Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council meeting held at

6.45 pm on Monday 10 August 2026

in the Village Hall, Nether Wallop

7490 Present: Cllrs Carpenter, Astell, Courcoux, Lovatt, Blandford, Sharpe, Worthington and the Clerk/RFO.

7491 In attendance: 4 members of the public.

7492 Welcome: The Chairman welcomed all present and reminded attendees that the meeting was being recorded to assist the Clerk. The meeting was held in public.

7493 Apologies for absence: No apologies for absence were received.

7494 Declarations of interest: No declarations of interest were made.

7495 To receive reports from TVBC and HCC: No reports were received from Hampshire County Council or Test Valley Borough Council representatives.

7496 Points from the floor: No points were raised.

7497 To consider planning applications:
26/01533/TREEN – Longmead Barn, Station Road, Over Wallop: Hazel tree works. **Resolved:** No comment. The Parish Council agreed unanimously.
26/01541/FULLN – Double Dee, Salisbury Lane, Middle Wallop: Demolition of garage and erection of single-storey extension and attached garage. **Resolved:** No comment. The Parish Council agreed unanimously.
26/01545/TREEN – Old Brook Farm, High Street, Nether Wallop: Pollarding of willow tree. **Resolved:** No comment. The Parish Council agreed unanimously.
26/01581/TREEN – 4 Moulands Row, Station Road, Middle Wallop: Felling of Leyland Cypress. **Resolved:** No comment. The Parish Council agreed unanimously.
26/01537/AGNN – New Farm, Hollom Down Road, Lopcombe: Agricultural steel barn. **Resolved:** No comment. The Parish Council agreed unanimously.
26/01298/LBWN – Winton House, Farley Street, Nether Wallop: External alterations and landscaping works. **Resolved:** No comment. The Parish Council agreed unanimously.
26/01381/FULLN – Recreation Ground, Aylwards Way, Nether Wallop: Change of use to include community café and car park. Discussion noted.
26/01666/TREEN – The Old Butchers Arms, Five Bells Lane, Nether Wallop: Felling of fir tree. **Resolved:** No comment. The Parish Council agreed unanimously.
26/01691/TREEN – Brook House, Heathman Street, Nether Wallop: Removal of ash tree due to ash dieback. **Resolved:** No comment. The Parish Council agreed unanimously.

7498 Approval of minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 13 July 2026 were approved and signed.

7499 Correspondence and actions: Correspondence was received regarding deterioration of pothole repairs; the defects had already been reported and marked for repair. Concerns were also received regarding flooding, exposed roots and poor accessibility on the footpath between Heathman Street and the churchyard. **Resolved:**

7500 2026 Improvement Plan: The aerial-removal survey received approximately 100 responses from around 400 parish households. Some respondents had already removed their aerials, approximately 25 expressed interest in removal, and others wished to retain them. Members noted that terrestrial television broadcasting was now expected to continue until 2034. The Council discussed a possible rolling programme but did not agree to fund removals or recommend a contractor. Any contract would be directly between the householder and the contractor. **Action:** Contact interested residents. A draft Community Emergency Plan covering flooding, storms, heatwaves, power outages, cyber incidents and loss of internet access was reviewed. Members discussed identifying vulnerable residents, mapping flood risks, checking water and communications resilience, identifying local resources and volunteers, and using the Village Hall or Pavilion as a resilience hub. **Action:** Continue developing the plan, update the existing emergency contacts and local-resource information, and contact Southern Water about assessing a suitable resilience hub and bottled-water station.

Councillors' reports:

7501 Playground/Playing Fields: Broughton Football Club had not responded to correspondence or paid outstanding hire fees. **Resolved:** Send a further payment request. New Street FC have been using the main pitch for the season. Rabbit activity and pitch damage remain concerns.

7502 Village Green: Numerous suspected rat holes had appeared towards the rear of the Village Green. **Action:** Obtain pest-control advice and quotations, including from the Council's existing pest-control provider. For the Summer Market, members considered opening the Village Hall toilets but agreed that leaving the building open was unsuitable. **Resolved:** Fund the hire of one basic portable toilet for the event.

7503 Village Hall: Members reconsidered the proposed dishwasher and how to ensure it was emptied after use. Deposits and card charges were discussed but considered unnecessarily complicated. **Resolved:** Purchase and install a suitable dishwasher, preferably with a short cycle or automatic door-opening function; amend the hiring conditions and booking information to require users to empty it after use; and monitor the arrangements before considering any further enforcement. An intermittent electrical fault affecting the kitchen and lighting circuits was reported. **Action:** Investigate whether the fault relates to the breakers, solar equipment or another cause, and arrange repairs if required. Cracking plasterwork remained visible despite previous repairs. **Action:** Obtain advice on a longer-term repair or a suitable method of concealing movement. Members also discussed the refrigerators, solar panels and battery system. **Resolved:** Switch the second fridge back on, monitor electricity consumption and investigate whether the batteries and monitoring application are operating as expected.

7504 Parish Hall: No report. Two Councillors to attend.

7505 Footpaths: Works commenced on 3 August as planned. Kerb edging was being installed on both paths, the drain on one path had been completed, and additional timber edging requested by Hampshire Highways was being installed. Concerns raised by an adjacent property owner about future fence replacement, path width, hedge roots and the existing hump were noted. The Council confirmed that the works were on the highway, were being undertaken in accordance with Hampshire County Council's specified materials and requirements and were progressing neatly.

7506 Speedwatch/SID: Installation of the new speed sign has been completed. The Council discussed a possible 20 mph limit at School Lane and requests relating to Heathman Street and Aylwards Way. Hampshire Highways advised that a formal 20 mph scheme could cost approximately £25,000–£30,000 unless supported by a history of speed-related injury collisions. Members clarified that they were seeking a simpler signage-only option rather than road markings, cameras or a full engineered scheme. **Resolved:** Ask Hampshire Highways to confirm the cost and requirements for replacing existing signs with 20 mph signs, seek comparative information from another parish, and pause the wider requests until clarification is received.

7507 Winton House: Cllr Courcoux reported that refurbishment was progressing well and initial occupation was expected around October 2026, beginning with four young residents. A future Council site visit may be arranged.

7508 Communication: Nothing to report.

7509 Pavilion planning: Sport England had requested clarification because the application referred to an independent café and the changing-room drawings did not clearly show the toilet fittings. The case officer amended the description to a community café and the architect supplied the required clarification; a new consultation notice was therefore issued and the determination timetable was extended. Full construction drawings were being printed, and several contractors were being approached for quotations. Members noted that electrical upgrades, additional solar panels and batteries might need to be treated as contingencies or supported through separate grants. A meeting had also been held with the manager of the Broughton community shop and café to discuss operation and volunteers. **Action:** Continue obtaining contractor estimates, progress funding applications and operational planning, and await the planning decision before pursuing further land-registry work.

7510 Grants: Nothing to report on community engagement grants.

7511 To approve bank reconciliation, payments and receipts: The Council received the receipts and payments list, payments approved by email, bank reconciliations and trial balance. Governance documents were reviewed in principle. **Resolved:** Formal approval was deferred until September to allow councillors time for review. Fees and charges will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Further points from the floor: A resident suggested entering a "Best Kept Village" competition and encouraging improved presentation of hedges, gardens and refuse bin storage. The Council agreed to consider the suggestion further.

7512 Matters raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda: Review of fees and charges; governance documentation approval; and Community Emergency Plan progress.

Date of next monthly meeting: Monday 14 September 2026 at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.25 pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairman: …… **Date:** ……

Dates of next meetings 2026

Monday 14 September

Monday 12 October

Monday 9 November

Monday 14 December