

## **NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Phoenix Hall  
On Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at 7.00 p.m.**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Cllr. R. Ayling Cllr. D. Burke Cllr. A. Brown Cllr. P. Mackay Cllr. Mrs. M. Mitchell Cllr. Mrs. P. Perry Cllr. S. Perry	Chairman Vice-Chairman
<b>In Attendance</b>	Cllr. Ian Blair-Pilling Mrs. Mary Towle	Wiltshire Councillor Clerk of the Council

### **WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN**

Cllr. Ayling thanked all Councillors who helped with the Coronation events. It was a marvellous day and enjoyed by everyone.

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present

### **REPORT BY WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR**

Cllr. Ian Blair-Pilling reported as follows:

- Wiltshire Council has no policy to stop accepting cash at parking machines
- He will send a shortened version of the Wiltshire Council Annual Report by email
- Wiltshire Council are working on the Household Support Fund to make it available more easily to people who need help.
- Hot repairs of potholes have started with the milder weather.

### **23/1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Richie Ayling be elected as Chairman of Netheravon Parish Council for the year 2023/24

### **23/2 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### **23/3 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. David Burke be elected as Vice-Chairman of Netheravon Parish Council for the year 2023/24

**23/4 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Charles Coslett

**23/5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declaration of Interests

**23/6 MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>h</sup> April 2023 be accepted as a true record.

**23/7 ELECTION OF COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVE ON OTHER GROUPS**

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors should be elected on to the Committees as specified in the Attached Annex A

**23/8 FINANCE****a. Authorisation of Cheques**

The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor has only just handed back last year's accounts and the current cheque book so she has not been able to do up to date accounts. Two months accounts will be published for next meeting.

**b. Bank Reconciliation**

An up to date Bank Reconciliation will be published at next meeting.

**c. Approval of Annual Governance Statement**

The Council approved each question on the Annual Governance Statement.

**d. Approval of Accounts 2022/23**

It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts for the year 2022/23 be approved

**23/9 PROPOSAL TO ADOPT THE POWER OF GENERAL COMPETENCE FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024**

This Power enables the Parish Council to spend their money on things which they would not normally have the power to do. This will last for a year. If the Clerk leaves a new Clerk will have to get a Certificate in Local Council Administration before the Council can adopt the Power. It is also dependant on whether two-thirds of Councillors are elected.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Power of General Competence for the year 2023/24.

**23/10 COMMITTEE REPORTS****1. Planning**

There were no new planning applications.

The Chairman reported that the new application for the development of land at the corner of Pigotts Close and A345 has been refused.

**2. Flooding and Adverse Weather**

Cllr. Burke reported that the Council have plenty of equipment in the emergency store in the event of problem with flooding and adverse weather.

**3. Highways**

The Clerk reported that an email has been received from Wiltshire Council confirming that Stagg's Lane does not have an official name. The Council would have to apply for a name which might have huge implications for people with the same postcode. There are cost implications and so it was agreed to defer this for the time being.

**4. Cemetery/Enhancement/Netheravon in Bloom**

It was agreed that we purchase compost for the tubs again this year. It was agreed to give £25 to each person who looks after and plants village tubs.

**5. Recreation**

A working party was arranged for Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June to jet wash the safety surfacing in the Court Farm Playground. Cllr. Mackay to lend his jet wash.

**6. Allotments**

It was agreed to divide allotment number 3 at Pigott Close allotments into 2. The Village Handyman will be asked to cultivate the land.

**Community Allotment**

The Chairman reported that the allotment project is going well.

**8. Rights of Way**

It was agreed to ask contractors to cut the Old Wilton Cart track.

**23/11 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF OTHER GROUPS****a. Phoenix Hall**

Finances show a current bank balance of £14151.02 with an additional £6000 on deposit.

The bookings total for the rest of the year is approx £5,854

### **Maintenance and Improvements**

A new cooker is being purchase for the server.

A second quotation has been received for a new fire door in the kitchen.

### **Looking ahead**

We still need to improve the use of the hall by the villagers it is often not used on Fridays and weekends.

Bookings seem to be slowing down at the moment.

**Steve Perry, Chairman**

#### **b. Jubilee Committee**

Cllr. Burke reported that the Coronation Music in the Park had been an excellent event with several hundred people attending. With money raised on the day from programmes, raffle, BBQ and contributions from beer tent and ice cream van the Jubilee Committee managed to almost break even.

#### **c. Stonehenge Community Area Board**

The next meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> June. This clashes with the next Parish Council Meeting so no one can attend.

### **23/12 REPORT BY THE CLERK**

- The Clerk showed the Council the artwork for the Community Larder and the BMX track which have been designed by the Chairman. It was agreed to go ahead with making the signs.

### **23/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

- Police Newsletter
- Email from the Chairman of the Governors of All Saints School giving news about the School and their excellent Ofsted report and thanking the Headteacher for her hard work in obtaining this over 4 years. The present Deputy Head will take over as Head in September.
- All emails were forwarded to Councillors for their information

**23/14 LIBRARY AND WAR MEMORIAL STATEMENT**

The Chairman reminded the Council that the Library or Reading Room belongs to the village with the Vicar and two Churchwardens being the Trustees.

The Chairman reminded the Council that the War memorial belongs to the Parish Council. The land is leased from the MOD on a 999-year lease.

**23/15 GENERAL PARISH MATTERS**

There were no General Parish Matters

**23/16 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 7.00pm in Phoenix Hall**

Signed.....Chairman Date.....

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## Annex A

NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
COMMITTEE	2023
Planning	David Burke Richie Ayling Brian Covil Charles Coslett
Flooding / Adverse Weather / Emergency Planning	David Burke Brian Covil Steve Perry Richie Ayling
Highways (Parish Steward)	Brian Covil Peter Mackay
Highways (CSW)	Peter Mackay
Cemetery/Enhancement Netheravon in Bloom	Maureen Mitchell Charles Coslett Pam Perry
Recreation includes: Millennium Pk BMX Court Farm Play	Richard Ayling Steve Perry Alan Brown
Phoenix Hall	Pam Perry, Alan Brown,
Allotments	Steve Perry, Alan Brown
Rights of Way	Maureen Mitchell, Pam and Steve Perry
Stonehenge AB	Chairman/Vice Chairman
Jubilee Committee	Maureen Mitchell, David Burke, Richard Ayling
Defibrillators	David Burke, Maureen Mitchell
The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are ex-officio members of all Committees	