

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 12th September 2016 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth – Acting Chairman
Cllr Mr T Burden – Palestine
Cllr Mr B Elliott
Cllr Mr M Glover
Cllr Mr C Roberts
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mr T Hope
Members of the Public – 7

Apologies: County Councillor Mr A Gibson.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Chairman was sorry to report the resignations of Cllr Mrs L Murry-Twin and Cllr Mr G Cairns. The Chairman wished to record a vote of thanks to both Councillors. Cllr Murry-Twin had served on the Parish Council for over 10 years and had devoted a great deal of time and effort to the management of parish matters. She will be sadly missed. Cllr Cairns had successfully organised several sports events for the youth of the parish and looked after the footpaths in Over Wallop.

The Clerk will now inform TVBC of the resignations.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr Burden declared an interest in Planning Application 16/02119/FULLN.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Elliott.

URGENT ITEMS

HIGHWAYS – No news to report.

NEW NOTICE BOARD – No news to report

PLAY AREA – The Parish Council held an 'in-camera' meeting after the July meeting to discuss the Play Area quotes. The Parish Council had identified two of the quotes as potential suppliers and Cllr Roberts had agreed to take the lead on this project and to further investigate equipment options and costs. Cllr Roberts reported that he had been in touch with the two suppliers to further define their quotes and asked for clarification of the budget he was allowed. The Clerk confirmed that the budget available through the 106 development money is £43,600.

POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

No report had been submitted.

FINANCE.

CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN August and September 2016

R.N. Waterman	Wages - August	465.00
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Aviva	Insurance	366.38
R.N. Waterman	Expenses and OA	107.40
Michelle Shill	Web Site	440.00
Larry Nelson	Tennis Coaching	264.00
Test Valley School	Book Prize Grant	50.00
TVBC	Annual Grass Cutting	969.60
BDO LLP	Audit	282.00

Total Payments £3,409.38

VAT to be reclaimed £867.06

INCOME. 2nd half of precept £16,000

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above payments have been deducted

Current Account £ 7,225.92 - Working Cash Balance

Premier Interest £ 20,034.71

Sports Account £ 3,236.50

£30,497.13

AUDIT

The Clerk reported that BDO LLP, the Council Auditors, had signed off the accounts for the year 2015/2016 and had raised two items:

1. The Accounts were approved after the commencement of the inspection period of the exercise of elector's rights. This was noted.
2. The annual return appeared to show an increase in value of assets, however there had been no changes to the asset portfolio in the Year. The Clerk has explained to BDO LLP that three defibrillators were purchased and only added to the insurance policy/assets after the renewal documentation had been received. This was noted.

PLANNING

The Parish Council held a Planning Meeting on the 31st August 2016 to discuss Planning Applications that had been received in July and August. The Minutes from that meeting were signed as a true record.

16/02119/FULLN – Two storey front extension and garage conversion to form family room; new garage to ground floor and dressing room to first floor – The Limes, Mount Hermon Road Palestine. Cllr T Burden made no comment. SUPPORT.

16/02038/VARN – Variation of conditions 2 and 13 of 16/00954/FULLN – The Bungalow, Orange Lane – SUPPORT

LEISURE REPORT

TENNIS – The tennis coaching sessions had again been a great success with numbers attending up on last year.

CRICKET – The Cricket season has finished and the Pavilion was left clean and tidy.

FOOTBALL – The football season has started. There are two teams again this year, Over Wallop and Royal British Legion. Chris Wilkins will continue with the line marking.

VINTAGE GATHERING – Another successful event enjoyed by everyone who attended.

PAVILION – No further news to report.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR T HOPE

Cllr Hope spoke about Hampshire County Council's proposal to go down the devolution route and the possible creation of a unitary authority. TVBC could well disappear with local issues and planning will be dealt with at county level. More responsibilities could be put on the Parish Councils.

Cllr Hope spoke about the Station Road residents' concerns about additional traffic if HCC proposals to shut off Salisbury Lane are implemented. This issue was discussed and he suggested that a trial period should to be undertaken and the long term effects looked into. Carrying out a trial has been suggested to HCC on many occasions but had not happened. The parish council agreed to raise this with highways in due course when their proposals were circulated.

Cllr Hope reported that street lights number 9 and 10 in Station Road are still not working. The Clerk will contact SEB.

PARISH HALL

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the hall had been quiet over the summer. He was looking for a new team to run the Under 5's Play Group but no one had volunteered so far.

FOOTPATHS - The footpaths are all walkable.

PALESTINE – The Clerk reported that he had ordered the bench and it will be delivered to Cllr Burden. Cllr Burden had nothing to report.

KENTSBOROUGH – Cllr Gates reported that the weeds around the new bus shelter still need to be cut back and reminded the Clerk about getting a rubbish bin.

POUND ROAD – Cllr Elliott reported that the damaged salt bin had not yet been replaced. The Clerk will chase this up with Highways, but thought that they would probably do this when they fill the salt bins in October.

PRINTERS' PLACE – Nothing to report.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Rees, the owner of the Walled Garden on Station Road, spoke about the damage being caused to the thatch on the boundary wall and asked for advice and views on the matter.

- The thatch is being damaged by HGV's and Horse Transporters when they meet a similar size vehicle at this narrow point of Station Road and often have to reverse.
- Hampshire Highways have suggested several solutions but will not act without the Parish Council's support.
- It has been suggested that a tin protective cover is added to the thatch.
- The Parish Council suggested that the thatch is cut back or removed and replaced with tiles.
- Cllr Hope gave a brief history of the wall and reported that it had been topped with tin, tiles and thatch over the years.
- The parish Council were not keen to see this stretch of road narrowed any further.

After a lengthy discussion Mr Rees agreed to examine the various suggestions and to carry out further historical research before coming back to the Parish Council.

Mr T Macey thanked the Parish Council for the use of the Playing Field for the Vintage Gathering and asked if the field could be used in 2017. Permission was granted. Mr Macey gave the Parish Council a £300 donation from the Vintage Gathering to go towards the maintenance of the pavilion. The Chairman thanked Mr Macey on behalf of the Parish Council.

Parking on the footpath by the Malt House was raised again. The Chairman stated that he had had a word with the owner, but this was not a matter for the Parish Council as that small section of footpath was private. If the highway was blocked then the Police need to be contacted at the time.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES OF THE 2016 MEETINGS

10th October

14th November

12th December.