

**Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm
on Monday 12 October 2009 in Nether Wallop Village Hall**

- 1069 Attendance:** Cllrs Atkins, Hind, Richardson, Souter and Whitaker and HCC Cllr Gibson and seven members of the public.
- 1070 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Roach and Young and TVBC Cllr Boulton.
- 1071 Declaration of Councillors' Pecuniary Interests:** All councillors present confirmed that they had nothing to declare.
- 1072 Standing Orders:** The Chairman and councillors have reviewed and revised these to reflect any changes. The Chairman proposed that these are accepted and Cllr Whitaker seconded this with all in favour. A bound copy for each councillor was handed out.
- 1073 Planning:** Cllr Whitaker reported on the following:-
- a) 09/01830/FULLN, erection of first floor extension to garage to provide room/study and wc, external staircase and terrace, The Cottage, Heathman Street, no objection.
 - b) 09/01892/FULLN, conversion of garage/workshop to residential annex including provision of dormer windows and chimney, The Manor, Heathman Street, no objection.
- 1074 Points from the floor:-** HCC Cllr Gibson reported that he has 23 parish councils under his wing! His meeting with Hants Highways yielded some success in various aspects and he encouraged councils with any problems to get in touch with him. He reported that all looked positive on the Wallops Parish Hall and that the project has received £40,000 from HCC. The HCC grant application for help with new nets for the football pitch and various other items of maintenance for the playing fields/tennis court has been received and approved. A cheque would be paid within two days. Cllr Hind thanked Cllr Gibson for his help with Highways. **Esterline Pollution** - Mrs Lovell enquired about the public meeting held by Esterline. The Chairman replied that he had attended this presentation to both Nether and Over Wallop. When Esterline had taken over the Wallop Defence site they discovered a spill of PCE. Water was being pumped out of the ground to get rid of the substance, which was in very small quantities. It was an environmental issue. The Chairman would forward the website address to HCC Cllr Gibson. Mrs Gumn was concerned that the brook is contaminated. **Salisbury Lane traffic** - Mrs Gumn said she has lived in Salisbury Lane for fifty years. Humps have been suggested as a traffic calming measure and various other options were discussed. HCC Cllr Gibson would let the council know the outcome of the review being carried out by TVBC.
- 1075 Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
- 1076 Councillors' reports:**
- a) **Neighbourhood Watch:** In the absence of Cllr Young the Chairman reported on break ins at Chattis Hill and Salisbury Lane and livestock which had been stolen from pens.
 - b) **Finance:** Cllr Atkins sought approval for the sponsorship of the annual prize for Test Valley School. 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 of forty pounds (sponsorship of the school prize) which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with expenditure. Approval for the payment of this and the amounts listed below was proposed by Cllr Hind and seconded by Cllr Whitaker. Cllr Atkins further reported on the following financial expenditure for the month:-
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| Audit Commission (annual audit) | 155.25 |
| J Lister (Village Green strimming) | 150.00 |
| Southern Electric (Village Green Q2) | 16.98 |
| Mrs Grob (Clerk – September) | 335.00 |
| Over Wallop Parish Council (Wallops Hall redevelopment) | 2012.50 |
| Test Valley School (school prize) | <u>40.00</u> |

Total expenditure	<u>2709.73</u>
Income was made up as follows:-	
Village Green donation	240.13
Bank interest	0.82
Tennis (September)	<u>121.50</u>
Total income	<u>362.45</u>
General Fund is represented by:-	
General Fund	7762.72
Village Green Fund	816.43
Village Design Statement Fund	<u>393.50</u>
	<u>8972.65</u>

c) **Highways:** Cllr Hind reported that it has come to her notice that there are safety issues along Farley Street and Heathman Street, she would speak to TVBC and the police (**Action: Cllr Hind**). Part of the overhanging hedges along Knockwood Lane were cut back by HCC last year and she is awaiting confirmation that this will again be the case this year.

d) **Playing Fields:** Cllr Richardson reported that there is a problem in finding lime paint. A group of youths in noisy cars had visited the playing fields on several occasions. The gate is now closed at 9pm and opened again at 6am each day.

1077 HCC Grant Application: As previously reported HCC Cllr Gibson confirmed that the HCC grant application has been received and approved.

1078 Wallops Parish Hall: Cllr Souter reported on the fantastic efforts of the Hall fundraisers which would enable the refurbishment of the hall. Work was due to start the next day and should be completed by May 2010. Dog training sessions have been moved from this hall to the Nether Wallop Parish Hall and so the next two parish council meetings would be held on a Tuesday.

1079 Footpaths: The Chairman had a report from the Footpaths Officer. Cllr Souter would contact the landowner on Footpath No 4 as the hedge needs to be cut back. The kissing gate would also be installed on off the minor road next to Gerrards Farm. On Footpath 19 along from Heathman Street a finger board sign would be placed on the northern entrance. At Footpath 20 the landowner would be asked to do a diversion round the manhole cover as the earth has subsided (**Action: Cllr Souter**). A complaint from a dog walker has been received regarding the restricted byways west of Hollow Down Road to the A343 and east from Hollom Down Road (via Spring Pond) to the B3084. The Chairman has walked this path and some of the hedges are growing out.

1080 Village Green: There was nothing to report.

1081 Correspondence: The Chairman reported that TVBC had written to encourage parishioners to observe the two minute silence on Remembrance Day 11 November at 11am.

1082 Matters raised by councillors: The Chairman congratulated and thanked Mr and Mrs Lovell on their contribution of twenty years of help collating the parish magazine each month. They had done an excellent job and were now retiring. Cllr Hind gave an update on the Playgroup which had been down on numbers last year. She congratulated Mrs A Murray Twinn who had taken over as Chairman and during her year in office has converted the £4,000 deficit to a £10,000 credit.

1083 Points from the floor: Mr Cooper asked if a broom for sweeping up before tennis could be allocated on the tennis court and Cllr Richardson said he would provide one to be placed under the bench (**Action: Cllr Richardson**). Mr Cooper enquired about traffic in Heathman Street and was concerned about proposed traffic calming measures. A discussion ensued. Mrs Gumn said that the church bells would be rung on 11 November at 11am.

1084 Date of next meeting: The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 November 2009 at 7.30pm. The Chairman thanked all for attending and ended the meeting at 8.40pm.

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