Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at
6:45 pm on Monday 13th October 2025
in the Village Hall, Nether Wallop

7271 Present at the meeting: Cllrs' Carpenter, Sharpe, Astell, Courcoux, Lovatt, Blandford, RFO Christian Anstis, Cllr Drew and Cllr MacDonald.
7272 In Attendance: 4 members of the public.
7273 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. In the absence of the Clerk, Cllr Lovatt to compile the minutes.
7274 Apologies for absence: Tim Worthington.
7275 Declarations of interest: None. Tim Worthing was formally co-opted onto the Nether Wallop Parish Council.
7276 To receive reports from TVBC and HCC:
Cllr MacDonald reported that Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) have made their submission on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) to the government, and they will decide on what requires further consultation. Cllr Carpenter noted that in the press it has commented on how many residents are against TVBC being incorporated into an alliance with Southampton City Council, and the amount of debt this authority is carrying.

Cllr MacDonald reported that the food waste collection has commenced. In Mid Test Matters there is an article on walking routes and cycling paths.

In response to a question from Cllr Astell, Cllr MacDonald confirmed that he would need the speed monitoring device for Salisbury Lane once Hampshire County Council (HCC) have installed the poles for the device. He also advised that a new speed watch group is forming, and in conjunction with Grateley, would like to use the speed gun and monitoring devices that Nether Wallop purchased in conjunction with Over Wallop. The equipment would need to be reviewed to ensure it is in working order. It was agreed by Cllrs to loan the equipment.

Cllr Carpenter noted that the parish council is becoming increasingly concerned with the speed of cars through the village.
Action
Cllr MacDonald to contact Cllr Astell when the poles have been installed. The new speed watch group to contact Cllr Astell regarding equipment.

Cllr Drew highlighted that any inappropriate driving should be reported to the police, and that drivers need to take responsibility for their own driving.

In regard to LGR, it has been reported that TVBC have suggested that TVBC be linked to the New Forest and Winchester. HCC has taken a different approach to suggest that there would be three unitary areas run from Southampton, Portsmouth, Winchester and Basingstoke. Cllr Drew has not supported this proposal.

Cllr Drew reported that he had posted a link in his report to allow residents to look up waste collection days in their area. He asked that this be distributed to residents.

Cllr Drew advised that there is a scheme to help residents gain employment and will aim to overcome any barriers to employment.

The deadline for high school admissions in the 31st October. He advised that parents should fill in all of their three choices.

HCC councillors' have a budget of £5,000.00 to give to causes across the county. He advised us to liaise with Marie Stubbington for any grant submissions.

HCC are reinstating the repainting of white lines across the county.

Cllr Drew reported on the processing procedure for the food waste, noting that in addition to producing methane for electricity generation, fertiliser is also produced.

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

7277 Points from the floor: None.

7278 To consider planning permission for:
Application No.25/02293/TREEN - Proposal T1 - Field Maple - Crown lift to approx. 3m above ground level, T2 - Cut Leaf Alder - Crown lift to approx. 3m above ground level, T3 - Cut Leaf Alder - Crown lift to approx. 3m above ground level to clear car park and entrance, and approx. 2.5metres above ground level over footpath. Location Wallops Parish Hall, Salisbury Hill, Middle Wallop. Applicant Lee. NO COMMENT.

Application No.25/02181/TREEN - Proposal T1 - Yew - Reduce by 2 metres, T2 - Conifer - Fell, G3 - Various - Crown raise to 3 metres over footpath. Location The Rill, Church Road, Nether Wallop. Applicant Mr Andy Wood. NO COMMENT.

Application No.25/02125/FULLN -Proposal Provision of replacement roof, front extension to form garden room, side extension to form porch, revised fenestration, and provision of cladding. Location Lark Rise Lodge, Romsey Road Nether Wallop. NO COMMENT

Application No.25/02115/LBWN - Proposal Regularise the re-thatching to top layer of roof. Location Old Butchers Cottage, Heathman Street Nether Wallop.NO COMMENT. Application No.25/02084/TREEN. Proposal T1 - Sycamore - Cut back lateral growth to give oil tank 2m clearance, reduce height of coppiced shoots to hedge height (2m), T2 and T3 - Ash - Fell, T4 - Ash - Reduce to hedge height (2m). Location Ashers Farm, Five Bells Lane, Nether Wallop. Applicant Mr Adam Zipfell. NO COMMENT.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 25/02213/FULLN - PROPOSAL: Demolition of agricultural building and erection of 2 sustainable self-build dwellings with associated landscaping, infrastructure, domestic PV array and parking. SITE: Hollom Down Farm, Hollom Down Road, Lopcombe, Hampshire. NO COMMENT.

7279 Approval of minutes from previous meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and signed.

7280 Correspondence and Actions:
BT Bundle - The Clerk has obtained a new BT contract, running for 24 months at £32.94 per calendar month.

Village Sign - The Clerk has made an initial request for a replacement sign; this is ongoing.

Village Shop – Cllr Astell reported that the shop has reduced their overdraft. Sourcing of the solar panels is ongoing.

Traffic Mirror Heathman Street/The Square - Cllr Courcoux advised that he has spoken to the owner of the property and they are unwilling for a mirror to be erected on their property. If we were to erect a mirror on the verge, which belongs to HCC, we would need planning permission. Cllrs agreed to monitor, and if necessary, revisit the situation in the future.

NWPC Risk Assessments – Cllrs agreed that the risk assessments on the tennis court, village green, playing field and recreation ground were thorough and were happy with their content.

Interim Audit Governance audit 27/10/2025 – Cllr Carpenter noted that this item will be commented on once the audit has taken place.

Old Marquee Chairs - Cllr Blandford reported the Ross James is kindly dealing with the sale of the old chairs on eBay.

Army Flying Museum Play Park project: Actioned – the Clerk has sent an email of support to the museum.

Lloyds Bank Authorisations & Unity Account – The Unity account forms have now been signed.

Correspondence:
Cllr Carpenter advised that a letter had been received from Matthew Osman in response to the Clerk's letter offering to pay for the damage to his fencing, and to try and avoid any future damage caused by footballers entering his field to retrieve footballs. Mr Osman noted that this has been an on-going issue over many years, and a fence post that had been replaced after previous damage, was again removed leading to a dog entering the field and causing injuries to several pregnant ewes. Broughton Football Club have denied causing the damage.

He is keen to work with the parish council, and asked if one of the football pitches could be turned around. Unfortunately, this will not be possible.

Mr Osman also commented that the hedge has been reduced in height and asked that it only be reduced in size on the sides, with the height left to increase. Cllrs agreed with this proposal. He is not happy for proper permanent access to the field to be allowed.

Cllrs discussed the possibility of erecting some temporary fencing whilst the hedge grows to a greater height.
Action
The Clerk to write to Mr Osman 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.

Cllr Lovatt advised that she has received an email from a parishioner concerned by the potential loss of the mobile post office service, and its negative impact on villagers. She suggested that she write to Royal Mail raising the parish council's concerns. Cllr MacDonald advised that the consultation period had closed, but it was felt that it would still be worthwhile to write.
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.

7281 Village Hall Trust Donation of Battery and Inverter: Cllr Blandford advised that anything that is a fixed appliance must be donated to the Village Hall Trust. This includes the items that were bought for the hall with a grant from TVBC, the batteries, invertor and induction loop. It was also realised that the acoustic panels were not included; these have now been added and Mr Souter is currently reviewing the insurance.

Councillors Reports:
7282 Playground/Playing Fields: Cllr Carpenter advised that a new black bin has been received.

Cllrs noted that an excellent job had been done on the tennis court by Hall Garden Services. A contract has been submitted with a suggestion that the outside of the hedge be cut once a year and the inside twice. Councillors agreed on this course of action and to accept the quote.
Action
Clerk to accept the quote by Hall Garden Services for hedge cutting of the tennis court.

7283 Village Green: Cllr Blandford advised that the annual clean-up of the ditch and the rill took place on Saturday. Numbers of attendees was reduced, but all needed work was completed. Cllr Blandford has sent a thank you email to those taking part.

Jack Moulands Bench has been cleaned, oiled, and repaired. Cllr Blandford thanked Simon Tilling for his work, and a thank you was also received from Mr Moulands daughters.

Broken barrier on brook - Cllr Blandford advised that this has now been repaired.

The river bank has been repaired where damage had been done to it, and Cllr Blandford thanked Simon Tilling for installing a new plank. Future consideration may be given to installing flint filled gabion cages as a replacement. Cllr Blanford has received an offer from a parishioner to install the cages if the parish council pay for materials. He believes we should investigate this next year.

Cllr Blandford reported that Jordan Geaney's picnic table has been repaired twice, but has now become unsafe. Cllrs agreed that it would be a good idea to replace the bench as the benches are well used. Simon Linstead is happy for the bench to be replaced, and Jordan's name plate to be installed on a new bench.
Action
The Clerk to investigate the cost of a new picnic bench.

7284 Village Hall: Cllr Blandford reported that Andover Fire and Security have completed the legally required six monthly test, with no issues reported. Anthony Whitaker has been completing the weekly bell tests, and Cllr Blandford thanked him for this.

Cllr Blandford has inspected the blown brick, and the damage turned out to be superficial.

Cllr Blandford noted that the projector bulb is over six years old and it would be prudent to buy another one considering the regular use of the projector at both Film Night and the Village Talks.
Action
Cllr Blandford to contact a contractor who may be able to help in supplying a bulb.

7285 Parish Hall: Cllr Astell reported that car parking, especially overnight had been raised as an issue at the hall. Villagers are asked not to do so in the future.

RFO Christian Anstis advised that the minutes for the Parish Hall meetings used to be posted on the Wallops Parish Hall Website, which had not been done for some time. It was also suggested the minutes could be published on The Pump. All Cllrs agreed to the minutes be posted on The Pump and the website.
Action
Cllr Astell to advise the Parish Hall Chairman that it has been agreed that the minutes of the Parish Hall meetings be posted on The Pump and the website.

7286 Footpaths:
Cllr Blandford advised that he has now received three quotes, Test Valley Paving £22,680.00 (inc. VAT); K&N Surfacing £28,728.00 (inc. VAT); Bourne Property Services ££22,200.00 (inc. VAT). Cllr Blandford recommends that we engage Bourne Property Services as they understood the brief and their quote was the most detailed. As we will not be paying the VAT, the

recommend quote is a total of £18,500.00. All Cllrs agreed to accepting the quote from Bourne Property Services. However, we cannot progress until we hear back from HCC that public liability, after restoring the footpaths to their original state will remain with HCC.

It is understood that we can use the CIL fund and we can convey to HCC that it is our intention to use the CIL monies.
Action
The Clerk to contact 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.

7287 Speedwatch: Cllr Astell advised that we have two speed watch devices, one will be positioned in Salisbury Lane. As we have been unable to sell the other one, Cllr Astell suggested it being sited on Farley Street at the corner of School Lane; all Cllrs agreed.
Action
Cllr Astell to contact HCC to seek permission to site a speed watch device on Farley Street.

7288 Communications: Cllr Lovatt advised that the .gov email addresses have now been received. There have been difficulties setting up the inboxes on Apple devices, and currently only Cllr Lovatt, the Clerk and RFO have managed to do so.

Cllr Lovatt contacted Hugo Fox regarding the appearance of the website on mobile devices. She advised that Hugo Fox are currently investigating this issue, and hope to have a solution in the near future. The Clerk and Cllr Lovatt attended a training session on the website with Hugo Fox.

Cllr Lovatt advised that the 'Digital and Data Compliance' training sessions facilitated by HALC were all full. She will book if they run further courses.
Action
Cllr Lovatt to contact Hugo Fox for further assistance with .gov email addresses.

7289 Grants: Cllr Lovatt advised that a grant is available from the Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund.

Cllr Lovatt advised that Hampshire Forest Trust are offering tree planting funding, including disease resistant elms. It was agreed that there were a number of difficulties in planting the trees on the playing field and that we could apply for grants in the future.
Action
Cllr Lovatt to send email to all Cllrs with details of the Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund grant with a view to one of them applying if appropriate.

7290 Future Pavillion: Cllrs Lovatt and Blandford felt that it would be sensible to split the project into two phases; phase one being the refurbishment of the pavilion, and phase two being the extra sports facilities.

Cllr Lovatt has submitted an initial letter and photographs to Marie Stubbington at TVBC Community Engagement, with a view to obtaining funding for the project. We have been advised that we should apply in April 2026 when the funding source will become available again. This would also provide time to obtain architectural drawings and quotes.

We have received 126 responses to the survey, and a large number of comments, both positive and negative. It was decided that the results should be published on The Pump and Facebook, with a sample of the free text responses.

Cllrs Lovatt and Blandford met with architect Les Simmons, to discuss ideas for refurbishing and improvement, incorporating some of the suggestions that were received in the survey, and the brief from the parish council. In order to make a café viable year-round, we have asked for the drawings to include an extension for an indoor space. The architect felt that it would not be necessary to knock the old structure down, and we have asked him to provide drawings that include a public toilet that is accessible from the field and not via the car park for safety reasons. He was also asked to provide another set of drawings with his own recommendations.

He has asked us to make the manhole cover to the septic tank visible to enable an inspection possible. Cllrs agreed to Simon Tilling carrying out this work. It was noted that the pavilion is not connected to the septic tank that serves Aylwards Way and Ducks Lane.

The architect charges £80 per hour, and has advised us to budget for an initial fee of £1120.00 plus £40.00 for an Ordnance Survey map extract.

Cllrs thanked Cllrs Lovatt and Blandford for their work on this project.

Action
Cllr Blandford to instruct the architect to proceed with plans for the pavilion.

7291 To approve Bank Reconciliation, Payments, Receipts: All figures and bank reconciliations were signed approved.

7292 Matters raised by Councillors for Inclusion on the next agenda: Cllr Astell raised the possibility of installing either air conditioning or ceiling fans in the village hall, due to increasingly hot summers.

Cllrs felt that air conditioning would be more suitable.
Action
Cllr Blandford to obtain costings for installation of air conditioning in the village hall.

Cllr Blandford requested that the Clerk supply him with the contracts for both our previous and current electricity suppliers to examine how much feedback we are obtaining.
Action
The Clerk to supply Cllr Blandford with electricity contracts.

Cllr Astell advised that she has been unable to make contact with the administrator of Winton House to request they cut back the overhanging trees. She also pointed out that the sale is going ahead with the exclusion of 6 acres of the land.
Action
Cllr Astell to contact HCC to request a cut back of trees.

Points from the floor:
Cllr MacDonald reported that the unauthorised development near the crossroads has had its appeal rejected. If the dwelling and associated developments are not removed, TVBC has the power to remove.

Cllr MacDonald also highlighted the Resilience Forum run by TVBC, which is taking place on 25th October.

Date of next monthly meeting: Monday, 10th November at 6.45pm.

The Chairman Cllr Carpenter closed the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairman: …….. Date: ……