

**Minutes of Nether Wallop Annual Parish Meeting
held on Monday 14 May 2018 at Nether Wallop Village Hall**

Attendance: The Chairman welcomed all especially the audience! The meeting was attended by Cllrs Addison, Carpenter, Cotterell, James, Mrs James and Souter, the Footpaths Officer, the clerk and six members of the public.

Apologies for absence: HCC Cllr Gibson, TVBC Cllr Boulton, PCSO Williams,

Review of councillors' interests: There were no changes in councillors' interests.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 8 May 2017: These were proposed to be adopted and unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

Neighbourhood Watch: In the absence of PCSO Williams the Chairman read her report:-

I have completed a search on database, from 1st May 2017 there are a handful of reports from Nether Wallop. There has been one dwelling burglary whereby the offender was known to the home owner. Three shed breaks spread from May '17 – Aug '17 but resulting in similar items being stolen. i.e. petrol garden tools. There was one incident of staddlestones being stolen from the front of a property in Five Bells Lane and finally possible incidents of poaching near to the Village.

Thefts from motor vehicles are beginning to increase again in the area, this often occurs during the day time when vehicles are left parked unattended at a local beauty spot car park. Please ensure nothing is left in your vehicle as you can't be sure that someone hasn't watch you leave it behind or opportunists view items through the window.

Our current community priority is drug use, this took me by surprise as we generally have very low reported issues about this. However, as with all areas, there are some individuals that are involved in the use of illegal substances. If you are ever concerned that there is dealing or drug use in your area please do report it on 101. If you would like to remain anonymous please make your report to Crime Stoppers, either online or via 0800 555 111.

You may have seen a number of Police officers and other agencies at the Parish Hall on the main A343, we have been working with the Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency as well as HMRC to detect drivers without property documentation, unready vehicles and the illegal use of red diesel. We complete these checks every few weeks in various locations and have seen a positive response by drivers and successful outcomes. Please don't be alarmed if you see us or directed to pull in for checks.

If there are any events that you would like me to attend, please feel free to use my contact details.

The rural Police team are using a multitude of ways to engage with our communities, and as such as have a twitter page: @TestVlyRuralPol and we continue to use www.hampshirealert.co.uk to pass information about crimes and general safety advice, please visit the website to join the mailing list.

Cllr Souter reported that the link to Hants Alerts is on the parish council website.

HCC Report: There was no report from HCC Cllr Gibson.

TVBC Report: TVBC Cllr Boulton had sent the following report:- **TVBC COUNCIL TAX:** For the third consecutive year Test Valley Band D customers will have a tax increase of 3.7%, equating to another rise of £5., following a number of years of no increases. As stated in my report last year the reduced Government grant this year, after years of the similar reductions, is pushing the Borough towards increasing self-sufficiency. Central Government is intending to remove financial support to local authorities altogether.

All the Departments of the Borough have made considerable efficiency savings – the pips are squeaking! Our other approach is to increasingly undertake prudent property investments and pursue business initiatives – these we are told are yielding approx. 7% returns.

Only last year the Leisure Management contract was awarded to a new provider, who has undertaken to provide a rebuilt facility at the Andover Sports Centre, now taking shape, as I saw only yesterday. There is also to be

refreshed premises at Romsey Rapids and Valley Park, (at no capital cost to TVBC) all of which will make significant savings on leisure provision, in fact, the new arrangement will show a financial return.

In addition, on the northern boundary of Romsey there is to be a new development which will be home to a consortium of local sports clubs which will provide floodlit astro pitches, grass pitches and other vital sporting accommodation, as well as mixed market and affordable housing. This is all now being created at Ganger Farm (adjacent to Hillier's Arboretum at Braishfield).

The Borough Council actively supports the Future Skills and Technical Centre at Cricklade College, and the Council itself is running a very successful apprenticeship scheme. This, with its programme of supporting small business has resulted in the Council receiving two prestigious Wessex Area awards; Best All-Round Business Friendly Council and a special award for outstanding commitment to supporting small businesses.

As I have tried to indicate this should give a small flavour of how enterprise-orientated the Council has become and it is developing constantly innovative ways of generating new income streams. It is interesting to note the return on completed projects is forecast to be 7.8%. That delivers £1.3Million **more** than had that capital employed remained in reserves.

HOUSING: The Councils Housing Strategy is a continuing success story to help local people access decent homes, in both Andover, Romsey and the rural areas. It is not just about building houses but also about building communities with first class facilities, such as community halls, leisure park areas, sports pavilions, and numerous sport pitches. This building strategy has delivered more affordable homes than our original target of 200 per year for the 3 years until 2019 – last year it was 266 social homes.

We have benefitted from the Government's New Homes Bonus, this provides TVBC with the means to accumulate the Community Asset Fund, which in turn directly helps local community projects, giving up to 25K grants. Parishes can also benefit from the new Test Valley Community Toolkit, a valuable aid to those embarking on a Neighbourhood Plan and thereby identifying local needs.

THE FUTURE: What is coming? An exciting new wetlands area at Fishlake Meadows, just north of Romsey. This is a wildlife park now owned by Test Valley, which will be open to the public for ecological pursuits and informal recreation, and will be managed by the Hampshire and IOW Naturalist Trust.

There are to be more enhancements to Romsey town centre, the Bell Street improvements were completed this week. The waste collection depot at Portway is to be clad in solar panels. Also, there will be increasing use of the Beech Hurst Headquarters by sharing some of the space for functions with Hampshire County Council.

Another exciting prospect for the future is that the Borough Council has acquired the Magistrates Court in Andover, adjacent to the Lights Theatre, and is seeking suggestions for how this enlarged area and building can best be used, with the ultimate aim of creating a Cultural Quarter for the town.

WARD BOUNDARIES: There are proposed Ward boundary changes, which are significant, and not universally welcomed, in this central Test Valley area –to be renamed the Mid Test Ward. As well as Stockbridge this new Ward will include Broughton, Longstock, Houghton, Kings Somborne, Lockerley, the Wallops, Mottisfont and the Tytherleys. Locally we have argued for a 3 member Ward to cover the whole area - any other decision, to make the numbers right, would have resulted in divisions between adjoined communities ie dividing Stockbridge and Longstock, or splitting apart neighbouring communities who currently work well together i.e. Broughton and Mottisfont, Broughton and Houghton, the Wallops. This proposal will result in an increased workload for the 3 elected members in 2019; each of these 3 will be expected to be responsible for 6 parishes each and so the change will result in each Councillor having 2400 electors, instead of 1950. You as a Parish Council have been consulted on these changes, and they will be finalised in May, following the second consultation period, happening now.

LOCALLY: As Councillors we have done our bit to encourage local enterprise initiatives, either with modest grants from our individual Councillor Community Grant fund, or by steering entrepreneurs towards the right advice and expertise which we have within the Council.

Stockbridge had our financial help from the Councillor Grant Fund for Trout n About and for their Christmas Lights-Stockbridge has been financially supported two years in a row.

We have also helped numerous other projects throughout our Ward, and are willing to listen to any proposals

PLANNING: Nether Wallop, like other rural villages, have had several challenging and often locally unpopular planning applications and decisions this past year. Your Borough Councillors have done their best to help, and mitigate proposals where possible.

I understand that the Test Valley enforcement process is being employed to force the owner of the Five Bells to undertake immediate remedial work. The Council will step and undertake the work if there is no prompt action by the owner.

Daniel and I get to as many Parish Council meetings as we can but there is often a clash of dates with Borough and other Parish Council meetings. I would like to thank the Nether Wallop Parish Councillors and the Clerk, both the immediate past and the present returned Clerk for all that they do, and for keeping us both informed.

The Footpaths Officer added that the response to the fly tipping and highways issue in Ducks Lane had been excellent. The Chairman was grateful for TVBC's financial support to the hall.

Wallop Primary School: The Chairman explained that Mrs Pettitt was the council's liaison with the school and invited her to present the Head's report as follows: We have had another very busy and exciting year in school. We continue to go from strength to strength and were recognised in February as a GOOD school by OfSTED. This is the fruit of the work that has been going on since I was appointed in May 2015, and is testament to the fantastic children, parents, staff and governors who all joined us on our journey.

We maintain our commitment to provide a creative, broad and balanced curriculum by teaching through exciting top based approaches to learning. However, our next real push is to ensure that the curriculum is vibrant, exciting and full of experiences to promote awe and wonder. This is where the community comes in.

We are, therefore, continuing to develop the links with the community of Wallop through utilising the Church – our Year 2/3 class recently walked up to St Andrew's in Nether Wallop to look at the wonderful artwork of George and the Dragon, whilst observing their "Epic Explorers" Topic and looking at the houses and settlements in Nether Wallop.

We are currently running five classes, being down in numbers since the OfSTED judgement in 2014. However, we are increasing – going from 111 children in 2015 to around 135 this year. We fluctuate, being linked to the Army Air Base considerably throughout the year but currently have around 61% children from a Service background, around 12% Special Educational Needs children and around 3% children entitled to Free School Meals.

During the summer term in 2017 our year 5/6 class (Eagles) went to Little Canada on the Isle of White for their 5 day residential visit, a wonderful opportunity for children to explore and challenge themselves with adventurous activities that they don't usually take part in.

Over the summer the school choir joined forces with the newly formed Andover Musical Theatre Company's junior section AMTC StarLights to perform in The Lights with Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and performed brilliantly. We enjoyed a Harvest Festival celebration and linked with the churches to donate produce to the Andover Food Bank a worthwhile and very much needed charity on our doorstep.

Being a school with so many service children within it, we take Remembrance very seriously and always have. This year was no exception and we were lucky to have a parent who is a member of the services and Hampshire Music Service play the "Last Post" on her bugle for us. A very moving service followed by laying the wreath at the monument in Over Wallop and laying of crosses at the war graves.

At Christmas we enjoyed our pantomime play by Hawks and Owls Class and a lovely Christmas play by the infants. We ended the term with a Carols around the Tree concert where the choir ran the proceedings.

During this term we also celebrated our cook – Marion Gates 40 years as Wallop Primary School Cook. An achievement not surpassed by many people!

I really believe in the school as a learning partnership so have had a lot of staff training over the last couple of years, we started the spring term with first aid and Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy INSET training.

We have tried to get out as much as possible and the children have enjoyed trips to Test Valley School, as well places such as Marwell Zoo, University and Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford and Portsmouth Historical Dockyard. We also invited in a citizen of Rome to tell Owls Class all about being a Roman and a member of the Roman Army. Children learnt to drill and use the weapons related to Rome in a very exciting day.

Book Week promoted reading for pleasure and the Book Fair which raised over £400 to buy new books for our school and class libraries. We have explored different cultures with our RE topics and have welcomed visiting story tellers as well as Reverend Vanessa Cole for assemblies. Once again at Easter we enjoyed our Easter

Celebration where we welcome the local community into the school. This was not as well attended as last year, but was still a lovely day. We continue to welcome in the prayer group and half termly church club where we created a prayer space in the school.

After school clubs have been promoted this year with the development of a Breakfast Club run by PH Sport from 07:45 daily. This has on average 10 children attending. We tried to implement an afterschool club until 18:00 but there was no uptake for this. However, we run Gymnastics, Football, Craft, Tai Kwon Do, Dance, Computer and Choir Clubs after school which the children enjoy partaking in. We also run a school council, Forces Club and Eco-Club during the school day. Eco-Club have run a healthy eating week in conjunction with our caterers and involved a “can’t cook – won’t cook” competition during the week.

Sports are well developed at Wallop. The Government doubled the Sports Grant this year to £16000 for the development of sport. Part of this money was spent coaching the teachers to teach sport, especially dance and gymnastics. This is paying off and out of the five local cluster school tournaments so far this year, Wallop have won three and come second in the other two. We are looking to develop this even further next year. Our, broad curriculum ensures that our children remain constantly engaged and excited by their learning and by involving parents in their children’s learning we hope our pupils will become lifelong learners.

Last summer the children took the National SATS tests in May. Our KS 1 and 2 SATS attainment for summer 2017 were once again good, either at or above the national average, which we were pleased with as it recognised the journey we were on. We continue to develop teaching and learning of ‘mastery maths’ enabling children to achieve deep understanding of maths through problem solving and reasoning and to become secure and fluent with facts and procedures.

As a smaller than average village primary school we are facing many challenges especially as our budget becomes tighter each year. If proposed ‘fairer’ funding formula is agreed we will be among the majority of schools in Hampshire who will lose further funds, approximately £7,000 a year. As part of the Test Valley Cluster of Schools I am working with our partnership schools to ensure that we collaborate as much as possible in order to support each other. Although Hampshire is a strong local authority, it is still a sold service and is selling to many neighbouring authorities, so capacity to support us rapidly disappearing. Our Partnership collaboration includes a jointly funded Sports Leader who coordinates our sporting calendar of inter-schools competitions, shared INSET training for staff and regular partnership teachers meetings where good practice is shared and joint moderation of children’s work is done. This year we have started a Deputy Head teacher group as way to help each other reflect on the strengths and weaknesses of our schools. Our school governors continue to investigate future possibilities for Wallop Primary School and is a very effective body helping the strategic development of the school. The uncertainty with the local army base either closing or not is a challenge in terms of planning for classes. We have classroom capacity to have more children, but at resent seem to be having enquiries for classes that are full.

We are a little school at the heart of our village and we are working hard to ensure that we provide a village school experience for villagers and the Base for years to come. We want everyone of our community to GROW, LEARN and ASPIRE together.

Our website is really comprehensive and lots of information pertaining to the school is available on the site – www.wallop.hants.sch.uk

Finally Mrs Pettitt requested that the council reinstate their sponsored annual ‘Pupil Improvement Prize’. This was unanimously agreed.

Footpaths: The Footpaths Officer presented his report as follows:-

Executive Summary: A good year with our Rights of Way staying in relatively good order given the resources available to keep them clear.

HCC Contractors carried out the annual major clearance of the Parish’s nominated Rights of Way (primarily the large Restricted Byways west of the B3084 Romsey Road) as planned in August, and to a high standard.

NWPC joined the HCC Lengthsman Scheme towards the end of the year. This provides (at current rates) up to 57 hours of work by the Lengthsman on either Rights of Way or simple Highways related tasks.

Notification from HCC that it has received five applications claiming historic Rights of Way across private land in the Parish.

HCC replaced one footbridge during the period.

Overview of Responsibilities: Statutory responsibility for maintaining Rights of Way lies with Hampshire County Council. This responsibility is not delegated down to Parishes, which have a right, but not a responsibility, to carry out maintenance. In practice HCC contractors carry out a clearance operation on five RoW (nominated by NWPC) once per year. Until the end of 2017, further work has been carried out by the NWPC Rights of Way officer on a voluntary basis. For the coming year, this will be supplemented by the availability of a HCC funded Lengthsman. See below.

Expenditure: Iain James has committed approximately 40 hours of volunteer time “on the ground” using the NWPC owned strimmer and hedge cutter. He has been helped by Mr Simon Tilling, who worked on the paths around School Lane, Mr Mark Lovell, who has carried out work around Hollom Down Road, and by the efforts of landowners and house owners keeping the paths on or adjacent to their properties clear. In addition Mr Tilling, and others, have helped with chainsaw work on fallen trees and branches as required.

£12.82 was spent on fuel and lubricants for the tools.

The RoW officer does not claim expenses.

Scope of Works Carried Out by NWPC: Strimming/side cutting of all the principal footpaths in the main body of the Parish area, together with some of the Restricted Byways west of the B3084 Romsey Road, and between Hollom Down Road and the A343.

Replacement and reinstatement of timber finger boards and way marker discs as required.

Following a request from the RoW officer HCC staff replaced a small bridge on a footpath leading from the St Andrews churchyard towards the Mill (Footpath Number 18)

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Non RoW related works: Using NWPC tools the RoW officer has also carried out some clearance work on the bus shelter on the A343 at Jacks Bush, and cleared moss/undergrowth from the pavement around the bus shelter on the A343 in Jacks Bush.

As part of a community effort NWPC assets were used to support the clearance of the Rill adjacent to the Green to alleviate the risk of flooding.

Flytipping: Two instances of significant fly tipping were reported through the TVBC online system by the RoW officer during the last year. Both were cleared within 48 hours. TVBC are to be thanked for this excellent service.

Complaints: NWPC received only one formal complaint this year, from a resident of Jacks Bush, demanding immediate action by the Parish on some paths. It transpired that the paths had either already been cleared, or were part of the HCC programme.

Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMO): HCC has informed NWPC that five DMMO orders have been submitted to it by a resident of Andover seeking to have a network of new Restricted Byway level Rights of Way between Dene Farm and Danebury Vineyard by claiming historical use. The individual appears not to have consulted the landowners or NWPC before submitting these applications. The Landowners concerned are aware. NWPC will be invited in due course to comment on these applications, although this is not expected to be for many months, if not years.

Lengthsman (HCC Direct Funded): NWPC joined the HCC Lengthsman Scheme in late 2017. The scheme gives NWPC access to up to £1000 of RoW or Highways related works to be carried out by an independent HCC subcontractor. Our Lengthsman is administered by Stockbridge PC, and all invoicing and payment administration is handled by its nominated officer. As NWPC joined the scheme in November, after the HCC contractor cut, and after the end of the growing season, the majority of his work was highway safety (sight lines etc), or flood alleviation in the Environment Agency Level 2 and 3 Flood Risk area (Farley Street from around Bent Street junction south to Heathman Street/Wisdom Lane, The Square, and Ducks Lane). Although the funding is allocated on a public sector Apr/Apr Financial Year, we have been granted some carry forward, which has allowed some useful early work on some the Restricted Byways to be carried out in May, dealing with Spring growth delayed by the cold weather in Feb/Mar. A summary of his work for the FY 17/18 year is as follows:

Month	Hours	Cost (£)	Works
Nov	22	385.00	Drainage: The Rill; Wisdom Lane/Heathman St area. Road junction sight lines: A30/Wallop Drove; B3084/Wallop Drove; Heathman St/Square Removal of encroaching tree stumps damaging Stewart's Bridge. Footpath 7: chainsaw work on overhanging tree.
Dec	7	122.50	Road junction sight lines: Hollom Down Road/A30 Add anti slip surface to footbridge (Mill – St Andrews Church) Clear grass from pedestrian pavement: Jacks Bush
Jan	5.5	96.25	Flood prevention: clear grips – Heathman Street; clear culvert: Ducks Lane; clear drain covers: Ducks Lane.
Feb	5.5	96.25	Flood prevention: clear culvert: Bent St/Farley St; clear drain covers: Heathman St/The Square; dig out grips: Heathman St/Farley St
Mar	4	70.00	Flood prevention: Clear Rill Footpaths: trim new growth FP7
Apr	0	0	
May (still to be invoiced)	13	227.50	Brushcut/Side Cut RBs 35, 36, 37 and FP4
Total	57	997.50	

Finance: Cllr Mrs James as the RFO presented her report as follows: Draft accounts for the year to 31 March 2018 have been prepared and will be presented for approval at the Council meeting on 14 May. The accounts have not yet been audited.

The draft accounts show an excess of income over expenditure of £177.83. Of this £1451.18 relates to the Village Green Fund from donations and the net income from the renting of marquees. It is also worth noting that the pavilion underwent a thorough refurbishment during the year at a total cost of £3777. Of this roughly half (£1850) was met from the general fund with the balance being funded from donations received from the May Fair.

The general fund has risen by £653.65 to £12194.68. We had budgeted for break even to maintain our reserves so this is in line with expectations. This balance is within the recommended level of being equal to the annual precept which has been set at £13500 for the forthcoming year.

Highways: Cllr James reported on the following: After many years of planning and rounds of public consultations, Hampshire County Council (HCC) have finally secured the funding and go ahead for the long awaited traffic calming scheme for Station Road and Salisbury Lane, Over Wallop. Against the risk of funding being reallocated and the scheme being cancelled if agreement could not be reached, throughout the year Nether Wallop Parish Council have continued to liaise with Over Wallop Parish Council and HCC, to ensure the best outcome for local residents, particularly those directly affected by the proposed scheme.

Despite the continued funding challenges faced by local Government, Nether Wallop Parish Council successfully secured additional funding from HCC through the Lengthsman scheme, which has been used to support maintenance of local footpaths and minor highways improvements, for example the clearing of footpaths, the renewal of footpath finger boards and a number of road name signs throughout the village.

This year's severe inclement weather and snow over the winter months has left the Counties roads in a parlous state. Despite the funding challenges within HCC, Parish Councillors have continued to report issues and potholes to HCC Highways in an effort to secure repairs.

Village Green: Cllr Souter presented Mr Blandford, Chairman of the Village Green Working Group's report:-

The Green Team

Chairman - Viv Blandford, Secretary - Janet Pettitt, Marquees - Trevor Johnson Mowing Rota - David Greenwood, Ian Carpenter - Parish Council Link

Ablly Supported by John Duckworth, Paul Beeson, Matthew Osmond, Peter Preston and Mark Lovell.

The Village Green continues to be enjoyed by villagers, dog walkers and lots of passing visitors who are attracted by its beautiful setting.

Events over the year

On his retirement as Chairman Mr Richard Osmond was presented with a painting of the green. Mr Viv Blandford has taken over as the new Chairman

2 new members joined the Green team last year: Mr Matthew Osmond and Mr Mark Lovell, their role is to advise on weed and feed requirements for the green.

Janet Pettitt is now producing detailed minutes of meetings for distribution to Committee members and the Parish Council to clarify the Village Green team activities and requests.

Carols on the green in December was well supported. Many thanks to Piers Bingley for arranging the event and to Jack Linstead for switching on the lights. Thank you also to Rosemary, Janet Pettitt, Jan Smith for providing the mulled wine.

Sadly Curry and Rounders did not take place in 2017 after 9 successful years. A new team of parishioners have volunteered to organise it in 2018.

Events requiring Marquees were as busy as ever with 17 marquee events during the year overseen by Trevor Johnson. Thanks to the committee members who assist with erection of the Marquees also in addition thanks to Tim Toyne Sewell, Edward Souter, Ian James, Tessa, Alix, Ross James and Richard Johnson who frequently gave their time to assist. Damage occurred to one marquee when the wind took it across the green, however spare parts and canvasses have been procured and it is now repaired.

Viv Blandford replaced the faulty Floodlight and added a second lower level light to illuminate the corner bridge.

Consideration is being given to mowing the rough areas to make it easier.

David Greenwood pruned the willow yurt (The "Wigloo") and trimmed the low level branches of the willow trees.

Daffodils were planted in the area next to Pat Browns fence and a few other locations

John Duckworth cleared the flints that were damming the brook. No doubt children will rebuild the dam this year!

There was a committee event to tidy the roadway over Stewart's Bridge to enhance the visual approach to the green.

Playing Fields: Cllr Carpenter reported on the following:- In 2017-18 The pavilion has had a refurbishment and some minor plumbing repairs costing approximately £3,500. The work included all windows and doors (repaired as necessary) with inside and outside painted. Internal floors, walls and ceiling also painted. Some additional repairs were undertaken in the porch area.

It is our intention to obtain quotes for preserving the wooden outside walls within the next couple of months. I am confident that this work will keep the pavilion available for use by the village and football players for the next 5 years without significant expenditure.

The playing field and hedges continue to be well maintained by our contractor. Thanks go to Gary Richardson for his work on the football pitch. We have purchased a number of loads of hard core for the car parking area which were becoming very boggy.

The "play area" continues to provide a well used facility by our younger residents, however following a recent (self) inspection, it is clear that we will need to undertake a refurbishment to ensure appropriate Health and Safety. I have contacted Test Valley Borough Council (Community and Leisure) and await a visit by the

responsible person for council owned and operated playgrounds. We can then move forward on their advice. Thanks were given to Mr Cullen for his help in maintaining the play area. The Tennis court is well used and provides a reasonable income. Some work needs to be done to repair the outside fence and cut back the surrounding hedges. Hopefully this work will be done by volunteers.

Nether Wallop Village Hall: Cllr Souter gave his report as follows:- The New Nether Wallop Village Hall has successfully completed its first full financial year having first opened in January 2017. The New Village Hall is owned by the Nether Wallop New Hall Village Trust and will remain so for the foreseeable future. During the year one of the tasks and challenges was to sort out how the hall should be managed and run. The outcome has been an agreement whereby the Trust has handed over the running of the Hall to Nether Wallop Parish Council using a Memorandum of Understanding that codifies the verbal agreement between the Trust and the Parish Council to run the hall for the benefit of the Parishioners of Nether Wallop. A lot of work has been done setting up a booking system, maintenance programme and ensuring that all the correct licenses and regulatory documents are in place.

Financially the hall has just fallen short of breaking even in the FY 2017-18. Details are in the Financial Report. However, it has provided a community asset for activities and events in the village which the old hall was no longer able to do. A regular program of bookings means that the hall has been well used and provides a great venue for Parties, Dance Classes, Yoga, Church Events and Lectures.

The Indoor Bowls winter league was a great success thanks to the organisers, Viv Blandford, Richard Osmond and those who took part. It also highlighted the competitive spirit of some villagers. The monthly film nights are also a great success and I would like to thank to Ian and Sally Courcoux for organising them. The main feature of these events is the fact that they give everyone the opportunity to meet friends and neighbours on a regular basis.

In conclusion it has been a really successful year for the new village hall and I would like to thank all those people, that I have not named, that have put so much time and effort into making the New Hall such a success. Cllr Souter added that Mr Rogers has now taken on being Chairman of the Hall Trust from Major General Toyne Sewell. An advertisement regarding hiring of the hall would be placed in the parish magazine.

Chairman's Address: The Chairman wished to thank all parish councillors for their time and effort. All the various activities/management of village projects mentioned during the meeting do not happen without the amazing community spirit! The Clerk had resigned in March and he was grateful to the previous Clerk for coming back. He gave special thanks to Cllr Mrs James who has taken on the role of RFO and has prepared the figures for the forthcoming audit.

Points from the floor: Major General Toyne Sewell wished to thank the Chairman and parish councilors for all the work they do on behalf of the village.

There being no further points, the Chairman concluded the meeting at 8.25pm. Refreshments were served after the subsequent May meeting.

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