

**Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm
on Monday 10 December 2007 in Nether Wallop Village Hall**

776 Attendance: Cllrs Atkins, Richardson, Roach, Souter and TVBC Cllr Boulton, and three members of the public.

777 Apologies for absence: HCC Cllr Woodhall, Cllrs Buckett, Whitaker and Young. Mrs Lovell had also sent an apology.

778 Planning applications: The Chairman reported on the following:-

a) 07/03161/FULLN Conversion, change of use and extension of existing shop/filling station to provide caravan sales premises including retention and expansion of retail shop class A1 at Oakley Corner Service Station, Stockbridge Road, Lopcombe, the planning panel recommended support with all in favour. This was the second application for this site.

779 Points from the floor: Mr Duckworth enquired whether the filling station at the above site will continue and was advised that this will cease as this is considered no longer viable.

780 Minutes of the previous meeting: An amendment under item 773 to read ‘...Conservation Area planners regarding the Tall Pines in Heathman Street’ was made by the Chairman. The minutes were subsequently approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

781 Matters arising (not covered on the agenda): None.

782 Councillors’ reports:

a) **Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr Young had left a verbal report with the clerk to say that some diesel had been stolen locally and that two fire extinguishers had been taken from St Peters Church, Over Wallop.

b) **Finance:** Cllr Roach reported that the VAT inspection had got 10/10 and that the notice of conclusion of audit is on the hall noticeboard. Anyone wishing to have a copy would have 14 days in which to apply. All hall hiring receipts from now on would be paid direct to Nether Wallop Village Hall Trust. She further reported on the following:-

Expenditure for the month was as follows:-

Mrs Grob (clerk – November)	195.00
Fair Account – P Reynolds (internal audit half)	240.00
Mr Whitaker (tennis keyholder Q3)	70.00
Nether Wallop Village Hall Trust (transfer YTD hall hire receipts)	107.00
Mr Blandford (Aker amplifier system for village green)	119.89
Mr Blandford (Christmas lights for village green)	<u>20.00</u>
Total expenditure	<u>751.89</u>

Approval for the payment of these amounts was proposed by the Cllr Atkins and seconded by Cllr Richardson with unanimous agreement. It was proposed by Cllr Atkins and seconded by Cllr Souter and unanimously agreed that a transfer of £500 be made from the deposit account into the current account.

Income was made up as follows:-

Tennis – November	<u>83.50</u>
Total income	<u>83.50</u>

General Fund is represented by:-

General Fund	7036.35
Village Green Fund	498.00
Village Design Statement Fund	<u>393.50</u>
	<u>7927.85</u>

It was announced that Cllr Atkins would take over as Financial Officer with immediate effect, this was proposed by Cllr Souter and seconded by Cllr Richardson with all in favour. The council are grateful to Mr Shoemith who has agreed to stay on as book-keeper. The budget for next year was prepared and it was proposed that the council could continue with the same level of precept as for the past four years. This was due to several factors including tight control on spending and the willingness of

volunteers whose work on projects such as the Village Green was much appreciated. The Chairman was satisfied that budget predications was accurate and Cllr Atkins as the new Financial Officer had noted that a slight excess of expenditure of income had been estimated. However, final agreement would be deferred until the January meeting as final estimates on a couple of matters were awaited.

- c) **Highways:** Cllr Atkins reported that the Bent Street sign is now in place. The village sign at the southern end of the village has been ordered. Cllr Atkins has requested that it has more secure fixings as the last one disappeared within a week. Although HCC do not formally acknowledge maintenance as the path is unadopted holes have been repaired on the bridleway between Heathman Street, Church Road and The Rill. Nothing has been heard regarding the School Travel Plan. However, hedgerows along Farley Street adjoining School Lane have been cut back and the clerk has written to thank Hants Highways.
- d) **Playing Fields:** There was no report from Cllr Buckett.
- e) **New Village Hall Trust:** Cllr Richardson reported that there will be a meeting of the Trustees to discuss the Trust report and accounts on 13 December.

783 Wallops Parish Hall: The Chairman reported that a meeting was held on 19 November to discuss the administration of the hall. It was agreed to employ industrial cleaners who subsequently cleaned the hall last week. The Lottery Fund bid for the major refurbishment has gone through to the second stage which is in progress.

784 Village Green: Cllr Roach reported that the MC for the carols on the Green on 22 December will be Mr Rogers. Mrs Wilmott will switch on the lights. A Christmas tree has been donated by Mr Pond.

785 Correspondence: An email has been received from Mr Adrian Walker concerning a pre application enquiry meeting with TVBC. Various people had also been contacted including TVBC Cllrs Boulton and Busk and HARAHA (Hants Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing). The proposal is to provide a mixed use development comprising 12 houses at Green Gables Farm. A housing needs survey would be carried out at no cost to the parish before any further steps are taken.

786 Matters raised by councillors: The Chairman advised the council that Cllr Buckett has resigned due to an imminent move of house, he thanked her for the energy she has shown whilst in post. A notice of casual vacancy will be put up on all relevant noticeboards (**Action: Parish Clerk**) and the council will be looking for a co-option providing an election is not called at the request of ten or more parishioners. Cllr Roach asked if the watercress in The Rill and Peacock Water could be cleared as they are now susceptible to flooding. The Environment Agency makes only one cut per year and they had already been to some parts of the village. It was not clear if they had got that far (**Action: Parish Clerk**).

787 Points from the floor: Mr Walker wished to clarify that he was seeking planning permission for affordable rather than social housing. The site will be in the field adjoining Walker Rise. The Chairman will liaise with John Lancaster of HARAHA over the affordable housing needs survey. TVBC Cllr Boulton reported that the Bent Street industrial sign has been rejected by the planners but that there will be negotiation to find a solution.

788 Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting is Monday 14 January 2008. The Chairman thanked all for attending and concluded the meeting at 8.15pm.

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES PRODUCED FOR REVIEW BY THE PARISH COUNCILLORS PRIOR TO BEING APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL