

**Nether Wallop Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm
on Monday 10 October 2011 in Nether Wallop Village Hall**

- 1378 Attendance:** Cllrs Atkins, Carpenter, James, MacDonald-Smith, Pettitt and Souter, TVBC Cllr Boulton and PC Beecroft. There were no members of the public.
- 1379 Apologies:** HCC Cllr Gibson and Cllr Reeve.
- 1380 Declaration of Councillors' Interests:** All councillors present confirmed that there were no changes and they had no interests to declare.
- 1381 Planning:** a) 11/02185/TREEN - Carry out various works to 8 trees. Monks, Ducks Lane, no comment.
b) 11/02025/LBWN – Conversion of garden storage building to changing rooms/shower/wc, Knockwood House, Farley Street, no objection.
- 1382 Proposed Projects Using Developers Contributions:** Cllr Carpenter enquired on the criteria of qualification for these amounts. It was confirmed that these funds should be used on projects rather than maintenance. Cllr Pettitt would like to develop the play area. Cllr MacDonald-Smith suggested new football nets. This item would be put on the agenda again in February (**Action: Parish Clerk**). TVBC Cllr Boulton reiterated that the council must keep up its Green Spaces plan and send this onto him. The Access Strategy for highways also needs updating from time to time.
- 1383 Points from the floor:** Sgt Beecroft reported that there had been two oil thefts in the village during the last week. Sgt Beecroft advised stickers on tanks and several were handed to Cllr Pettitt for distribution. Oil thefts peak in the winter months. Sgt Beecroft said that the Crime Reports website www.crimereports.com is updated frequently.
- 1384 Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of 12 September 2011 were approved by the council and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
- 1385 Standing Orders:** The Chairman explained that standing orders set out the way in which the parish council conducts its business. He would circulate a soft copy of the current ones to all councillors for review.
- 1386 Councillors' reports:**

- a) **NHW:** Cllr Pettitt has talked to a number of parishioners regarding the theft of oil from tanks.
- b) **Finance:** Cllr Atkins reported on the following financial expenditure for the last month:-

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| Mrs Grob (Clerk – September) | cheque 1280 | 335.00 |
| Southern Electric (Village Green Q2) | cheque 1281 | 17.46 |
| Southern Electric (Pavilion Q2) | cheque 1281 | 27.48 |
| Fleet (Line Markers Ltd) – Mr Richardson (line marking) | cheque 1282 | 68.96 |
| HMRC (VAT Q2) | cheque 1283 | <u>59.14</u> |
| Total expenditure | | <u>508.04</u> |

Income was made up as follows:-

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| Bank interest Q2 | 1.36 |
| Tennis September | 105.50 |
| Marquee hire x 2 | <u>240.00</u> |
| | <u>346.86</u> |

The bank balance is represented by:-

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| General Fund | 12682.75 |
| Village Green Fund | 3275.16 |
| Village Design Statement Fund | <u>393.50</u> |
| | <u>16351.41</u> |

Approval for these payments was proposed by Cllr Souter and seconded by Cllr James with unanimous agreement. Cllr Atkins further reported that Financial Procedures were under review and would be circulated to all councillors for comment. This would be an agenda item for the November meeting (**Action: Parish Clerk**). The external audit has been done and notices would be displayed for 14 days which gives parishioners a chance to review the annual accounts together with the Annual Return if they wish.

- b) **Highways:** Cllr James reported some good news; that Five Bells Lane would be temporarily closed for repair in due course, probably for about five days. The re-location of the grit bin at the bottom of Hosketts Lane has been discussed. Cllr James attended the Hants Highways Open Evening recently. He reported that 30 farmers in the Hampshire area may become under the control of parish councils to help clear roads if necessary. Salt bin refilling is reported on the HCC website. He also mentioned some useful web links as follows:- road and utility works www.hants.gov.uk/highways The eElgin website for current and planned works www.elgin.gov.uk and information for event promoters to help manage traffic www3.hants.gov.uk/trafficmanagement/events-guidance
- c) **Playing Fields:** Cllr Carpenter reported that he has checked all the play equipment including cleaning the swings of bird fouling. One swing cover is in need of repair and this would be carried (**Action: Cllr Carpenter and Cllr Souter**). The bark in the playground needs to be renewed in the Spring. There is only one football team playing this season but a second might join next season. Cllr Carpenter recommended an electrical survey for the pavilion and it was unanimously agreed that this be carried out (**Action: Cllr Carpenter**).

1387 Village Green: Cllr Carpenter reported that the curry and rounders day raised over £90. Cllr Pettitt has looked into the possibility of purchasing a flag pole.

1388 Nether Wallop Village Hall Trust: Cllr Carpenter would ask the Chairman of the Village Hall Trust if the village hall could have an electrical survey. A public meeting was held recently and there was a clear mandate from parishioners to proceed with the project to build a new hall. Various fundraising functions would be held and grants sought.

1389 Correspondence: The Chairman reported that CPRE had sent an email regarding the National Planning Policy Framework consultation, a response is sought by 17 October. Our MP Mrs Nokes will be involved in a parliamentary enquiry. A letter has been received concerning the boundary changes.

1390 Matters raised by councillors: none.

1391 Points from the floor: TVBC Cllr Boulton reported that there is a small booklet on Standing Orders produced by HALC. Cllr Souter would look on the website. There is a lot of lobbying going on regarding the planning changes. TVBC Cllr Boulton hopes that these amendments to policy would simplify guidelines. There is still protection in the system. He is currently writing a new core strategy for Test Valley Borough Council.

1392 Date of next meeting: The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 14 November 2011 at 7.30 pm. The Chairman thanked all for attending and ended the meeting at 8.36pm.

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