

**Minutes of Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm
on Monday 11 February 2019 in the Village Hall**

- 4291 Attendance:** Cllrs Addison, Carpenter, Cotterell, James and Souter, HCC Cllr Gibson, and the Parish Clerk. There were two members of the public.
- 4292 Apologies:** TVBC Cllr Boulton, Cllr Mrs James and the Footpaths Officer.
- 4293 Declaration of councillors' pecuniary interests:** none.
- 4294 Planning applications:** The Chairman reported on the following:-
- a) 19/00178/TREEN T1 Holm Oak - Reduce back to previous pruning points, T2 Birch – Crown lift to 4m and crown clean, T3 White Mulberry – Reduce by 3m, The Manor, Heathman Street, no comment. Cllr Souter explained that because the village is in a conservation area all tree applications require permission.
 - b) 19/00117/FULLN Single storey rear extension to existing entrance hall link to form glazed entrance, remove chimney stack to front elevation, insert entrance door, replacement of weatherboard to entrance hall link, provide pedestrian gate to west side of existing barn and replacement fenestration, The Barn House, Five Bells Lane, no objection.
 - c) 19/02923/TREEN T1 Himalayan Cherry - Prune up to green line as indicated on photograph, Bankside Cottage, Heathman Street, no comment.
 - d) 19/00270/TREEN T1 - Ash – Fell, Place Farm House, Heathman Street, no comment.
- 4395 Points from the floor:** HCC Cllr Gibson reported that the council would shortly be agreeing a tax rise of 2.9. The elections are on 2 May. Hants Highways were just doing general maintenance rather than any speed changes at the moment. Mr Tilling enquired whether he should fill the pothole along Ducks Lane. The Chairman replied that this was best left to Hants Highways due to insurance. It would be reported on the HCC portal (**Action: Cllr James**).
- 4296 Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of 14 January 2019 were approved by the council and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
- 4297 Vehicle Activated Sign:** Cllr Cotterell reported that he has asked for support from HCC Cllr Gibson. Cllr Cotterell further reported that he has responded to an email regarding the sale of a second hand speed activated sign. However, as no data could be extracted from it he did not recommend its purchase. New signs cost £3,000. He proposed that the council look into a visual speed sign to flag up road safety. It would cost £900 per annum for a weekly move to various different locations. The Chairman was not in favour of a sign which was not within the budget. Cllr James enquired about the outcome if one is sourced. Discussion ensued. Cllr Souter said one that could be shared within the parishes could be an option. This issue would be pursued after the elections.
- 4298 Councillors Reports:**
- a) **Neighbourhood Watch:** Mrs Foster has set up a meeting to formulate the structure of co-ordinators within the parish.
 - b) **Finance:** In the absence of the RFO the Chairman reported on payments and receipts as per the attached. It was proposed that the payments be approved by Cllr Cotterell and seconded by Cllr Carpenter with all in favour. HCC Cllr Gibson confirmed that a grant of £1,000 had been agreed and would soon be arriving in the parish council account. The village hall shows a small profit over the year through various activities/groups. The purchase of updated fire equipment is predicted next month. The bank reconciliation was signed off by Cllr Carpenter.
 - c) **Highways:** Cllr James reported that grit bins can be re-stocked (report on Hants Highways portal) with the same for potholes and any drains. Cllr Souter read the Footpaths Officer's report as follows:- During January the Lengthsman added non-slip mesh to the stiles on NW FP 2, 3 and 4 which runs north/south parallel to Farley Street, and from the Primary School towards the A343. I have emailed the Over Wallop clerk asking if the OWPC Lengthsman and/or Rights of Way officer could similarly upgrade the stiles on OW FP7, the final section of the path that runs from the School up to the

A343. The Lengthsman cut back overhanging branches on FP3 between School Lane and Knockwood Lane. The Lengthman has hand dug additional drainage grips on Hollom Down Road to combat surface water pooling. (Since the Lengthsman actually lives on Hollom Down Road I am happy that these will be in the best locations!). Lengthsman Tasks set for February - Anti slip mesh to be fitted on all stiles on FP 19 (The Splash – Ducks Lane) together with anti slip mesh on the wooden bridge on the same path. I have allocated him a further 2 hours of work checking and clearing drains along Heathman Street/Farley Street as required. Since I am currently away, I am not sure if this is actually required. Lengthsman Budget - £691 spent/committed so far in FY 18/19, leaving just over £300 in our allocation. This excludes expenditure in April and May, which was funded from a carry forward from FY 17/18.

d) Playing Fields: Cllr Carpenter received a short notice request for a football match. Cllr Cotterell had received a report of a match played two weeks ago. Bookings would be checked (**Action: Cllr Carpenter**).

4299 Village Green: There was nothing to report.

4300 Village Hall: Cllr Souter reported that the Trustees are looking at a new system to see if there are ways to improve the management of the hall. The outside boundary wall would be rendered in due course when the weather is better.

4301 Wallops Parish Hall: Cllr Souter reported that the next meeting had been postponed as the committee is awaiting a reply from solicitors regarding the right of way claim.

4302 Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Addison reported that there would be a meeting in the hall on 22 February and an advertisement has gone out. The Neighbourhood Planning Officer and Commercial Engineering Officer would be present.

4303 Matters raised by councillors: Cllr James enquired on the next steps on the proposed telephone mast. The Chairman has looked at the planning application. He does not see the benefit as it would not improve coverage. The council needs a valuation on what to charge for the mast. Cllr Cotterell suggested a letter to Caroline Nokes MP (**Action: Cllr Souter**). HALC would also be contacted (**Action: Parish Clerk**). There was a discussion on getting a surveyor and whether a grant would be available.

4304 Points from the floor: none.

4305 Date of next meeting: The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25 pm. The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 11 March 2019 in the village hall at 7.30pm.

Signed as a true representation of the meeting
Date: 11 March 2019

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E M Souter, Chairman NWPC