

**Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 7.15 pm**

**on Monday 18 January 2021 via Zoom online meeting.**

- 5371 Present online:** Cllrs Cotterell, Carpenter, Souter, Whitaker, Cllrs Sangster and Roberts joined for part of the meeting.
- 5372 In Attendance:** Mrs G Foster, Parish Clerk and The footpaths officer and 5 members of the public, HCC Cllr A Gibson was present for part of the meeting.
- 5373** Cllr Cotterell welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the parish council for 2021.
- 5374 Apologies for absence:** None.
- 5375 Declarations of Interests for items on the agenda, changes in Register of Interests, Requests for dispensations:** There were no changes to be declared.
- 5376 To receive reports from HCC Cllr A Gibson:** It was agreed that the report would be heard when Cllr Gibson joined the meeting.
- 5377 Points from the floor:** A resident advised that there had been a recent incident at the Splash at the bottom of Five Bells Lane. A car had got stuck and had required the AA to tow it away. The car owners had asked why there was no sign indicating the depth of the water. HCC would be contacted. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5378 To receive a verbal update regarding the progression of the NDP Steering Group.** Cllr Souter reminded everyone that the next meeting would be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January. There had been several volunteers that had offered to join the Steering Group, but extra volunteers were still needed to expand the Working Groups. Once the meeting had been held, the names of the new members would be circulated. A lot of work had been done since the November meeting and the consultants had produced a list of the next steps to be taken. This had been reviewed and would be discussed with the wider Steering Group as a lot of the work needed to be carried out by residents. There would be more public consultations as soon as lockdown eased. The next exhibition would be organised by the Steering Group rather than the consultant in order to keep costs down. A review of the budget would be undertaken. **Action: Cllr Souter.**
- 5379** Cllr Sangster joined the meeting at 19.24pm and had no changes to his declaration of interests.
- 5380 To consider planning applications and agree comments to be sent to Borough Council.** The following applications were considered and comments as below were **RESOLVED:**
- 5381** 20/03095/FULLN Brian Pike Packaging Ltd The Grain Dryer Romsey Road - **No Objection – Majority**
- 5382** 20/03161/TREEN Greensleeves Heathman Street - **No comment – Unanimous**
- 5383** 20/03078/FULLN The Manor - **No Objection - Unanimous**
- 5384** 20/03162/FULLN 3 New Road - **No Objection – Unanimous**
- 5385** 21/00069/TREEN 2 Pearl Cottages Station Road - **No comment - Unanimous**
- 5386** The comments would be forwarded to the Borough Council. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5387** HCC Cllr Gibson joined the meeting at 19.34. There had not been many changes since 11<sup>th</sup> January. The plans for the immigration camp in Barton Stacey had not yet been decided. Waste recycling centres remained open. The closure of Salisbury Lane had been put back to the second quarter of 2021 due to delays with the solicitors working on the turning circle issue.
- 5388** Cllr Roberts joined the meeting at 19.37pm and had no changes to his declaration of interests.
- 5389** Cllr Gibson added that he was now aware that historically some pedestrians had been killed along the A343 and that the information should be reported to HCC as a response to their email to Cllr Cotterell. **Action: Cllr Cotterell.**

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- 5390** Cllr Gibson left the meeting at 19.41pm
- 5391** **To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020:** The minutes had been circulated and posted online. It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, that the draft be approved and that the Chairman would sign the paper copies at his earliest opportunity. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5392** **To approve the bank reconciliation, Trial Balance, payments and receipts, and budget reports.** All reports had been filed in the council's dropbox and posted on the website prior to the meeting. **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, that payments be approved as below. **Action: Clerk.**

Counterparty	Cost	Net	VAT	Total Amount
BT	Dec Phone and Broadband	41.99	8.40	<b>50.39</b>
Gail Foster	Salary and Expenses	898.94	0.00	<b>898.94</b>
GFC Garden Services	December Gardening	72.00	0.00	<b>72.00</b>
HMRC	Tax & NI January 2021	200.76	0.00	<b>200.76</b>
LexisNexis	Arnold-Baker 12 <sup>th</sup> Edition	119.99	0.00	<b>119.99</b>
Octopus Energy Ltd	Electricity	291.46	14.58	<b>306.04</b>
SLCC	SLCC Clerk's membership	166.00	0.00	<b>166.00</b>
Tim Light	Tim Light	196.66	0.00	<b>196.66</b>
TV Licensing	TV Licence	157.50	0.00	<b>157.50</b>
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	0.00	<b>18.00</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>2,163.30</b>	<b>22.98</b>	<b>2,186.28</b>

Receipts that had been received were noted as below:

Counterparty	Description	Net	VAT	Total Amount
Andover Royals	Pitch Hire	20.83	4.17	<b>25.00</b>
Broughton FC	Pitch Hire	83.33	16.67	<b>100.00</b>
Family Bulford	Tennis Bulk booking	40.00	0.00	<b>40.00</b>
Enham Football Club	Pitch Hire	25.00	5.00	<b>30.00</b>
Lindham Associates	Tennis Bulk booking	40.00	0.00	<b>40.00</b>
Pam Quick	Tennis Bulk booking	30.00	0.00	<b>30.00</b>
S Fietta	Tennis Bulk booking	40.00	0.00	<b>40.00</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>279.16</b>	<b>25.84</b>	<b>305.00</b>

- 5393** Receipts from Broughton Football Club had been received, but like Andover Royals, they had only been charged £25 per game, meaning that the net receipt to the council was £20.83 per game.
- 5394** The bank account as at 14 January 2021 showed a balance of £53,196.59. It was noted that an additional £1,334.00 had been received from Test Valley Borough Council which was expected to be a grant amount for closure of the Village Hall. It would be added to the cash book once TVBC had confirmed this. The Bank Reconciliation would be signed as soon as possible. **Action: Cllr Cotterell and Clerk.**
- 5395** **To approve the signing of the precept at £43,665.00.** It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, to increase the precept by £10,890, to £43,665. The Clerk would sign the papers and email the form to TVBC by email copying in the Chairman. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5396** **To consider feedback from the public regarding the Bottle Bank acquisition and to decide if the decision should be amended:** It was unanimously agreed that new information in terms of public feedback had been received. A discussion was held and it was proposed that a bottle bank be sited at the playing fields on a trial basis. The motion was not carried by majority and it was further proposed that a Communications Policy be drafted. **Action: Clerk.**

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- 5397 **To decide when to hold the Annual Parish Meeting and to agree costs & arrangements:** It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, to defer the Annual Parish Meeting (Assembly) until later in the year in the hope that a meeting could be held in person at the village hall.
- 5398 **To approve the purchase of a notice board to be fixed to the back of the pavilion:** It was **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, that estimates would be sought up to approx. £250, for a notice board that was waterproof, metal and lockable. It should last ideally at least 3 years, rather than needing annual replacement. A schedule of suggestions would be made. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5399 **To note Councillors' written reports / update / approve any cost implications:**
- 5400 **Safe Travel:** Cllr Whitaker reported that so far 158 responses had been received and about half the respondents had had an accident or near miss in the parish. It was agreed that the survey would be closed at the end of January. A full report would be provided for the March meeting. **Action: Cllr Whitaker & Clerk.**
- 5401 Cllr Cotterell advised that information had been received to show that there had been some deaths on the A343 in previous years.
- 5402 **Highways:** Nothing to report.
- 5403 **Playing Fields, Playground and Tennis Court:** The playground remained closed for safety reasons although several residents had enquired why it was not open. It was agreed that fencing around the play area would be replaced with the whole refurbishment program. Residents would be asked to join a working group to help with the refurbishment planning so that it met the needs of all age groups. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5404 The Playing fields were being well used by walkers and dog walkers.
- 5405 The electricity bill for the pavilion was noted to be high and the Clerk had been spending time on documenting why SSE should refund the council. This was ongoing.
- 5406 **Village Green:** Cllr Carpenter had nothing to report. Cllr Whitaker reported that the swales were flowing into the river after having been dug out.
- 5407 **Village Hall:** Cllr Souter reported that the hall was effectively shut as hirers were unable to use it under government lockdown rules. The guttering had been fixed and routine gardening and cleaning were continuing. The Clerk had hosted some zoom meetings alone in the hall as an employee of the council, but this did not generate income. The condition of the premises was being continually monitored and the hall was ready as a resilience site if needed.
- 5408 Cllr Whitaker advised that a resident had asked if a PIR light on a timer could be installed in the porch area for safety reasons leaving the hall in the dark. After a discussion it was agreed that a delay switch should be installed rather than a PIR. Estimates for the work would be sought. **Action: Cllr Souter.**
- 5409 The subject would be added to the February agenda. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5410 **Footpaths:** A team of 3 people had agreed to take over the shared role of footpaths officer. A handover meeting was being arranged and a guide was being worked on. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5411 **Wallops Parish Hall:** There was nothing to report, although grant applications were still being progressed.
- 5412 **To note the Clerk's report and correspondence received and to determine actions required:**
- 5413 SSE had yet to send a correct final bill for the three electricity supplies which had been changed to Octopus who were sending an engineer to check all the meter readings on 25<sup>th</sup> January. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5414 Correspondence had been received from local landowners in relation to walkers in the countryside. People were routinely straying off footpaths 7, 9 and bridleway 30 on onto private land without permission, and many were not keeping their dogs on leads or under very close control. Another land owner had asked that the following be publicised after repeated episodes of people walking wherever they wished in his fields. "We already have a well-used Footpath from the playing fields over to my old grainstore at Berrycourt, and have no wish to create another one by default through unopposed usage. I erected two signs saying NO RIGHT OF WAY, which were knocked down within a week. If this unauthorised access continues, I shall have to consider the work put into hedge cutting the track running From Peacocks cottages down to the splash and Heathman street which keeps the permitted access open, that I granted to riders and walkers, at a Parish Council meeting some years ago."
- 5415 It was **RESOLVED:** That these messages would be publicised further. **Action: Clerk.**
- 5416 The defibrillator cabinet had been chased again. The British Heart Foundation had advised that there was a serious backlog with the suppliers. This would be monitored. **Action: Clerk.**

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**5417** A resident had provided information in contradiction to the information received from a resident in the last meeting regarding accidents on the A343. Further details had been requested so that they could be passed to HCC. **Action: Clerk.**

**5418** **Matters raised by councillors for noting, or adding to the next month's agenda.:**

**5419** None.

**5420** **Points from the floor.** None.

**5421** **Date of next monthly meeting:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.15 pm via Zoom.us.

**5422** The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.54 pm.

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