

NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Phoenix Hall On Thursday 10th September 2026

PRESENT	Cllr Burke Cllr P Perry Cllr S Perry Cllr Coslett Cllr Copeland Cllr Bridewell	Chairman Vice Chairman
In Attendance	Mrs. D Corbett Cllr Blair – Pilling 2x Members of the Public	Clerk to the Council Wiltshire Council Rep. MOPs

WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN

Cllr Burke welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked all the Netheravon in Bloom winners for all their efforts and presented prize vouchers to those attending.

REPORT BY WILTSHIRE COUNCILOR - Report sent before the meeting Cllr Blair Pilling spoke about the amenity tip. Informed the council that they would need to add salt to their precept for next year and spoke about the speedwatch support from the Police.

POLICE REPORT Not received – believe that police have been on leave.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS none given

26/42 APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from:

Cllr Brown
Cllr O' Grady
Cllr Covill

26/43 DECLARATION'S OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.

26/44 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting on the 9th July 2026 be accepted as a true record, proposed and seconded.

26/45 FINANCE

- a. **Bank Reconciliation** -The bank reconciliation was given out, before the meeting.
- b. **Public Rights** published and available until 14th July

26/46 COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Planning** - Since the last Parish Council meeting there have been 2 items for the planning committee to attend to.
PL-2026-04958 : 3 Harefield Crescent – A 2-story side extension, and an enlarged porch to the front. Recommendation is to approve as this will add value to the development and not infringe on neighbours
The committee received 2 letters from parishioners questioning NPC current practice on how it deals with the planning applications it receives. They also gave advice on how to amend NPC practice to best fit in with NALC guidelines. This was discussed at the NPC September meeting under correspondence received.

2. **Flooding & Adverse Weather** – Salt bags ordered and will be ready to pick up in October (22nd)
3. **Highways plus Parish Steward**– Thanks to the Parish Steward for clearing the foliage along the A345 by the Dog and Gun and the caravan site, very much appreciated. Problem with overgrown Hedge making it difficult to pull out of Old Post Office Lane – Clerk to speak to the estate agents selling the property. Conifers at the end of Piggots Close also causing a problem when pulling out – clerk to speak to Homeowner.
4. **Cemetery /Enhancement /Netheravon in bloom** Complaint received about old, faded bunting around a grave and solar powered lights etc. Clerk to look at Terms and conditions of the cemetery and maybe update them. Bunting to be asked to be removed. Clerk to order some stone R blocks for the reserved graves – W Case & son? Thank you to the Chairman for removing a dead deer out on the Cemetery on Bank Holiday weekend.
5. **Recreation**-Asked Cllr Coslett to remove the hanging baskets, Issue with one of the jumps at Corfe reported. ROSPA about to do safety checks. See what they say.
6. **Allotments** – Question about Wexland Ave allotments, not being worked on, suggestion that Clerk contacts MOD and asks for a different area due to poor lighting because of tree cover.
7. **Community Allotment and Community Larder.** Community allotment looking very good, with 2 new volunteers hopefully taking over the planning with support The Community larder is benefitting from produce grown at the Community allotment.
8. **Rights of way:** All ok.
9. **Representatives on other groups:**

a. Phoenix Hall Chairperson report July 26

CHAIR PERSON REPORT FOR PHOENIX HALL JULY 2026

It is with great sadness that I report that Nigel our treasurer has passed away and he will be greatly missed..

As a temporary measure I am acting as Treasurer.

Finance

Finances show a current bank balance of £2579.25

Total bookings for this year are £13586.75 after only 5 months

We are down on last year by £40.87

This is due in part to losing the market and bingo.

The hot weather and road works meant we had a lot of cancellations.

Maintenance and Improvements

We are arranging a working party to carry out the work on the patio.

Looking ahead

The committee are looking for more volunteers to join us as I cannot continue as Chairperson and Treasurer.

The hall now has bookings for most days and as always' we are grateful for the support of our regular hirers.

We continue to advertise in our village's local newsletter.

- b. Jubilee Committee** – nothing to report but Chair acknowledged the very successful party in the park last Saturday put on by the Church.
- c. Stonehenge Area Board** – Not sure what is happening, Clerk will try and find out, information sent on Community Governance
- d. All Saints School liaison** – Cllr Bridewell reported that he went to the school on the first day of term and has an academy meeting on the 8th October. He is going to ask the children to do some pictures to go on the front of the Newsletter. Clerk asked if the school choir could sing at Cheerful Cuppa at Christmas.
- e. Netheravon Speed watch Group** Cllr Coslett reported near misses with people not being able to see when overtaking due to overgrown hedges. Clerk to speak to LHFIP (Local Highways, Footpaths infrastructure group) and find out when the next meeting is.
- f. Newsletters** –The Newsletter finances are ok, meeting was held, Council to put in ~~less~~ shorter summary and Editor will put in whatever is given to her.

26/47 REPORT BY THE CLERK

Having a few issues with the council laptop still, will try another person to look at it.

26/48 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Message received regarding asbestos tipped at Haxton coming down the hill – dealt with by Landmarc,

Email regarding dead tree in Millenium – sent to Landmarc.

Hosepipe ban – put on Facebook concerns over watering the community allotment. Dealt with by Chairman in clerks absence

Cleaning the sewers in the High St in August, no prior notice given – Clerk to speak to Wessex Water about lack of communication.

Letter re water use in Old School Close Park – Council agreed to pay the extra used and thanked the Old School close Team for their work getting the park looking lovely.

Email re more items in Old School Close Park – Council discussed this, it was agreed to ask the handyman to get a quote for a bucket swing, and bring to next months meeting

Letter re Planning Policy from Member of Public and another with support for it. Cllr Coslett addressed the Council and the Member of Public who wrote it and was present. He said he was grateful for the person bringing it to our attention and that the council would adopt the change in wording.

We have approximately 12 planning applications a year and between 40-60% are trees being removed in the conservation area.

The member of public said that the proper officer/clerk could under delegation make sure public were informed.

Cllr Coslett said we would put forward a revised policy and send it to the Clerk for inclusion in October NPC Meeting.

Furnies coffee shop – 5th December scarecrow trail email received about potentially combining the scarecrow trail with the Christmas tree decorating, Christmas carols etc.

The Council thought it was a good idea but felt 4th December a week too early for the tree to go up. Suggested putting it up on the 12th. Was the idea to have the carols etc at the library? As Furnies wouldn't be the best idea for lots of children etc. Clerk to speak to Furnies.

26/49 GENERAL PARISH MATTERS –

Remembrance Sunday – Cllr Blair – Piling will be laying a wreath on behalf of Wilts Council.

Cllr Copeland needs to sign the declaration form – Clerk to sort it out.

Christmas – Reading in the church – volunteers sought, Cllr Bridewell said he may be able to help, if not Cllr Perry or someone else would.

Cllr Perry reported the weeds between Hales Road and Pigotts close as really bad down the footpath. It was agreed Clerk to speak to Cllr Covil and ask the Parish Steward to help.

26/50 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Netheravon Parish Council will be Thursday 8th October 2026 at 7 pm

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

Chairman