

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th of March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

Present: Cllr K Dixon – Chairman
Cllr Mr C Sanger – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr I Cleife
Cllr Mr M Goodman
Cllr Mrs P Bunche
Cllr Mrs B Hunt
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 3

Apologies: Cllr Mr A Meek, Cllr Mr S MacDonald, County Councillor Mr D Drew and
Borough Councillors Mrs M Flood and Mrs S Hasselman – Palestine Ward.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Mrs K Dixon declared an interest in Planning Application 25/00350/DDCA.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman then signed the minutes of the February meeting as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr Mr Mrs B Hunt and seconded by Cllr Mr I Cleife.

COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

County Councillor Mr D Drew and Borough Councillor Mr S MacDonald's reports will be
put on the Hub.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR D DREW – Three Highlights include:

1. The increase in the County Council part of the Council Tax Bill.
2. Devolution.
3. Secondary School Places – 97% of parents received 1 of their 3 preferred schools.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

- Cllrs Mr A Meek, Mr S MacDonald and Mrs P Bunche are to be added as signatories to the Bank Account.
- There have been several meetings and forums to discuss Devolution, Hampshire County Council are submitting their preferences and reasoning on how Hampshire is to be split up to the Government for consideration. It is proposed that TVBC, Winchester and the New Forest may be put together. The Chairman encouraged all parishioners to take part in the consultation process
- Pavilion – The Audit Process for the Grants received is nearing completion ready to go to our Auditor so he can complete an Audit report. The new Notice Board was delivered damaged, and a replacement has now been received.
- It is important to get bookings for the Pavilion and an advertising campaign is in hand.
- Mr Fox has been very busy promoting the Pavilion and Field. An interest in holding Tai-Chi and other ideas have been received.
Mr Fox reported that he is in the process of renewing the quotes received some time ago for the refurbishment and extension of the Play Area on the AMG. TVBC has been asked to confirm what 106 Developer Contributions are available for the project.
- Hampshire United have sent in their fixtures list for the last season and will be billed accordingly.
- Millway Builders have been asked to submit their final bill so the grant money can be claimed before the end of the financial year to enable the payment of the bill in October 2025.

FINANCE.

Financial Report – March 2025

INCOME.

Refund OWPCC – Grass 580.00
Hire Fees 600.00

£1,180.00

EXPENDITURE.

Standing Orders: £
R.N. Waterman Wages 560.00
Came and Company Insurance 451.22
TVBC Grass Cutting 180.68
SBPC Storage 10.00
R.N. Waterman Expenses and Website 14.00
VIXIT Grounds Maintenance 198.00
Total = **£1,413.90**

Payments Issued: £
Mr M Lovell – Grass Cutting Glebe Field (PC £500) 1,296.00
HCC SLR Site Fee 270.00
SSE Street Lighting 332.33
Mr C Wilkins Pavilion and Maintenance - January 247.35
Mr C Wilkins Pavilion and Maintenance – February 202.00
SSE Street Lighting 2,781.47
Smith and Derby – Church Clock 78.00
PGPC Hire of Office and Pavilion Supplies 142.74
Unicom Telephone Box 1,944.00
Total = **£7,293.89**

PAVILION PROJECT.

Bourne Romsey – Fire Protection = 904.34

Total = **£ 904.34**

Total Expenditure = **£9,612.13**

Bank Account Balances

After above movements

Current Account = £ 38,259.74

Premier Interest = £ 47,001.72

£85,261.46

Breakdown of Funds held:

Working Balance = £7,686.50

Reserves:

General Reserves = £ 12,710.29

Street light Replacement Fund = £ 1,000.00

Over Wallop Community Fund = £ 1,496.00

Parish Hall = £ 500.00

Palestine – Play Area GPC = £ 5,000.00

Village Hall – Resilience = £ 15,000.00

=£ 35,706.29

Pavilion Project = £ 41,868.67

TOTAL FUNDS HELD = £85,261.46

PLANNING.

25/00350/DDCA – Remove dangerous Cherry tree – New Lodge Farm, Station Road, Over Wallop – NO COMMENT. Cllr Mrs K Dixon declared an interest. A letter will be sent asking the parishioner to replant three saplings.

25/00497/TREEN – Fell tree Hornbeam – The Farmhouse, Northern Farm, Station Road, Over Wallop – NO COMMENT. A letter will be sent asking the parishioner to replant three saplings.

25/00273/FULLN – Site boundary retaining walls with change of levels to garden following removal of overhead electricity cables, and provision of hard paving to building perimeter – Stable Cottage, Townsend Manor Farm, Station Road, Over Wallop. SUPPORT. Note: The Arboricultural letter from a past planning application is adhered to too.

80th YEAR VE DAY CELEBRATIONS.

The Chairman reported that she has applied for a £500 Grant from TVBC that is being offered to Communities to help celebrate the 80th year VE Day Celebrations in 2025. It is proposed to decorate the War Memorial with flowers and to hold a street party. A Road Closure will be applied for.

The Parish Council discussed taking the opportunity to paint the railings along the stream while the road is closed. This suggestion will be put on the Hub and in the Parish Magazine to ask for volunteers.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

CLLR MRS K DIXON – Reported that the shop is using the £2,000 offered by the Parish Council and have engaged a marketing expert. Changing the name of the shop to 'The Wallops Community Shop and Post Office' has been a positive move. Raising awareness of the Community Shop is being undertaken and a leaflet is being produced to highlight the services offered. Support from the Plunkett Foundation has been positive. The Grand Reopening of the Shop will be held on Saturday 8th of March which will be followed by the AGM.

The Parish Council thought this very positive news.

CLLR MR S MACDONALD – Has reported that the Draft new Website has been sent to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting for comment. There is still some information that needs to be added.

The refurbished telephone box will be delivered back on site within the next few weeks. Once open residents will be asked to only put paperbacks in the Lending Library. A mini opening ceremony will be planned!

CLLR MR M GOODMAN – Reported that the Allotment Society is progressing with the running of the Allotments. The issue of boreholes is being discussed.

Cllr Mr M Goodman wished to stress that the numbering on the trees on the AEMG is for identification purposes. The numbering does NOT indicate that the tree is to be felled! The recent survey has not indicated any major work this time, although there is still a lot of remedial work needed.

Cllr Mr M Goodman suggested that the Parish Council considered a preferred contractor to carry out the tree work as it is time consuming and costly for contractors to provide detailed quotes that they might not be chosen to carry out. The Parish Council briefly discussed this and felt that further discussion was needed before any decision is made.

CLLR MR C SANGER – Spoke briefly about Fibre to the home and the Neighbourhood Watch Cyber Security Scheme. Residents are offered free consultation on Cyber Security. Information will be put on the HUB.

CLLR MR I CLIEFE – Reported that a fence has been built around the Air Source Heat Pump Housing to protect it from further damage. Concerns had been raised that the fence was too close to the apparatus and would restrict air flow. Cllr Mr I Cleife

contacted the contractor who has confirmed that the correct distance between the apparatus and the fence has been observed.

CLLR MRS P BUNCHE – Reported that she has been notified by a Palestine Resident that one of the 'Palestine' name signs is missing and has been for a few years. The Clerk will contact Highways and Test Valley Borough Council.

Cllr Mrs P Bunche reported that she is looking at what grants may be available for the refurbishment/improvement of the AEMG Play Area.

CLLR MRS B HUNT – Reported that the Parish Hall broadband speed has been increased to 65 Megabytes via partial fibre which is an improvement on the old system.

CORRESPONDENCE.

- A verbal approach regarding a request for more benches on the AEMG.
- A complaint about drones over the Village. There is a map showing the no-fly zones over Over Wallop. Incidents witnessed need to be reported to the Aviation Authority.
- Concerns that there is an increase in Solar Lights on graves in the cemetery. The Chairman has spoken to the PCC and there are rules on this issue. Any resident who wishes to complain should write to the PCC who will investigate.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr Fox stated that some residents, although willing to plant trees to replace one that needed to be felled, do not have the room and therefore cannot meet the requirements of the NDP. The Chairman stated that the replacement trees do not necessarily need to be planted on the applicant's site, but ideally within the Parish. i.e. the AEMG.

Mr Fox asked if the new website would include an on-line booking form for the Pavilion? The Chairman is working on this.

Mr Fox reported that the Over Wallop Cricket Club have launched a 'crowd funding' to help raise the £12,500 that needs to be raised to get match funding from Sport England. The Chairman offered to put the details on the Hub.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING. 3rd of April 2025 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

www.overwallopparishcouncil.org.uk