

NETHER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL

Extracts from the January meeting

Attendance: Cllrs. Atkins, Richardson, Souter, Whitaker and Young, and nine members of the public.

Apologies: HCC Cllr. Woodhall, TVBC Cllr. Boulton and Cllr. Roach.

Planning: a) 07/03590 FULLN, Erection of detached double garage, Meadowbank, Five Bells Lane, no objection.

b) 07/03526 FULLN, Erection of first floor extension to provide two bedrooms and bathroom, Straw Hall, Trout Lane and c) 07/03528 LBWN, Demolition of chimney and lean-to roof and erection of first floor extension to provide two bedrooms and bathroom, Straw Hall, Trout Lane, the council agreed support in view of the thatch in keeping with the village features.

d) 07/03458 FULL N, Erection of replacement dwelling, garage and associated works, Warren Court Farmhouse, Warren Court Road, no objection.

Points from the floor: Heathman Street/The Square junction – Mrs. Gutteridge mentioned that visibility was again a problem due to overgrowth from a house nearby (**Action: Parish Clerk**).

Ditches/drains – Mrs. Mongor enquired whether all the ditches and drains had been cleared. It was agreed that some had but the rest will be followed up through Hants Highways (**Action: Cllr. Atkins**). **Bent Street** – due to the current exceptional rainfall there was mud on the road and some lorries had cut into banks (**Action: Parish Clerk**).

Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr. Young reported on a police message regarding the increased price of oil, which has resulted in a rise in the theft of oil across the Test Valley. They advise residents to consider security of tanks either by a surrounding fence or with padlocks. **There was a reminder of the email address as being an excellent facility for contacting rural police. This is andoverrural.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk**

Finance: The Financial Officer Cllr. Atkins reported that the council needed to reply to a request from TVBC regarding the 2008/09 precept. The budget had been previously circulated to all councillors and in view of forecast costs being roughly the same as this time last year he proposed that the retainer remain at the same level at £9,500. This was agreed by all the council.

Highways: Cllr. Atkins reported that the new Nether Wallop village sign at the southern end of Heathman Street has now been erected. The previous sign has been found in a local village and is now with the parish council.

New Village Hall Trust: Cllr. Richardson that the AGM is on Thursday 7 February at 7.30pm at Nether Wallop village hall. This would be a public meeting where the accounts, annual report and a revised way forward would be discussed.

Village Green: In the absence of Cllr. Roach both the Chairman and Cllr. Atkins congratulated the committee on the recent Carols event which had produced an excellent financial result.

Wallops Parish Hall: The Chairman announced that the minutes of a recent meeting would be published in the parish magazine (**Action: Parish Clerk**).

Correspondence: A copy of a letter to the Chief Planning Officer at TVBC from Mr. Duckworth has been received. This is regarding the hole in the chalk wall adjoining The Causeway. The Chairman motioned his support to repair this wall which is an important feature of the village. A letter from HCC has also been received concerning the improving of household waste recycling centres and it is intended to discontinue the taking of commercial waste.

Matters raised by councillors: The Chairman reported on the need to recruit/elect a new parish councillor. TVBC have been notified and notices of casual vacancy posted in the usual places around the village. If insufficient parishioners request an election by 30 January then the council will co-opt a member.

Date of next meeting: **The next meeting will be held on Monday 11 February 2008 at 7.30p.m.**
THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES PRODUCED FOR REVIEW BY THE PARISH COUNCILLORS PRIOR TO BEING APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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