

**Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm  
on Monday 11 February 2008 in Nether Wallop Village Hall**

**803 Attendance:** Cllrs Atkins, Richardson, Roach, Souter and Whitaker and TVBC Cllr Boulton and seven members of the public.

**804 Apologies for absence:** HCC Cllr Woodhall and Cllr Young.

**805 Planning applications:** Cllr Whitaker reported on the following:-

- a) 08/00061/ADV N, Erection of a non-illuminated sign, Nether Wallop Business Park, Bent Street, a second application for a smaller sign, no objection.
- b) 08/00242 TREEN, Fell 1 Ash, Crown lift 2 Ash, Willow House, Salisbury Hill, no comment.
- c) 08/000315 TREEN, Fell 1 conifer, Goslings, Heathman Street, no comment.
- d) 07/003532 FULL N, Erection of agricultural storage building, Hollom Down Farm, Hollom Down Road, the council reserve judgement until Cllr Young has seen this application.

**806 Points from the floor:** Mrs Gumn mentioned that in addition to the 30 mph limit sign in Salisbury Lane, white lines and a speed activated sign had appeared some weeks ago. However, the latter had now vanished. She enquired whether this was to do with a traffic survey (**action: Cllr Atkins**).

**807 Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**808 Urgent matters:** The undergrowth at the junction of Heathman Street/The Square has been cut back to improve visibility. The Clerk reported that some of the mud on Bent Street was due to lorries driving to the dairy to enquire the whereabouts of the business park.

**809 Councillors' reports:**

a) **Neighbourhood Watch:** In the absence of Cllr Young the Chairman reported that copper piping had been stolen from a property in Heathman Street. There is an increase in the theft of metals and lead, from roofs and porches.

b) **Finance:** Cllr Atkins reported on the following:-

Expenditure for the month was as follows:-

Nat West (bank charges)	35.00
Mrs Grob (clerk – January)	195.00
Richard Osmond & Son (hedge cutting 2006-07)	81.08
Southern Water (pavilion second half)	<u>12.28</u>
Total expenditure	<u>323.36</u>

Approval for the payment of these amounts was proposed by the Cllr Whitaker and seconded by Cllr Roach with all in favour. There was no transfer of funds necessary. Cllr Atkins has lodged a letter of objection with National Westminster Bank regarding the bank charges incurred

Income was made up as follows:-

Tennis (January)	<u>68.75</u>
Total income	<u>68.75</u>

The general fund is represented by the following:-

General Fund	6075.12
Village Green Fund	679.60
Village Design Statement Fund	<u>332.50</u>
Balance	<u>7,087.22</u>

a) **Highways:** Cllr Atkins reported that the spare village sign is now in his possession.

b) **Playing Fields:** Cllr Richardson reported that he has now received the relevant documents and is happy to take over this responsibility. He has held a meeting with both Mr Pasque and Mr Cullen regarding maintenance of the playing fields. The pavilion had been checked and he now holds the keys. He would make weekly safety checks on the

playground.

- c) **New Village Hall Trust:** Cllr Richardson reported that the AGM was held on 7 February. The accounts had been presented and after a productive debate it was agreed that a modest hall with changing rooms to be used for both football and tennis players would be built on the playing fields.

- 810 Wallops Parish Hall:** The Chairman referred to the committee meeting held recently. There is no caretaker for the hall at present and Cllr Murray Twinn is taking on the remit whilst getting in contract cleaners once a fortnight. An advertisement for a permanent caretaker will shortly be lodged. The deadline for the Stage 1 Lottery Grant is tight and there would be a public meeting the next day, all were encouraged to attend.
- 811 Village Green:** Cllr Roach reported that the May Fair would be held on 10 May and there are now three young mothers on the committee. The mower is currently being serviced.
- 812 Correspondence:** A letter has been received from the Environment Agency announcing their intent to reclassify two offshoots of the river near The Mill. This correspondence had been passed to the owner who is now in direct contact with the Agency. A letter of thanks for the council's sponsorship of a prize had been received from Test Valley School.
- 813 Matters raised by councillors:** The Chairman would contact HCC Cllr Woodhall to claim the offer of some finance in order to send a candidate on a hedgecutting/trimmer safety course for the Village Green. The relevant form would be completed (**Action: Cllr Roach**). In addition the Chairman would also request money to purchase two picnic benches for the playing fields area.
- 814 Points from the floor:** Mr Cullen recommended that the basket ball ring needed repair and suggested two play horses were purchased (**Action: Cllr Richardson**). Mr Walker asked for an update on the proposed affordable housing. Cllr Souter replied that Mr Lancaster of HARA had been away but that it is expected that an affordable housing needs survey would be carried out. Mrs Gumn queried the size and cost of adding football changing rooms in the proposed new village hall, she felt these would not be used by parishioners. There was much discussion on the new hall project. However, as pointed out by the Chairman the responsibility for this lies with the Nether Wallop Village Hall Trust and parishioners should approach them direct. Mrs Gumn asked for a breakdown of income and expenditure on the playing fields and this was immediately done verbally by Cllr Atkins. Mrs Gumn asked where the village post office would be situated and it was confirmed that this would stay in the heart of the village. Mrs Mongor enquired whether it would be possible to obtain a sign warning lorries that Bent Street was 'unsuitable' for them. It was agreed that it was likely that Hants Highways would need evidence to push things forward. Mrs Mongor would monitor and take photos of any offending vehicles and send to HCC.
- 815 Date of next meeting:** The date of the next meeting is Monday 10 March 2008. The Chairman thanked all for attending and concluded the meeting at 8.45pm.

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