

NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held in the Phoenix Hall
On Thursday, 20th July, 2023 at 7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT	Cllr. R. Ayling Cllr. D. Burke Cllr. C. Coslett Cllr. B.Covil Cllr. P. Mackay Cllr. Mrs. M. Mitchell Cllr. Mrs. P. Perry Cllr. S. Perry	Chairman Vice-Chairman
In Attendance	Cllr. Ian Blair-Pilling Mrs. Mary Towle	Wiltshire Councillor Clerk of the Council

WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Ayling thanked all Councillors for their support and hard work.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present

REPORT BY WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Blair-Pilling reported that Wiltshire Council had a 1.5% overspend in the last financial year. They have £28m in reserves together with earmarked funds for expected increased pay awards and a litter picking project.

He also reported that the draft Local Plan is in consultation at the moment. There was discussion about possible extra housing in Netheravon. Cllr. Blair-Pilling said that this was unlikely. On the draft Local Plan Netheravon is expected to build 37 new homes before 2038. This could be taken up by building houses on the old coal yard which is in the Netheravon housing boundary.

23/27 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Alan Brown

23/28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration of Interests

23/29 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2023 be accepted as a true record.

23/30 FINANCE**1. Authorisation of Cheques**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the cheques for April/May/June 2023.

S. Lambourne – village tub	£54.00
Ian Barnard – painting railings cemetery	£540.00
St John Ambulance – Music in the Park	£221.76
Hurdcott Landscape Ltd	£748.42
WALC subs	£427.96
RGV Strimmer	£126.00
Payroll	£1171.08
Avon Valley Media	£325.00
Mrs. M. Towle – use of home as office	£30.00
Mrs. M. Towle – misc NIB	£43.96
Hurdcott Landscapes	£754.42
RGV – allotment tap	£141.60
Phoenix Hall	£30.00
Daryl Spreadbury	£324.00
Viking Direct	£38.92

2. Bank Reconciliation

The Balance at the Bank as at 20th July, 2023 is £19,480.42

3. To Agree contractor for repairs to safety surfacing in Court Farm Play Park

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council ask Redlynch Leisure Ltd to repair the safety surfacing.

231 COMMITTEE REPORTS**1. Planning**

Since the last Parish Council meeting there has been one new item for the planning committee to consider.

PL/2023/04326 FULL PLANNING PERMISSION To increase the length of the solid roof conservatory to reach the extent of the rear building line at 6 Berry Close
Parish Council Comments: No objections

Cllr. Charles Coslett, Chairman, Planning Committee

2. **Flooding and Adverse Weather**

It was agreed not to purchase Road Closed signs at the moment.

3. **Highways**

The Parish Steward has strimmed along the edge of the Lower Road railings. It was reported that the hedges either side of the access path from Piggot Close to Walnut Close are overgrown. Clerk to action.

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

It was agreed that the spare trees in the Cemetery be dug up and planted in empty spaces around the Cemetery in the winter.

Netheravon in Bloom It was agreed that a presentation ceremony would take place before the next Council meeting in September. Clerk to invite all prize winners.

6. **Recreation**

The safety surfacing will be repaired soon.

7. **Allotments**

There are plans for the empty allotments at the Piggot Close allotment area if they are not taken this year.

Community Allotment

Two signs have been made for the Community Allotment. One for the gate and the other is a chalk board for inside the greenhouse for tasks and messages.

The Community Larder is well stocked and fresh vegetables are available in the cupboard.

8. **Rights of Way**

The Village Handyman has strimmed the overgrown path along the Corfe RoW.

23/22 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF OTHER GROUPS

a. Phoenix Hall

Finances show a current bank balance of £11375.22 with an additional £6026.96 on deposit. The bookings total for the rest of this year is currently £4313. For the first 3 months, we are up by £211.50 on last year.

Maintenance and Improvements

Redecoration of the Main Hall is now progressing. This will save money next year. The patio area has been tidied up and revamped.

Looking ahead

We are still trying to increase the bookings. At the moment we had a very good August and September both well up on last year. The booking clerk has been busy showing different people around which ay result in some regular weekly bookings

Steve Perry, Chairman

b. Jubilee Committee

Nothing to report

c. Stonehenge Community Area Board

The next meeting will be 14th September which is the same date as the next Council Meeting.

23/33 REPORT BY THE CLERK

- **Vacancy for a Councillor** Wiltshire Council has given the Parish Council permission to co-opt. A potential new Councillor will be attending the meeting in September.
- It was agreed to join with Figheldean and Fittleton cum Haxton to have a beacon event at the Washdown for D-Day80.
- The Clerk reported that she has written to the Head Teacher of the School thanking her for all her hard work in achieving a good OFSTED report and wishing her all the best in the future.

23/34 CORRESPONDENCE

- WALC CEO Bulletin
- Update on Draft Wiltshire Design Guide
- All emails were forwarded to Councillors for their information

23/35 GENERAL PARISH MATTERS

The Clerk was asked to send letters to all residents with overgrown hedges

23/36 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING 14th September, 2023. 7.00pm in Phoenix Hall

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