

**Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at
6:45 pm on Monday 9th March 2026
in the Village Hall, Nether Wallop**

7376 Present at the meeting: Cllrs' Carpenter, Sharpe, Astell, Courcoux, Worthington, Lovatt, MacDonald, Drew and Clerk/RFO.

7377 In Attendance: 8 members of the public.

7378 Welcome: Chairman Cllr Carpenter opened the meeting at 18:45. Cllr Carpenter mentioned this was a meeting held in public, not a public meeting.

7379 Apologies for absence: Cllr Blandford.

7380 Declarations of interest: All Cllrs declared an interest to planning Application Ref: 26/00298

7381 To receive reports from TVBC and HCC

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

County Councillor Drew's Report included:

- Forward planning for potential winter heating pressures.
- Hampshire Youth Parliament priorities: period poverty, crime & safety, cost of living, misogyny.
- Council tax increase of 4.99% (3% general, 2% adult social care).
- Biodiversity Duty Report (121 pages; request for a shorter public-friendly version).
- Alcohol-related harm statistics: "around a quarter of adults currently drink more than the recommended limit... contributing to around 25 alcohol-related hospital admissions every day."
- Fly-tipping enforcement update.
- Test Valley nomination for the Andover Health Partnership.

A question was raised about low fines for fly-tipping; councillors agreed penalties are too small but are set by courts.

County Councillor MacDonald's report included:

- Launch of climate change grants and business/community enterprise funds.
- Example: Wallops shop receiving £10,000 for solar panels.
- Ongoing planning enforcement cases near the A343.
- Advice to residents to submit comments formally via Test Valley's planning portal.

7382 Points from the floor: None

7383 To consider planning permission for:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 26/00298/FULLN PROPOSAL: Extension to and refurbishment of existing sports pavilion, raised terrace with handrail, alterations to fenestration and timber fencing SITE: Recreation Ground, Aylwards Way, Nether Wallop, Hampshire Mr Viv Blandford

A substantial discussion took place between councillors and residents of Aylwards Way regarding the pavilion refurbishment proposals.

Cllr Lovatt advised that pavilion is a village asset requiring refurbishment due to age, leaks, and deterioration. The plans currently include:

Toilet

Cllr Lovatt provided an update on the pavilion project to date clarifying that in coming up with the proposed plans the parish council considered the issues residents in Aylwards Way had experienced with human defecation and have factored in a toilet that will be accessible during the day, and which will lock automatically at night.

Parking

Due to problems with parking on football training days, extra parking spaces is envisaged for the area between the tennis court and the back of the pavilion. This will be fenced on the playing field side to prevent children running into the car park.

Sewage

Sewage disposal will be served by the existing on-site septic tank, which has been inspected, and is in working order.

Licencing

The parish council is keen not to impinge on other village assets such as the village hall, and therefore that no alcohol licence will be sought for the pavilion.

Planning

A planning application has been submitted with the proposed designs which incorporate renovating the pavilion and the inclusion of a small extension, attached decking area and an outside toilet

The planning department spotted a small error in the 'red edge' boundary map that was provided as part of the application, and the site notice was reposted on the 8th March.

TVBC advised that we needed to complete a biodiversity report, which has been carried out and the need to compensate for the loss of grass in the new car parking space.

We also need to conduct a tree report, which hopefully will be done sometime this month.

Phase 2

In addition to boules pitches, a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) currently seems to be the best option, both in terms of available space, value for money and functionality, but no definite decisions have been made. We are still waiting for information from TVBC regarding positioning and costs. Paddle tennis ruled out due to cost and noise, and the increasing future provision in the area.

Grant

Work has begun on the TVBC Community Asset Fund application and the accompanying project plan. Before we are able to submit, we will need to secure planning permission, obtain input from Marie Stubbington at TVBC, and finalise all costings.

Cllr Sharpe has kindly agreed to oversee the budgeting and financial management elements of the project.

Café

A part-time, volunteer-run café received 66% in the survey contacted last year, and we have received 13 concrete offers of help for potential café volunteers. Cllr Lovatt intends to set up a meeting in the next month to consider the setting up of a steering group to manage the café project.

Cllr Sharpe confirmed all plans are dependant on receiving a grant. If no grant is awarded, only essential refurbishment will proceed. If a grant is awarded, the extended design decking terrace and café space becomes possible.

Residents raised several issues:

- Fear of future alcohol licensing and the pavilion becoming a “pub in the back garden.”
- Concern that assurances today are not legally binding on future councils.
- Desire for a legal covenant preventing alcohol sales and restricting events after 9pm.
- Concern about noise, parking, and protection of playground equipment.
- Surprise at mention of a café not explicitly stated in the planning documents.
- Objection to a statement in the supporting document referencing cricket use, which residents said was inaccurate.

The council agreed to:

- Explore a legally binding covenant restricting alcohol licensing and late-night events.
- Confirm that any future sports facilities (e.g., MUGA) would require a separate planning application.

Some residents left the meeting after this item.

7384 Approval of minutes from previous meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and signed.

7385 Correspondence and Actions:

Village Sign

Action Awaiting fixture

The Splash/Ford

Action New Photos sent

2026 Improvement plan

Action Allotments – Cllr Sharpe reported that no land was available so no further action will be taken and Item will be removed.

Action TV/Satellite dishes and Aerial removals- Cllr Worthington still in early stage of improving village appearance researching costs and contractors for removal.

Correspondence:

A request for football pitch Line-marking paint - Cllrs approved.

A parishioner sent an email raising an Issue regarding School Lane steps, vegetation and a damaged 30mph sign. - Lengthsman contacted.

Councillors Reports:

7386 Playground/Playing Fields: Cllr Carpenter reported TVBC has completed the playground risk assessment noting a small fix.

Action Simon Tilling to investigate

7387 Village Green: removal of pallet left from delivery of new park bench.

Action Clerk to organise removal.

7388 Village Hall: Cllr Astell obtaining Dishwasher quotes.

Cleaning.

Action Clerk to send follow up email.

Oven

Action Cllr Lovatt confirmed that oven cleaning has been arranged for Monday 13 April.

7389 Parish Hall

Action Two Parish Cllrs to attend.

7390 Footpaths. Cllr Blandford met with HCC specifications agreed, repairs to start May/June 2026.

7391 Speedwatch:

Action Cllr Astell continues to press the local police and Hampshire highways.

7392 Winton House Cllr Courcoux reported that he had been in touch with Maddock Care who are the new owners and are undertaking repairs under the existing planning permissions. There is to be an open presentation Monday 16th at the village hall with Jonathan Broadstock, director of Aurora Pathways Limited

7393 Communications:

None

7394 Grants Active Pavilion and Football pitch.

Due to workload, Cllr Lovatt requested that another councillor take responsibility for identifying and sourcing grants for the pavilion and playing field project. Clerk to observe new grants available.

Covered in point 7383.

7396 To approve Bank Reconciliation, Payments, Receipts: All figures and bank reconciliations were signed approved. IT Policy agreed and adopted. Hugo Fox tested website accessibility report and updated.

7397 Matters raised by Councillors for Inclusion on the next agenda:

Points from the floor: None

Date of next monthly meeting: Monday 13th April 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 13th April

Monday 11th May

Monday 8th June

Monday 13th July

Monday 10th August

Monday 14th September

Monday 12th October

Monday 9th November

Monday 14th December