

## **NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held in the Phoenix Hall  
On Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7p.m.**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Cllr D Burke Cllr Brown Cllr Coslett Cllr S Perry Cllr P Perry Cllr O Grady Cllr Bridewell	Chairman
<b>In Attendance</b>	Mrs. D Corbett Cllr Ian Blair - Pilling	Clerk to the Council Wiltshire Councilor

### **WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Burke welcomed everyone to the meeting,

### **REPORT BY WILTSHIRE COUNCILOR**

Cllr Blair – Pilling spoke about the budget and said that the Government has given them a 3year settlement. He said the Wiltshire Council Tax has gone up by 4.99% and that the council was pushing ahead with 3 weekly black bin collection. He said that car parking would be going up 20% in all car parks, times would be extended from 7 am – 7 pm. There would be more charges on a Sunday too. Salisbury car parks are trying to be excluded, if they are successful, others may try.

Highway Maintenance - 20<sup>th</sup> April, signs say the High St is to be resurfaced then. (Other people have said it won't be until end of May).

Area boards will only be meeting 3 times a year instead of 4.

Local Plan has been thrown out by the inspector as not sufficient allocation in years 12-15. It will take 3 years to re-write.

**POLICE REPORT** Received before the meeting and sent out – apart from a report of illegal Hare coursing, nothing else reported

### **25/84 APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and accepted from:

Cllr Mackay

Cllr Covill

No apologies received from Cllr Padgett. As it has been over 6 months since Cllr Padgett came to a meeting. He has now been disqualified as a councillor. Chairman to write to him again.

The council note and approve Cllr Bridewells upcoming absence from May to July and wish him well on his big trip.

**25/85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were no declarations of interest.

### **25/86 MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 be accepted as a true record, proposed and seconded.

### **25/87 FINANCE**

**a. Bank Reconciliation** -The bank reconciliation was passed out to councillors before the meeting, all agreed

b. Bobby van letter was read out by the Clerk and £100 was agreed to be donated

## 25/88 COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Planning** – Since the last Parish Council meeting there has been one item for the planning committee to notice.  
PL-2025-05825 and Appeal 6001123 – Highview Farm Buildings – Building of 6 properties under section Q. Original application refused. Appeal by landowner dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.
2. **Flooding & Adverse Weather**–. Issue of logs being put in the stream in lower Road. Residents had carried out tree works. They were contacted and kindly dealt with the problem. Residents will ask the contractor to remove the rest of the wood.
3. **Highways plus Parish Steward**– Potholes have mostly been repaired.
4. **Cemetery /Enhancement /Netheravon in bloom** – Clerk to ask a resident if they would like to help with the flower tubs down by motor garage. Cllr Brown is doing one, so one maybe two still need volunteers to look after them. Council agreed £25 in plants for people that would like to look after the tub.
5. **Recreation**- Sovereign have had a deposit for the work to repair the log walk etc and start day is scheduled for 12 th May. Three quotes were read out by the Clerk for a new swing to be put into Millenium Park. They were from Sovereign, Home Front (local) and South West Play. The Council asked the clerk to find out if Home Front had done any local installations or had any pictures of the swing to see what it looked like. (Post meeting note email sent to councillors with examples)  
**Old school Close** - report from the Handyman was read out by Chairman, all benches and equipment have been removed and priced to be refurbished. Council agreed to go ahead with the next steps. Our Landscape Contractor has given us a quote for removal of bark, turf and matting plus new posts. Due to the amount Clerk to get two more quotes.
6. **Allotments**- The spare allotment at the dog and gun site has been let to a resident, agreement given.
7. **Community Allotment and Community Larder**. All the beds have now been dug in preparation for the Spring planting and volunteer has done the first couple of strimming sessions, it's looking good, we just need some sunshine now.  
we will be making a trip to the garden centre shortly to purchase potatoes, onion sets etc and will use the gift voucher towards the purchase. The poly tunnel will last until the end of this season, but we will need funding for a new one for next year. Finally, the orchard - all the trees are showing signs of new shoots, the grass will need to be maintained by the council, but volunteers will keep the worst of it away from the base of the trees.
8. **Rights of way**: Nothing to report.
9. **Representatives on other groups**:

### a. **Phoenix Hall Chairperson report Mar 26**

The bookings total for 2025/2026 is currently £17480.12 The total for last year was £14085 this means we exceeded last year's booking by £3394.88. February 2026 was less than the previous year by £48. However, March 2026 is the most bookings in a single month since we started the total being £1986.75. We start the new year with prebooking's this is only for 9 months of £10942.50 many of which are new hirers from the village which is very pleasing.

**Maintenance and Improvements** -The main heaters have now been fixed to avoid people altering the temperature. The fencing around the building has now been repaired. In due course it will be painted when the weather improves and willing volunteers are available.

**Looking ahead** Chair and booking Clerk and will be attending a meeting of Wiltshire Village Hall Association on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Codford village hall where no doubt there will be much discussion and hopefully some helpful information for our hall.

- b. Jubilee Committee** – The vicar hopes to have a bigger village fete and has asked for the help of the Jubilee Committee. Therefore, a meeting is planned later in the month
- c. Stonehenge Area Board** – will be changing its meetings to 3 a year from 4. Next meeting June
- d. All Saints school liaison** – Cllr Bridewell has met with the CEO of Acorn Trust and has arranged for the school choir to come and sing at cheerful cuppa on the 24<sup>th</sup> March, with a raffle to try and raise some money too.
- e. Netheravon Speed watch Group** – The local Wiltshire Police Speed Enforcement Officer undertook a speed enforcement session of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March this resulted in 2 drivers issued with notices of intended prosecution. The fastest of which was captured at 57mph and will be fined £100 and get 3 points. It is good to know that our volunteer efforts are being backed up by the Police.
- f. Newsletters** – Still enough money in the account for at least another 3 issues, thank you to Cheerful cuppa for their recent fundraiser, that resulted in another £300, we also have a regular donation, which is appreciated. Old newsletters are still waiting at RGV offices if anyone has the time to scan them with some help

**25/89 REPORT BY THE CLERK**

Harefield Crescent Bus stop improvement still with MOD – they have written to Highways to say that they need their solicitors’ fees paid. Highways have written back and said, ok how much?

Assertion 10 various options and pricing have been given to the council, Cllr O Grady and Clerk to continue with this work.

Clerk has asked the internal auditor to look at the books.

**25/90 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED** Raised elsewhere

**25/91 GENERAL PARISH MATTERS** – Cllr S Perry raised that a panel on the climbing frame in Court Farm Close Park needs to be repainted. He will liaise with Handyman over it. Clerk reported the state of the gate and fence to Aster once more.

Two more Defib batteries were purchased ready for when we need them

**25/92 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of the Netheravon Parish Council will be the **2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 after the Annual Parish Meeting.**

Signed..... Date.....

Chairman