

Minutes of Annual Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th May 2018 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr M Glover - Chairman
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth
Cllr Mr T Burden
Cllr Mr B Elliott
Cllr Mrs T Forrest
Cllr Mrs L Raynes
Borough Councillor Mr T Hope
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 8

Apologies: Cllr Mr T Burden and County Councillor Mr A Gibson.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The Chairman stated that he is standing down as Chairman and will stay on the Parish Council for six months to sort out the Parish Hall handover.

I would like to thank the parish councillors, the parish clerk and members of the public for their support throughout the last year. I would also like to record my thanks to Geoff Gates and Carl Roberts, who both left the council in the last few months, for their work with the council. In addition, I welcome Laura Raynes who joined the council in October.

The major project that will affect the parish is the traffic calming scheme which aims to reduce the volume of through traffic using roads in the village and to reduce the speed of traffic in the village. HCC Highways have owned the project since public consultation showed support for the scheme in 2016. Progress has been frustratingly slow throughout the year however the scheme gained full business approval by HCC in late 2017 and was passed to their implementation team in the new year. Detailed design work is underway, and the HCC engineers held a liaison meeting attended by over 80 parishioners in mid-April. HCC expect to complete the design work this summer, to complete the tender and contract mobilisation phase in the autumn and to carry out the actual roadworks throughout the coming winter.

A project that has been completed is the redevelopment of the Evans Close play area using development money paid to the parish by the contractors who built the Landings estate. Between May and July last year 6 new play equipment's were installed that made the area more attractive to youngsters. So far, they have all survived rigorous testing by the kids.

Our field in Salisbury Lane is now known as the Alan Evans Memorial Ground. It contains the sports field and the MUGA which are maintained in a good state but are somewhat underused. The Over Wallop cricket team, the Vintage Gathering and some visiting young footballers are the only programmed users of the field although it is also used by families for walking, informal minor sports and dog walking.

The pavilion there remains in a somewhat sad state and last summer the hot water system was disconnected as a risk assessment showed that the present system could be a source of Legionnaires disease. This in turn meant that adult football teams were reluctant to use our facilities as hot showers were not available. A sub-committee led by Councillor Forrest has investigated the future of the pavilion and has decided that it should be refurbished rather than rebuilt. This is achievable using the £75,000 of development money held on our behalf by TVBC. The parish will soon be applying for planning permission to start the process.

As I stated last year I am concerned that we are spending a lot of money to support a cricket team of which only some players live in the parish. Despite their enthusiasm we need to attract more teams and different sports to use the sports field in the future.

The Wallops Parish Hall remains busy and covers its costs. The management committee has obtained planning consent to build a small lean-to storeroom next to the large hall to ease use of that hall and to allow a greater variety of equipment to be stored. It has sufficient funds to cover half of the building costs and will start fundraising for the rest soon.

In September the parish council decided to take an active interest in the Brown John Allotment Gardens in King Lane as there were complaints that several plots were derelict and that the area was being used for fly tipping and illegal bonfires of old furniture. Councillors Forrest and Glover helped the allotment holders tidy up and take control of the site. A user group has been formed, the plots have been defined and individual tenancy agreements have been signed. The group has joined the Allotment Society, the area looks tidier and new tenants are joining the group. There are still several plots available for enthusiastic gardeners.

Our parish WW 1 remembrance project is moving ahead. An architect has been contracted to assess the war memorial and to design the replacement pillars that will display the names of 'Those who also Served'. Public support has been good, and fundraising has begun. Repairs to the memorial have been widened to include work on the whole memorial and the next stage is to obtain planning consent for the works and then to obtain grant funding to cover most of the costs. If all goes well the work should take place in the next 12 months.

Add to this the opening of the parish council website and the steady replacement of the Station Road street lights with LED lighting and it has been another busy year all round.

The parish council exists to represent and help the community as best it can and is always looking for volunteers to join the council or to assist with any of its projects.

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS.

OVER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2018.

2016/2017 £	RECEIPTS	2017/2018 £
32,000.00	Precept	32,000.00
5.13	Bank Interest	5.04
3,741.96	106 Money/Donations	41,338.48
800.00	Grants Parish Hall insurance	800.00
850.50	Sports Field Lettings	470.00
1,917.02	VAT Refund	9,832.74
291.94	Refunds	2,315.19
<u>39,606.55</u>		<u>86,761.45</u>
	PAYMENTS	
2,038.02	Administration and Web Site	1,661.71
5,580.00	Staffing Costs	5,580.00
850.00	Audit Charges	835.00
51.00	Subscriptions	51.00

2,198.28	Insurance	2,217.84
217.64	Village Hall	1,171.71
425.00	Flashing Speed Signs	628.20
2,142.27	Street Lighting (New SL £6,717.29)	8,546.94
683.00	Notice Boards	
2,406.04	Bus Shelter	
2,433.00	Evans Close/Play Area - Play Area	41,775.34
287.10	Bench	
958.20	Pavilion	1,351.09
2,705.57	Sports Field/Village - Sports Field	4,541.80
530.00	Section 137 Payments	
200.00	War Memorial	44.00
3,117.78	Village Maintenance / Footpaths	4,433.00
1,723.06	VAT on Payments	10,952.86
275.55	Dog Bins	275.50
1,740.00	Glebe Field - 2 Years Allotments	191.00
<u>30,561.51</u>		<u>84,256.99</u>

£		£
12,384.04	Opening Balance 1 st April 2017	21,429.08
39,481.55	Plus Income	86,761.45
<u>51,990.59</u>		<u>108,190.53</u>
30,561.51	Less Expenditure	84,256.99
<u>21,429.08</u>		<u>23,933.54</u>

Proposed by Cllr Mr M Glover, Seconded by Cllr Mr B Elliot. All agreed. The Accounts for the Year ending 31st March 2018 were approved.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth proposed Cllr Mr M Glover as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Mr b Elliot. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Mr m Glover was elected Chairman.

VICE CHAIRMAN – The Chairman proposed that the election of Vice Chairman be postponed until the June meeting as he would like to ask Cllr Mr T Burden to be Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs T Forrest. All agreed.

The Chairman wished to thank Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth for all that he has done during his time in the chair. The Chairman stated that he hoped that the vacancies on the Parish Council can soon be filled and that his door is always open.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Clerk reported that TVBC have confirmed that the Parish Council can co-opt to fill one of the vacancies. The other vacancy has yet to be officially advertised.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded. Cllr Mrs T Forrest stated that she knew the applicant of the Planning Application in Palestine but had no pecuniary interest.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman signed the April Minutes as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

TRAFFIC CALMING – Cllr J Taylor Firth reported that Representatives from Hampshire County Council are returning to speak to several residents of Over Wallop and Grateley who have requested a further meeting to discuss the traffic calming scheme and the effect it will have on their individual properties. Two of the Local Farmers have also been invited.

RIVER BANK – A working party to tidy up the railings has yet to be organised.

TREE WORK – Work on 8 trees has been completed. 50% of the ivy has been removed from the trees. The suckers from 20+ Lime Trees needs to be removed so that a further survey can be carried out on the trees. The Parish Council discussed this and agreed the following:

- Possibility of holding a working party in the Autumn to tackle removing the ivy from the trees.
- Get three quotes to remove the suckers from the Lime and Beech trees.

FINANCE.

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED IN May 2018

R.N. Waterman	Wages – May	465.00
Aviva	Insurance	192.45
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	17.10
TVBC	Dog Bin Emptying	330.00
MWU	Tree Work	3,145.00
Southern Electricity	Pavilion Electricity	34.55
Total Payments		<u>£4,148.10</u>

INCOME

Allotment Rents	£170.00
TVBC – ½ Precept	£16,000.00
	<u>£16,170.00</u>

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above movements

Current Account	£ 24,543.02
Premier Interest	£ 10,041.91
Sports Account	£ 1,532.50
Allotments	£ 879.00
	<u>£36,996.43</u>

Cheque payments proposed by Cllr Forrest and seconded by Cllr Elliot.

PLANNING

18/00269/FULLN – Replacement dwelling – White Horse Services, Middle Wallop – SUPPORT.

18/01070/FULLN – Demolish light industrial building and erection of dwelling and detached garage – The Old Coach Works, Salisbury Lane, Palestine – SUPPORT

1/00989/FULLN – Erection of a detached chalet bungalow, new vehicle access and other associated works – Highfield, Zion Road, Palestine – SUPPORT.

18/01197/FULLN – Erection of dwelling, detached double garage and construction of access – Chapel House, Farley Street, Nether Wallop. This application had been received on the day of the meeting. The Parish Councillors felt they needed further time to study the application before making comment.

LESIURE – Cllr T Forrest

PAVILION – A Pavilion Committee meeting will be held to discuss and agree the way forward.

Action: Pavilion Committee

MUGA – The Clerk has booked for the MUGA to be cleaned in June. **Action: Clerk**

CRICKET – The Cricket Team have provided their insurance documents. The Parish Council's Insurance Broker is happy to accept the list of equipment that has been provided. It was agreed that the Cricket Team will be charged £25 for each game they play, this includes the use of the pavilion.

FOOTBALL – Football training will be held twice a week during April and May. Salisbury Under 7's Football Team are using the MUGA for one month to train.

ALLOTMENTS.

Cllr Forrest reported that vacant allotments have been cleared, ploughed and sheeted. Two drums have been supplied by Cllr Glover for glass, (it was noted that these are now full, Cllr Glover will organise for them to be removed), A skip provided is also full and needed removing. Cllr Glover reported that the gate is ready for collection.

The drive to the allotments was discussed. The Clerk will try to get an answer from TVBC if there is 106 money available for this project. Three quotes will be sort for the drive. The poor sight lines when entering King Lane from the drive were discussed, it was noted that vegetation has been cut back to try and improve the sight lines. **Action: Clerk.**

WAR MEMORIAL

The Parish Council discussed the War Memorial at length. Points raised included:

- A site meeting with Mr J Poll from the Radley House Partnership was held on the 4th May 2018. Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth provided notes. Attached to the master copy of these minutes and distributed to the Councillors prior to the meeting.
- The Memorial needs to be protected from traffic, it has been suggested that the use of 400mm high granite 'carriage blocks' close to the perimeter would be the most appropriate aesthetically.
- The four badly damaged Chilmark stone pillars should be replaced. The replacement pillars should bare the names of 'Those who served' in World war One.
- The War Memorial needs minor repairs, with the stone shaft being repaired or replaced.
- The reintroduction of a chain fence has also been suggested.
- The Chairman stated that he felt the village needed time to respond to the proposals and that this decision is an important one for the village and should not be rushed.
- It was felt that the names of 'Those who served' should echo the names recorded in the Church. Cllr Mr T Hope stated that every year he reads out the names in church and that it was important that both list of names tally.
- It was felt that most of the village were not aware of the proposals being put forward for the war memorial despite the recently held public consultation.
- Mr Ben Cartwright was happy with a suggestion that another village consultation be held. Saturday 2nd of June in the Church Meeting Room was agreed. A leaflet drop to every house in the parish will be organised.

The Parish Council will hold an 'In Camera' meeting prior to the June meeting to discuss the War Memorial and agree the way forward. This decision will be confirmed at the Parish Council meeting.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR T HOPE.

Cllr Mr T Hope reported that TVBC are still the lowest in the country for their Council Tax, however they will be increasing the Council Tax for the next two years due to cuts in Government funding. The new Leisure Centre is ongoing, the topping out ceremony is to be carried out by the new Mayor Mr Ian Car.

Cllr Mr T Hope reported that the footpath above his property is being used by horse riders, this is not ideal as it is very narrow in places and can be a problem for walkers. This was noted and will be reported to Hampshire Rights of Way. **Action: Footpath Officer.**

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

CLLR MR J TAYLOR FIRTH – Reported that 4 properties on the camp are to move from nether Wallop to Over Wallop in the Government Boundary Review.

STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk gave each Parish Councillor a copy of the Parish Council's Standing Orders.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Parish Council were thanked for all they do for the village. Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth was thanked for his time as Chairman and well wishes were given to Cllr Mr M Glover in his new role as Parish Council Chairman.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

11th June 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Over Wallop.