

NETHER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL

Extracts from the July meeting

Attendance: Cllrs. Atkins, Roach, Souter, Whitaker and Young, and ten members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr. Buckett and Edwards, HCC Cllr. Woodhall and TVBC Cllr. Boulton.

Planning: a) 07/01674 FULLN, erection of double garage / store at Wickhams, no objection.

b) 07/02031/TREEN, Fell one Cherry tree at Greenleas, Five Bells Lane, no comment.

Points from the floor: Abandoned car at B3084 junction – Mrs. Gunn thanked the council for reporting this, it was subsequently removed.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting: A response had been received and published in the parish magazine regarding helicopter flying. Further complaints should be made direct to the Commandant at the AAC base at Middle Wallop with a copy of any letters written made available to the Parish Council. The Clerk was due to attend a Code of Conduct training session on 18 July. The Environment Agency had been contacted regarding overgrowth in the brook, there is normally only one cut in the year. Although they had been out to visit recently, they did not consider that any houses were at risk of flooding and so as their budget is tight did not envisage a cut being made until the end of November. The Village Hall had been cleaned and ivy removed. The Clerk now holds the deeds of the Playing Fields.

Neighbourhood Watch: Although Cllr. Young said that there were no incidents to report any significant reports will from now on be posted on the Village Hall noticeboard. The Police mobile van was in attendance in the village that day.

Highways: Cllr. Atkins has taken on the remit of Highways and been in touch with the relevant engineer. He was pursuing the matter of the missing two signs. He had also reported two potholes in Bent Street and one at Hollom Down at the end of the A30. The pothole at the end of The Dean had been repaired. However potholes in Aylwards Way and the High Street junction with Church Hill will be added to the list of outstanding repairs together with an additional repair to the bottom of Knockwood Lane. Stewards Bridge had an unsightly metal post following a temporary repair after an accident (**Action: Cllr. Atkins**). Verges in the village need to be cut, this would be followed up.

Playing Fields: Cllr. Buckett had provided notes regarding the state of the Playing Fields, there was a considerable problem of dog fouling and all councillors voiced their concern. A notice will again be placed in the parish magazine (**Action: Parish Clerk**). The Council gave a vote of thanks to Mr. Cullen for his work in weeding and clearing of the playground area.

New Village Hall Trust: Cllr. Roach reported that another approach had been made to the landowner of the field adjoining the village green regarding purchase for a new village hall, this was refused. The seats of the hall chairs were damp and an approach via the Trust would be made to re-install a de-humidifier.

Village Green: Cllr. Roach reported donations from the May Fair stood at £3,052. The committee would like to purchase a heavy duty strimmer. Mrs. Moulard thanked all who had made the Village Green possible and would be donating something to the project. Jazz on the Green will be held on 19 August and the Village Market on 8 September.

Wallops Parish Hall: Minutes of a recent meeting will be published in the parish magazine.

Matters raised by councillors: The Chairman announced that Cllr. Edwards would be standing down with immediate effect and thanked him in his absence for his past support. The Council would now try to find a co-opted replacement. However, if parishioners felt that the Council was too heavily co-opted based then a notice of poll would be posted on the boards. In the event of ten parishioners signing, an election could be held. Election costs two years ago amounted to approximately £1,600. Cllr. Whitaker said that any future plans of fundraising functions should first get in touch with Mrs. Maynard who holds the parish diary.

Date of next meeting: There will be no August meeting. The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 3 September 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

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