

**Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at
6:45 pm on Monday 13th April 2026
in the Village Hall, Nether Wallop**

7398 Present at the meeting: Cllrs' Carpenter, Sharpe, Astell, Courcoux, Worthington, Lovatt, MacDonald and Clerk/RFO.

7399 In Attendance: 3 members of the public.

7400 Welcome: Chairman Cllr Carpenter opened the meeting at 18:45. Cllr Carpenter mentioned this was a meeting held in public, not a public meeting.

7401 Apologies for absence: Cllr Blandford and Cllr Drew.

7402 Declarations of interest: None Recorded

7403 To receive reports from TVBC and HCC

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

County Councillor MacDonald's Report included: Central Government has confirmed local government reorganisation The majority of Test Valley will join Winchester, New Forest, and East Hampshire to form Mid Hampshire Council (unitary authority). These will take over all services currently delivered by Hampshire County Council and Test Valley. Cllr MacDonald mentioned there has been a Loss of some southern Test Valley parishes and New Forest waterfront causing a loss of revenue. Elections for the Shadow Authority are expected in May next year, with a representation likely reduced (approx. 2 councillors instead of 5-6). Local Planning pressures have increased in speculative development in unsuitable locations giving an example of 99-home development in Broughton Parish approved despite lack of affordable housing

7404 Points from the floor: None

7405 To consider planning permission for:

APPLICATION NO: 26/00491/TREEN PROPOSAL: T1 - Yew - Reduce Yew beside path/road by up to 1m in height and trim to shape LOCATION: Brook Cottage, Church Road, Nether Wallop APPLICANT: Mr Phil Wish NO COMMENT

APPLICATION NUMBER: 26/00479/FULLN PROPOSAL: Erection of replacement garden shed and potting shed and the installation of a replacement domestic oil tank SITE: The Old Forge, The Square, Nether Wallop, Stockbridge NO COMMENT

APPLICATION NO: 26/00528/TREEN PROPOSAL: Ornamental Cherry - Fell LOCATION: Ashers Farm, Five Bells Lane, Nether Wallop APPLICANT: Mr Adam Zipfell NO COMMENT

APPLICATION NUMBER: 26/00490/LBWN PROPOSAL: Installation of external oil combi boiler in rear garden, existing pipeline and connections already in place SITE: Owl Barn, Church Hill, Nether Wallop, Stockbridge NO COMMENT

7406 Approval of minutes from previous meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and signed.

7407 Correspondence and Actions:

Correspondence

Cllr Lovatt reported that she had received an email from a parishioner concerning a black Labrador that repeatedly enters his garden. She advised the parishioner to report the matter to the dog warden, who may hold records of any previous incidents involving the same dog. It was noted that, aside from placing advisory notices on the Pump, the Parish Council has no powers to take further action in this matter.

A local parishioner has written to the Parish council reporting the hedge and signs had been cleared by the lengthsman but the steps had not been cleared and highlighted the 20mph need for School Lane. Clerk to contact Lengthsman.

A parishioner had also contacted the parish council regarding the overgrown hedges and bus shelter condition in Jacks Bush. This was discussed and the clerk will contact the Lengthsman and HCC, but due to the time of year with bird season, the road closure and safety concerns, we are unsure of the outcome.

The Splash/Ford

Action No correspondence has been received from HCC. Cllr Sharpe requested an email to be sent to adjust the water level measurement to give an accurate reading. Clerk to action

2026 Improvement plan

Action TV/Satellite dishes and Aerial removals- Cllr Worthington has spoken with several local parishioners who are happy for the removal, contractors are being researched.

Correspondence:

Councillors Reports:

7408 Playground/Playing Fields: Swing gate has been fixed and an age restriction sign has been replaced. Thank you to Simon Tilling.

7409 Village Green

7410 Village Hall: Cllr Astell obtaining dishwasher quotes and plumbing costs.

Cleaning Cllr Lovatt advised that unfortunately Alison Elliott has withdrawn her interest in cleaning the village Hall for personal reasons. Cllr Lovatt suggested that we continue with Sparkles for the time being. We could ask them to include a fridge clean on a three-monthly basis.

Oven Cleaning The oven has now been cleaned in the village hall kitchen and has suggested that this goes on to maintenance calendar for cleaning once every 18 months.

Dishwasher Cllr Lovatt had asked the Clerk to purchase spare washing and rinse solution for the dishwasher.

Guttering Cllr Lovatt advised that she has noticed that the guttering in the side alley is leaking and causing a damp patch on the wall.

AV Equipment Cllr Lovatt reported that, upon setting up for Film Night last Thursday, she found that the remote controls for the screen and projector were not in the AV cabinet but had been placed in the lockable cabinet for which she does not hold a key. This is the second occurrence of this issue. She was unable to obtain the key from the hall bookings manager as he was unavailable but was eventually able to obtain one from his wife. Had this not been possible, Film Night would have had to be cancelled at short notice, as there is no manual override for the screen. It was suggested that a small key cabinet be purchased and installed in the AV room to prevent similar issues in future.

A new reserved parking sign has been replaced.

7411 Parish Hall Two Parish Cllrs to attend.

7412 Footpaths. Repairs to start May/June 2026.

7413 Speedwatch Cllr Astell reported that HCC's invoice has been paid to fit a new speed sign post ready for the battery-operated speed sign.

7414 Winton House Cllr Carpenter reported the meeting in March was well attended.

7415 Communications Cllr Lovatt asked whether it would be acceptable to advertise Film Night on the parish website, noting that it is a Parish Council event. She reported that a couple attending from Winchester had commented that it was difficult to find information about this event. Cllrs unanimously agreed this was a good idea.

7416 Pavillion Planning - Cllr Lovatt reported that, following the previous month's meeting, she had contacted Mr Les Timmons regarding the supporting statement included within the pavillion refurbishment planning application. Mr Timmons confirmed that the statement had been submitted to strengthen the application.

It was noted that no planning application for the proposed car park has yet been submitted. Mr Timmons advised that it would be preferable to await the outcome of the current application before progressing further. He also expressed concern regarding the likelihood of approval for the loss of approximately 400 sq. metres of grassed area.

A contingency option was discussed whereby the required area could be fenced, the grass retained, and rubber matting installed to allow grass growth while providing a suitable surface. This area would only be opened for parking on match and training days, as overflow parking is only required during such events. Further investigation will be needed to determine whether this option would itself require planning permission. A decision on the current planning application is expected on 1st May.

Tree Survey – requested by TVBC - The tree survey has been completed. No significant issues were identified, provided that the recommendations—described as minor—are followed.

Café The Clerk received an email from RA Bakes, based in Nether Wallop, offering to supply bakery products.

7417 Grants - A meeting with Marie Stubbington and colleagues from TVBC, originally scheduled for 25th March, was cancelled on the day. A new meeting date of 30th April is now being arranged, subject to availability of all concerned.

7418 To approve Bank Reconciliation, Payments, Receipts:

All figures and bank reconciliations were signed approved.

Points from the floor: Parishioners from Jacks Bush agreed the urgent need for the bus shelter's lack of maintenance needs to be addressed, as mentioned in correspondence and supported the comment of lack of hedge trimming. The Parishioners reported that residents in Jacks Bush often must clear their own footpaths.

They also voiced how very disappointed they were in the lack of acknowledgment from HCC and TVBC for their repeated efforts in reducing the speed limit and lack of signs on the A343. They reported that since the road closure there has been a serious accident, with the need for the air ambulance to attend, due to road users still travelling through the current closed section. A request for a speeding group was also discussed.

Clerk to contact TVBC, HCC and lengthsman to address issues raised.

7419 Matters raised by Councillors for Inclusion on the next agenda: Jacks Bush

Date of next monthly meeting: Monday 11th May at 6.45pm.
The Chairman Cllr Carpenter closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.
Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairman: **Date:**

Dates for next meeting 2026

Monday 11th May AGM

Monday 8th June

Monday 13th July

Monday 10th August

Monday 14th September

Monday 12th October

Monday 9th November

Monday 14th December