

**Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 6:45 pm
on Monday 8th January 2024 in the Village Hall, Nether Wallop**

- 6865 Present at the meeting:** Cllrs Whitaker, Bedford, Carpenter and Graves.
- 6866 In Attendance:** Cllr Macdonald, RFO Christian Anstis and 4 other members of the public
- 6867 Welcome:** Chairman, Cllr Whitaker, opened the meeting at 18:46 and welcomed everyone.
- 6868 Apologies for absence:** Cllr **James** had sent her apologies. Clerk Lesley Armstrong sent apologies and was not able to attend due to ill health.
- 6869 Declarations of Interests for items on the agenda, changes in Register of Interests, Requests for dispensations.** None.
- 6870 To receive reports from TVBC and HCC –** Cllr McDonald said that TVBC was able to provide support for flooding. Cllr Whitaker noted the fast response with sandbags for Church Road recently and asked that thanks were passed on. Mid-Test Matters is available on the website.
- 6871 Points from the floor –** Mrs Piggott of Ivy Cottage asked for feedback on a draft letter that she plans to send to a number of Highways and other TVBC and HCC departments asking for their help to resolve the rising water levels impacting properties in the Square. The resident asked the Parish Council to also write to Highways asking for action to help the homeowners and the Chair agreed to ask the Clerk.
- 6872 To approve the minutes** of the previous NWPC meeting on 11th December 2023 – These were approved and signed by Vice Chairman - Cllr Bedford as Cllr Whitaker was not at that meeting.
- 6873 Cllr reports :**
- Playground/Playing Fields –** Good feedback has been received from residents.
- Village Green –** It was reported that a quote for the bridge and handrail have not been seen.
- Highways & Traffic Calming –** Cllr Bedford spoke with Cllr Sanger of OWPC to support a single Speedwatch camera, this was item 6854 from December 2023 meeting. He had also contacted Mandy Ware at HCC about obtaining licences for 2 locations.
- Footpaths & Lengthsman –** A comprehensive summary was received from the Footpaths Officer and the Cllrs noted their appreciation for the work done by Piers Bingley and the 'chain saw gang' who helped with recently fallen trees.
- Village Hall –** Octopus Energy are to install a smart meter in the Hall on 10 January as well as on the Green and in the Pavillion on the 9th of February.
- Parish Hall –** Elizabeth Roseveare gave an update . The hall has managed to run at a small profit, largely through reducing costs, rather than receiving more bookings. The Hive solution has proved useful and Councillors wondered if this would be beneficial for the bookings manager to monitor the Nether Wallop Village Hall remotely.
- Five Bells Pub –** A Community Asset- David Angwin provided a situation update from the initial meeting held last week and attended by around 40 people. To proceed, it will be key to demonstrate proof of funds available rather than pledges, and to have a strong business plan to present. A pop-up pub will be held on Friday 12th of January in the Village Hall to help raise funds for steering this initiative. Cllr Macdonald said there were grants available from TVBC that may help those campaigning. The key date is 21 June 2024, once TVBC has been notified that parties are interested in making an offer.

6874 Consideration of the following Planning Applications - The following comments were made:

23/03235/TREEN	The Old Posthouse Heathman Street	T1 - Wild Cherry - Fell, T2 - Apple - Crown reduction by up to 3m	No Comment
23/03178/FULLN	Hillcrest Knockwood Lane	Demolition of the existing dwelling house and outbuildings and the erection of a replacement dwelling, associated garaging, parking area, landscaping, package treatment plant and associated works	No Objection
23/03147/LBWN 23/03148/LBWN	Thornley House Five Bells Lane	Extension and alterations to rear and side of dwelling, and removal of archway over driveway	Comments submitted in December
PL/2023/02704	Land at Lopcombe corner	Change of use of land to travellers caravan site	Whilst of interest, this is outside the Parish and County, and no response will be submitted.

6875 Discussion on Nether Wallop NDP – before the Regulation 14 consultation can commence, TVBC must confirm if a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required. The team has been waiting to hear from Sarah Hughes of TVBC since November 2023. Cllr Macdonald said a Habitats Regulation Assessment could be required and for one Parish this had added a 9 month delay.

6876 To approve Bank Reconciliation, Payments, Receipts. (13th December 2023–7th January 2024): All figures had been posted on the Council’s website prior to the meeting, and were approved. Cllr Whitaker questioned that one more marquee payment was to be received, she will check with the RFO and Clerk.

6877 To discuss the Park Inspection – the links to the Drop Box for the reports were not working as they should. Cllr Whitaker is to ask the Clerk to check these and confirm that the 1st report for January 2024 is to be added.

6878 Correspondence received - None

6879 Points from the floor – None

6880 Date of next monthly meeting: Monday 12th February 2024, at 6.45pm.

6881 The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:50.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairman: Date: