank project. The HCC grant form has been completed and sent in by the Clerk.
- 3065 Nether Wallop Village Hall Trust: Cllr Souter reported on the recent topping out ceremony. The whole building project is running slightly behind schedule. Plans will be made to hand back the Trust to the council on 7 January when the opening event will be held. The final kitty will look after minor fitments.
- **3066 Correspondence:** As more and more correspondence came in by email than in the post the Chairman advised councillors to make a note and raise any important topics at future meetings.
- 3067 Matters raised by councillors: Cllr Cotterell reported that the byway across Hollom Down Road has been cleared. However, the sign has been damaged by a vehicle leaving the road. This has already been reported on the Hants Highways website. He further reported that he had attended the Emergency Response seminar at Leckford and found it interesting. The council's website is being used and the addition of a booking form for the hall and calendar is being explored. Cllr Souter reported that a draft constitution on the management of the new village hall by the parish council has forwarded to all councillors. The committee would consist of two councillors and two volunteers from the village. Cllr MacDonald-Smith proposed that the team should comprise five members for ease of decisions. Cllr Curry would prefer to discuss the whole project face to face and a meeting would be arranged (Action: Cllr Souter).
- **3068 Points from the floor:** TVBC Cllr Boulton suggested that the management committee of the village hall could 'lean on' hirers and pluck a number of them as members of the group (**Action: Cllr Souter**).
- **3069 Date of next meeting:** The next monthly meeting date will be held on Monday 5 December 2016 in the small meeting room of the Parishes Hall at 7.30pm. The Chairman thanked all

for attending and closed the meeting at 9.22pm.

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