

**Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm
on Monday 10 November 2008 in Nether Wallop Village Hall**

918 Welcome: The Chairman especially welcomed the Footpaths Officer, Mr Williams.

Attendance: Cllrs Atkins, Hind, Richardson, Roach, Souter and Whitaker and HCC Cllr Woodhall four members of the public.

919 Apologies for absence: TVBC Cllr Boulton and Cllr Young.

920 Declaration of Councillors' Pecuniary Interests: There were no changes.

921 Planning: Cllr Whitaker reported on the following:-

- a) 08/02519TREEN, crown thin Ash by 10% and crown lift by up to 5 metres, Place Farm Barns, no comment.
- b) 08/02523TREEN, reduce two Ash trees by 20%, Riverside Cottage, Heathman Street, no comment.
- c) 08/02465FULLN, erection of a two storey side and en suite over, together with a double garage at basement level, Orchard Cottage, Farley Street (formerly The Police House), no objection.
- d) 08/02435FULLN, single storey rear extension to provide garden room, 4 Brookside Cottages, Ducks Lane, no objection.

922 Points from the floor: Mr Bedford from Orchard Cottage made himself known as being the applicant for the above planning permission.

923 Minutes of the previous meeting: An amendment to Mrs Murray Twinn was made in Item 914 of the minutes which were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

924 Urgent Matters: none.

925 Councillors' reports:

a) **Neighbourhood Watch:** In the absence of Cllr Young the Chairman gave her report.

Burglaries are up 5% for this time of the year and he urged parishioners to be vigilant and not to leave valuables or shopping in parked cars.

b) **Finance:** Cllr Atkins reported that he now holds a copy of the Village Green registration certificate and also a copy of the lease. The School Lane Playgroup are looking to raise £2,600 to tie them over for this year. Cllr Hind is impressed with the new Chairman and Cllr Souter is keen to support this enterprise which benefits the village especially as the playgroup at Middle Wallop may place Nether Wallop children on a waiting list, giving army children priority. He proposed a payment with Cllr Richardson seconding and the entire council present in agreement. It was resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure (£260), which in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with expenditure. Cllr Atkins also reported on the following:-

Expenditure for the month was as follows:-

Mrs Grob (Clerk – October)	280.00
Mr Reynolds (first half audit)	250.00
School Lane Playgroup	<u>260.00</u>
Total expenditure	<u>790.00</u>

Approval for the payment of these amounts was proposed by the Cllr Souter and seconded by Cllr Roach with unanimous agreement. At the next meeting a budget for the following year would be recommended and the Financial Officer asked for any extraordinary items from other councillors to be declared. The Wallops Parish Hall committee would be consulted (**Action: Cllr Souter**).

Income was made up as follows:-

Tennis (October)	<u>96.00</u>
Total income	<u>96.00</u>

General Fund is represented by:-

General Fund	8861.68
Village Green Fund	1644.65
Village Design Statement Fund	<u>332.50</u>
	<u>10838.83</u>

- c) **Highways:** Cllr Atkins reported that the footbridge at The Splash has now been re-surfaced and the bank replaced. Thanks are due to Mr Duckworth who oversaw this. The potholes in Bent Street have been filled. Church Hill road has been temporarily repaired but the road erosion itself is still outstanding. There is a certain amount of overgrowth there (**action: Parish Clerk**).
- d) **Playing Fields:** Cllr Richardson reported that the tap is missing from outside the pavilion. The swings were closed due to the excessive wear and rotting of the legs. RoSPA said their recent inspection did not take into account any underground check. Cllr Hind reported that LAPSETT (manufacturers of the swings) said they were still under guarantee and as such would be replaced. The new bench, two springies and picnic table were in situ and in order to comply with various grant regulations inspections have taken place. The Chairman congratulated Cllr Hind on this successful initiative.
- 926 **Nether Wallop Village Hall Trust:** Cllr Richardson reported that there would be a meeting with the other trustees on 13 November and a subsequent open meeting on 27 November to show the final plans. Cllr Richardson will enquire whether further funding of the maintenance of the present hall is required by the council (**Action: Cllr Richardson**).
- 927 **Wallops Parish Hall:** Cllr Souter said that there was nothing further to report and the committee was waiting to see what response their application would have for the second tranche of the grant.
- 928 **Village Green:** Cllr Roach reported that the hedges would be cut and a general tidy up would be done. Carols on the Green with the Tytherley band are scheduled for 20 December.
- 929 **Correspondence:** The Chairman drew the council's attention to Community Action Hampshire's AGM on 19 November. The draft development plan core strategy document has been produced. TVBC Cllr Boulton has looked at this and the main impact of the development plan is around Andover and Romsey. There are no real details of the rural areas. The Chairman brought to the attention of the council the code of conduct consultation. He has an electronic version which will be passed to all councillors (**Action: Cllr Souter**). A litter campaign 'Stop the drop' has been launched and details passed to the council via CPRE. The Affordable Housing Scheme survey has been completed and a result will be presented by Mr Lancaster at the next parish council meeting. The response rate was good at 40%.
- 930 **Matters raised by councillors:** HCC Cllr Woodhall is anxious that all his budget is taken up. The original £300 grant was spent on the playground equipment. The deadline to put forward a further project is end of February. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting (**Action: Parish Clerk**).
- 931 **Points from the floor:** Mr Williams (Footpaths Officer) attended a meeting regarding Paths and Partnership and now holds a definitive guide. Four people have volunteered to help clear footpaths in the Spring. Mrs Mongor enquired about the charitable status of the Wallops Parish Hall and whether this would have an impact on funding. The Chairman would look into this (**Action: Cllr Souter**).
- 932 **Date of next meeting:** There is a CHANGE of monthly meeting date which would now be held on Monday 1 December 2008 at 7.30pm. The Chairman thanked all for attending and concluded the meeting at 8.29pm.

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