

**Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm
on Monday 12 December 2011 in Nether Wallop Village Hall**

- 1407 Attendance:** Cllrs Atkins, Carpenter, James, Pettitt and Souter. There were no members of the public.
- 1408 Apologies:** HCC Cllr Gibson, TVBC Cllr Boulton and Cllr MacDonald-Smith.
- 1409 Co-option of new councillor:** The Chairman proposed Mrs James to fill the casual vacancy on the council. This was seconded by Cllr Carpenter with all other councillors in agreement. Mrs James signed the form of acceptance which was received by the Clerk. A Notification of Financial Interests form would be completed and forwarded to TVBC.
- 1410 Declaration of Councillors' Interests:** All councillors present confirmed that there were no changes and they had no interests to declare.
- 1411 Planning:** none. Cllr Mrs James has read the Localism Bill proposals and flagged up the issue of local assets. Any new planning development would have to be approved by the council. However HCC is planning very little action in rural areas. The Village Design Statement has now been superseded.
- 1411 Points from the floor:** none.
- 1412 Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of 14 November 2011 were approved by the council and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
- 1413 Standing Orders and Financial Procedures:** The Chairman confirmed that both these and financial procedures have been reviewed and asked for formal acceptance from the council. This was seconded by Cllr Atkins and unanimously adopted by all councillors. Copies were circulated to all. The Chairman explained that the council has a Responsible Financial Officer as well as Mr Shoesmith who does all the bookkeeping.
- 1414 Councillors' reports:**

- a) **Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr Pettitt has sent a notice to the parish magazine editor regarding the credit card scam and unwanted cold calling and mail with security advice. Both horse rugs and trailers have been stolen locally. Travellers are around and signs in felt tip have been left on gates.
- b) **Finance:** Cllr Atkins reported that there has been a £900 saving on the budgeted election expenses. He proposed that the council apply for an annual precept from TVBC to remain at the same level as this year at £11,500. This was seconded by Cllr. Souter and unanimously agreed by all councillors.
- c) Cllr Atkins reported on the following financial expenditure for the last month:-
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| Mrs Grob (Clerk – November) | cheque 1293 | 335.00 |
| Mr Whitaker (Tennis Keyholder Q3) | cheque 1294 | 70.00 |
| Mr Roach (reimburse Village Green expenses) | cheque 1295 | 41.94 |
| Wallops Good Neighbour Scheme (137 payment) | cheque 1296 | <u>100.00</u> |
| Total expenditure | | <u>546.94</u> |

Income was made up as follows:-

Tennis (November)	<u>70.00</u>
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The bank balance is represented by:-

General Fund	10190.45
Village Green Fund	3075.54
Village Design Statement Fund	<u>393.50</u>
	<u>13659.49</u>

Approval for these payments was proposed by Cllr Carpenter and seconded by Cllr Pettitt with unanimous agreement.

- d) **Highways:** Cllr James noted that the grit bin in Hosketts Lane has not yet been moved. He will again contact Hants Highways (**Action: Cllr James**). The potholes on the road to Chattis Hill have been filled. Cllr James asked if parishioners could alert him to any flood areas in the village and would be grateful if they would contact him on his email address: nwpc@rossanddebs.co.uk
- 1415 Playing Fields:** Cllr Carpenter reported that a family has booked the playing fields for a football match.
- 1416 Village Green:** Carols on the Green would be held on 23 December. A Christmas tree would be supplied by Mr Pond.
- 1417 Nether Wallop Village Hall Trust:** The recent Bingo evening was very successful and raised over £800 for the Trust. There would be more fundraising events in the New Year.
- 1418 Correspondence:** The Chairman reported that there is a tree preservation order at Ambergate Kennels, Hollom Down Road. A statement has been received signed by two parishioners proposing and seconding Mrs James to fill the casual vacancy as councillor. The Clerk has circulated a list of council meetings for 2012.
- 1419 Matters raised by councillors:** Cllr Souter reported that both he and the Clerk attended the Basingstoke and North Hampshire Foundation Trust meeting held on 30 November. The CEO gave an excellent presentation outlining the benefits of the amalgamation of Basingstoke, Andover and Winchester Trusts. The Clerk has requested a written synopsis for councillors. Cllr Aktins requested approval for a donation of £100 to benefit the Wallops Good Neighbour Scheme, this was seconded by Cllr Pettitt with all in agreement. Therefore it was resolved by the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 that it should incur the following expenditure (£100) to be given to the Scheme, 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 Mrs James wished to clarify the insurance cover of drivers and would contact one of the organisers of the project. Cllr Pettitt reported that Test Valley School sent a card after the School Prize Giving to thank the council for its support. HCC Cllr Gibson had sent an email confirming that he has allocated £500 for Nether Wallop for Lengthman type work. The clearing of ditches in Heathman Street and Church Road was suggested and this would be passed onto him (**Action: Parish Clerk**).
- 1420 Points from the floor:** none.
- 1421 Date of next meeting:** The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 9 January 2012 at 7.30 pm. The Chairman thanked all for attending and ended the meeting at 8.19pm.

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