

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 9th October 2017 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth – Chairman
Cllr Mr M Glover – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr T Burden – Palestine
Cllr Mrs T Forrest
Cllr Mrs L Raynes
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 11

Apologies: Cllrs Mr B Elliott, Mr C Roberts and Mr G Gates, Borough Cllr Mr T Hope and County Cllr Mr A Gibson.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Parish Council agreed to co-opt Mrs Laura Raynes onto the Parish Council to fill the vacancy. Mrs Raynes signed the Declaration of Office and the Chairman welcomed her onto the Parish Council.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

PLAY AREA – The outstanding work identified on the risk assessment for the Evans Close Play will be completed by the end of the month by Mr T Burden from Appleshaw. The signs, replacement football nets and the bin have all been delivered. The problem with the closing mechanism on the gates has not been resolved and it was agreed that one gate may have to be removed until a fix can be secured. **Action: Cllrs Elliot and Forrest**

STREET LIGHTS – The Clerk reported that he has not received a date for work to start on the replacement street lights. It was reported that tree branches are obscuring the street lights by the Old Drapery Store and Piccadilly Cottages. These will be reported to SSE. **Action: Parish Clerk**

TRAFFIC CALMING – The Chairman reported that the HCC Highways planning team had informed him that the business plan for the scheme had been supported at its first screening and was due to be reconsidered at a final screening in a couple of weeks' time. Councillors discussed this and some were not confident that the project was progressing. The Chairman reassured them that the Section 106 funding for the scheme was ring fenced and that he would keep them up to date with progress. Cllr Raynes offered to study HCC committee proceedings on line to help monitor events. **Action: Cllr Raynes and Chairman**

RIVER BANK – The council discussed the way forward regarding getting the information to residents about their riparian responsibilities. It had been planned that an article would be placed in the Village News showing web sites links. This has not happened as the Chairman had been waiting for responses from HCC about the state of the railings through the village and the practical aspects of maintaining the SINC (for water voles) that ran along the brook. He undertook to get the information out to the residents in the near future. **Action: Chairman**

LENGTHSMAN – The Clerk confirmed that the following first list of jobs has been submitted to the Lengthsman:

1. Cutting back overgrown area at the junction of Station Road and Salisbury Lane.
2. Cutting back parts of overgrown hedge opposite Mr Howells storage site.
3. Cleaning road signs and reinstating any knocked down signs.
4. Cutting back overgrown hedges and the vegetation around Evans Close Playing Field.

Action: Parish Clerk

FINANCE.

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED IN OCTOBER 2017

R.N. Waterman	Wages – October	465.00
Aviva	Insurance	183.19
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	21.70
Mrs T Forrest	Key Cutting	18.00
SSE	Street Lighting	279.19
SSE Contracting	Street Lighting	257.33
Slingsby	Rubbish Bin	209.40
Anton Printers	Dog Signs	80.52
Total Payments		£ 1,514.33

INCOME

Vintage Gathering	£200.00
Tennis Donations	£60.00
Precept	£16,000.00
	<u>£16,260.00</u>

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above payments have been deducted

Current Account	£ 21,278.08
Premier Interest	£ 10,041.91
Sports Account	£ 1,081.90
	<u>£32,401.89</u>

PLANNING

There were no Planning Applications.

ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Forrest reported that a meeting with the allotment holders had been held on the 27th September with the aim of providing a formal structure for the allotments to safeguard them for the future. An allotment working group had been formed and had held a very positive first meeting on the 4th October. An initial list of actions had been compiled:

1. Bonfire Policy.
2. Water Containers are to be covered.
3. Old Bee Hives are to be assessed by an expert.
4. The trees are to be inspected and a maintenance programme put in place.
5. Correct signage will put in place.
6. The fencing around the boundary will be inspected.
7. Damaged structures will either be repaired or removed.
8. Pest Control
9. Life Long Tenancies for those who have given service to the allotments will be offered.
10. Membership to the Allotment Society.
11. A review of the allotments not tendered will be compiled so action can be taken.
12. A risk assessment will be undertaken.

The council discussed the financial aspects of the allotments and agreed that it would have to run an allotment sub account within its accounts. An allotment society would be formed to run day to day issues. Cllr Forrest suggested that council made an initial grant of £1000 to the allotments and this was discussed and agreed. Proposed by Cllr Forrest and Seconded by Cllr Glover. **Action: Parish Clerk**

Cllr Glover reported that HCC have confirmed that a footpath that has been used leading from Pound Road to the allotments is not a recognised footpath. Cllr Forrest will liaise with the working group. **Action: Cllr Forrest.**

WOODLAND

The Parish Council discussed at length the issue of the trees around the Alan Evans Memorial Ground. Recommendations from the Forestry Commission and the insurers state that the area needed to be zoned and should be surveyed every year. It was agreed that the Clerk will get quotes for an annual inspection. **Action: Parish Clerk**

LEISURE

Cllr Forrest gave a brief up-date on the Alan Evans Memorial Field and the Pavilion. The upgrade of the Pavilion water system was discussed. Cllr Forrest proposed that the council proceed with the quote from D J Harris and this was seconded by Cllr Glover. All agreed. **Action: Parish Clerk and Cllr Forrest**

Cllr Forrest reported that she has received an initial quote for the refurbishment of the Pavilion. It was agreed that the Parish Council will hold a site meeting at the Pavilion to agree on a plan of action. **Action: Chairman**

The Clerk reported that that the 'Alan Evans Memorial Field' sign is being made in Oak and will be sited on the opposite bank to the Notice Board at the entrance to the field.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR BURDEN – Reported that there are several potholes at the junction of the Old Roman Road and Cholderton Road. This is actually in Grateley Parish but within Palestine. The Clerk will report this to HCC Highways. **Action: Parish Clerk**

CLLR RAYNES – Stated that she would like to take over the running of the Parish Council Web Site and that she has been working on a Facebook page. The Parish Council had no objections to taking over the web site but would like time to think about having a Facebook page. The Clerk will contact the present web site manager to effect a handover to Cllr Raynes. **Action: Cllr Raynes and Parish Clerk**

AUDIT

The Clerk reported that the accounts for the year 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 have been signed off by District Audit.

DEFIBRILLATORS

The Clerk reported that the pads in two of the three defibrillators were out of date and would have to be replaced. **Action: Parish Clerk**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Richard Quick reported that the Allotment Committee had formed and things are going well. They were happy with the proposals that had been made.

Mr C Pearson raised the issue of parking at the entrance to Appleton Close, this is blocking access to his driveway. HCC and TVBC have been contacted but seem reluctant to assist and have suggested that he spoke to the Parish Council.

The Clerk thought that this should be a Police and the Housing Association matter and will report the matter to our PCSO. The Clerk suggested that Mr Pearson contacted the Housing Association. **Action: Parish Clerk**

The poor sight lines due to overgrown hedging adjacent to the new development when leaving Evans Close onto Station road were mentioned. The Clerk was asked to report this to Highways. **Action: Parish Clerk**

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR A GIBSON

The Chairman read out the report sent by Cllr Mr A Gibson.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING. 13th November 2017