

**Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm
on Monday 11 January 2010 in Nether Wallop Village Hall**

1112 Attendance: Cllrs Atkins, Hind, Richardson, Roach, and Souter, TVBC Cllr Boulton. and three members of the public.

1113 Apologies for absence: HCC Cllr Gibson and Cllrs Whitaker and Young.

1114 Declaration of Councillors' Pecuniary Interests: All councillors present confirmed that they had nothing to declare.

1115 Planning: a) 09/02469FULLN continuation of use of land for one mobile home for residential purposes, The Stables, Salisbury Road, Lopcombe, no objection.

1116 Points from the floor: Mr Draper was concerned that there were no facilities for gritting at Fifehead Manor which had been cleared by some of the elderly residents. The Chairman replied that this is a private development, as is the case for Winton Nursing Home. It is, however, on the A343 which is regularly gritted. Cllr Boulton confirmed that private residents should make their own provisions and not take grit from the bins which are for Hants Highways use. TVBC are discussing plans to have 600 grit bins situated around the county. Mr James said there was a need for Duck Lane to be gritted and also Five Bells Lane (**action: Parish Clerk**). Mr Reeve enquired whether a marquee was available on the Green. He is involved in a Charity Shoot which would raise funds and is particularly interested in supporting village projects. Some research would be done to find out residents' views (**action: Parish Clerk**).

1117 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

1118 Councillors' reports:

a) **Neighbourhood Watch:** In the absence of Cllr Young, the Chairman reported that some heating oil had been stolen from Jacks Bush and several metal gates had been stolen from various farms at Broughton. The next NHW bulletin would be published on 12 January.

b) **Finance:** Cllr Roach declared an interest in the item which concerned the Village Green. Cllr Atkins reported on the following financial expenditure for the month:-

Southern Electric (Village Green Q3)	16.40
Mrs Grob (Clerk – December)	335.00
Cllr Roach (carols on the Green – shortfall)	<u>104.66</u>
Total expenditure	<u>456.04</u>
Income was made up as follows:-	
Tennis – December	<u>29.50</u>
Total income	<u>497.50</u>
General Fund is represented by:-	
General Fund	4867.24
Village Green Fund	652.67
Village Design Statement Fund	<u>393.50</u>
	<u>5913.41</u>

Approval for the above payments was proposed by Cllr Hind and seconded by Cllr Richardson with all in agreement. Cllr Atkins confirmed that the Village Green was still in credit with Southern Electric. He further requested approval for the budget. There is a deficit of £1,700 from last year due to payments to support the village hall being over £2,000 rather than £1,000 as budgeted and expenses due to the Village Green of £800. The precept which goes up to £11,500 should provide for a surplus next year. Approval for the budget was proposed by Cllr Atkins and seconded by Cllr Souter with all in unanimous agreement. Cllr Atkins further proposed the appointment of a new External Auditor, which is a formality following advice from the Audit Commission. His name is Mr Wayne Rickard. This was formally proposed by Cllr Souter and seconded by Cllr Hind with all in favour.

c) **Highways:** Cllr Souter reported a request to support a reduction in the speed limit at the A343 crossroads, from 40 mph to 30 mph, all bar one councillor agreed. Cllr Hind had spoken to Mr Ian Brown, Head at the Wallop Primary School who is concerned about the considerable parking difficulties and he would like the council's help in arranging some safety barriers. The Over Wallop traffic group has looked at the recent speed monitoring in Station Road near the crossroads during the period 27 August 2009 – 3 September 2009 and found that there was a lot of speeding with 25% doing over 36 mph.

d) **Playing Fields:** Cllr Richardson reported that they were under snow!

1119 Wallops Parish Hall: The Chairman reported that work was on track before the harsh weather. The completion date is 23 April.

1120 Village Green: Cllr Roach reported that carols had been a huge success.

1121 Correspondence: The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from Test Valley School thanking the council again for the prize. The Hants Alliance for Rural Housing highlighted concern about the lack of affordable housing generally in the countryside. Whilst house prices are high, there is resistance from communities to building new developments. There had been a number of letters from HALC regarding the service that they provide and the Chairman was concerned that the national association should be more responsive. If the Hampshire organisation withdraws from the national association then national representation is lost. Much discussion ensued.

1122 Matters raised by councillors: Cllr Richardson asked for a lock on the grit box at the playing fields. There should also be a notice reminding residents that this grit is not for domestic use and is the property of Hants Highways.

1123 Points from the floor: TVBC Cllr Boulton advised that the waste collection has been disrupted and that residents should leave out bins as the borough council lorries will be around as soon as they can. Meanwhile the Clerk has posted a notice on the village hall noticeboard to this effect.

1124 Date of next meeting: The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 8 February 2010 at 7.30pm. The Chairman thanked all for attending and ended the meeting at 8.42pm.

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