

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 11th December 2017 in the Wallops Parish Hall starting 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 Mr C Roberts
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 9

Apologies: Cllrs Mr B Elliott, Mr G Gates and Mrs L Raynes, County Cllr Mr A Gibson and Borough Cllr Mr T Hope.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Burden declared an interest in planning application 17/03040/FULLN

Cllr Taylor Firth declared an interest in planning application 17/02787/FULLN

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

TRAFFIC CALMING – The Chairman read out a report about the project from County Cllr Gibson which included the following points:

The business case that James Moore, the HCC Planning Officer, had mentioned to the chairman was taken to the HCC Highways gateway review panel in mid-September and approved subject to further information being provided on costs and environmental impact. This additional information had now been collated and was provided a week or so ago.

The scheme will now be passed to the Highways delivery team managed by Andrew Kettlewell who will assume lead responsibility for this scheme through the detailed design and delivery process.

Currently the scheme has been identified for delivery during 2018/19 financial year (April 2018 to March 2019).

Andrew Kettlewell has been copied all correspondence and is aware of the local pressures to see the scheme delivered and naturally this will be covered during the scheme handover. The chairman and the county councillor will be invited to meet the delivery team and this is now being scheduled.

The original scheme looked at traffic calming through the village. However, this was paused to expand the feasibility work to include the junctions to the north of the village. The inclusion of the northern junctions required additional developer contributions that were received in June 2017 and triggered preparation of the full business case to commission the detailed design. The reason that the northern junction was included was as a compromise because of the very strong lobby from the Station Road residents.

The scheme has been a difficult to develop with changing objectives and scope and differing public perspectives. I do believe that since taking on this project, James Moore, with the chairman's support, has now a scheme that best fits the reasonable objectives and local aspirations and stands a good chance of successful implementation.

It is important that that the delivery team now follow a full preliminary and detailed design process to reduce risk and potential abortive cost during the construction process. Whilst it might seem like the scheme is parked on someone's desk, you are assured that this is far from the case.

Cllr Glover suggested that Andrew Kettlewell be invited to the January meeting to give a presentation and confirm what has been agreed. Cllr Forrest was not convinced that the scheme was any further forward and suggested that the county councillor was not consistent with the information he gives. She also recommended that an additional parish councillor should attend any meetings held between the chairman and the delivery team as he intended to leave the council in April.

The chairman stated that it was his job to bring the scheme to the council, that he alone had been invited to the initial meeting, that he also had a number of technical points to discuss with Andrew Kettlewell and that he would report fully after the meeting. He also undertook to ask Andrew Kettlewell or a member of his team to attend the next parish council meeting to brief councillors. **Action: Chairman**

RIVER BANK – The Chairman reported that HCC Highways had agreed to repair any significantly damaged railings at the same time that they carried out work on the traffic calming scheme but had also mentioned that they had insufficient resources to complete minor repairs and repainting. Highways had also restated that the river banks were the responsibility of the riparian owners. The council was therefore convinced that the probable way forward was to consider the organisation of a village working party. **Action: PC to discuss in the New Year.**

LENGTHSMAN – The Clerk reported that the Lengthsman has not yet started work in Over Wallop. **Action: Parish Clerk**

FINANCE

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED IN December 2017

R.N. Waterman	Wages – November	465.00
Aviva	Insurance	348.90
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	17.40
Mrs T Forrest	Expenses – Printer Cartridges	65.99
	Total Payments	£ 897.29

MONEY RECEIVED

Parish Hall Insurance	£850.00
Parish Hall Refund	£136.71
	£986.71

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above payments have been deducted

Current Account	£ 17,769.66
Premier Interest	£ 10,041.91
Sports Account	£ 1,532.50
Allotments	£ 1,000.00
	<u>£30,344.07</u>

Proposed by Cllr Glover and seconded by Cllr Forrest

PLANNING

17/02955/TPON – Fell 2 Beech – Beech View, Pound Road – SUPPORT

17/02989/VARN – To vary conditions of 17/01074/FULLN – Coachworks Cottage, Station Road – NO COMMENT.

17/02934/LBWN – Application to regularise works on a listed building – Piccadilly Cottage, Station Road – NO COMMENT

17/03040/FULLN – Proposed single storey three bed dwelling, cycle store, refuse storage, sewage treatment plant and associated external works – Meadowbank, Mount Herman Road, Palestine. Cllr Burden declared an interest and made no comment – SUPPORT

17/03098/FULLN and 17/03007/VARN – Convert rear part of garage to art studio, install bifold doors, window, and 2 Velux windows – 25 Fine Acre Rice, Over Wallop – NO OBJECTION

17/02787/FULLN – Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings and erection of 2 no chalet bungalows with garages including installation of sewage treatment plants – Morefield, Peach Grove, Palestine. Cllr Taylor Firth declared an interest and made no comment. SUPPORT.

17/03122/FULLN – Erection of three-bedroom dwelling to replace existing barn – barn at Linden Lea, Old Stockbridge Road, Middle Wallop. The Parish Council needed more time to look at this planning application as it had only been received the day of the meeting.

ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Forrest reported that the Allotment Working Group have done a really good job and have made a lot of progress:

- A Tenancy Agreement has been drafted.
- A digital map has been done to show the size and position of all the allotments and to assist with working out the price for each allotment tenancy.
- An Allotment holders meeting is to be held on 12th December 2017.
- The allotment holders plan to join the Allotment Society.
- The Parish Council insurance covers all the communal areas for public liability but does not cover the individual allotments. Each allotment holder would be encouraged to consider insurance. Some household policies may cover an allotment.
- The bee hives are still on site and there has been no contact from their owner.
- Cllr Glover has carried out some levelling of the track to make the allotments more accessible.

Cllr Forrest recorded her thanks to the Allotment Working Group for doing such a good job and Cllr Glover, Derek Macey and Steven Shadwell for the work they have done on the allotments. The council endorsed this.

LESIURE

Cllr Forrest reported that Over Wallop Football Club have informed her that they will no longer be playing on the Alan Evans Memorial Ground. She also reported that two trees had been dislodged during the recent gales and that they needed making safe. This was noted and Cllr Forrest undertook to contact possible contractors.

Cllr Glover had obtained quotes for concrete bollards to block the gap into the field but they were very expensive. The council agreed to monitor the situation to see if the problem continued.

TREE SURVEYS – The Clerk reported that SMW Consultants that carried out the original digital survey of the trees had been sent the list of trees works completed. The higher-risk areas will be identified. The consultants have been asked to quote to carry out a yearly survey.

WALLOPS PARISH HALL

The Parish Hall Management Committee had met on the 27th November 2017. Cllrs Glover and Forrest had also attended.

The Chairman reported the following:

- Planning permission had been granted for the new store room. The project is being held up due to a dispute over access which is being dealt with by a solicitor.
- Bookings are good with an average income of £950 a month.
- He will be standing down in April 2018 and was looking for a replacement hall manager and treasurer. If volunteers could not be found and paid staff had to be used, hall hiring charges would have to be increased. Richard Waterman, the OW Parish Clerk, had offered to take on the account.

Cllr Glover stated that, if he became chairman of the hall committee, he would not have time to take on the work that Cllr Taylor Firth did at the hall. Cllr Taylor Firth explained that he had been the hall treasurer/manager and that he had also become chairman in 2016 by default when he became council chairman. The aim was to split the jobs again so that the chairman's job would revert to taking an overall view and to chair meetings.

The clerk suggested that it might be useful to look at how other village halls in the area are run. The Fairground Hall and Grateley Village Hall were mentioned.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR TAYLOR FIRTH – Reported that he and the clerk had attended the TVAPTC meeting in Kings Sombourne where TVBC gave a presentation on the Community Governance Review. Information on the review had been forwarded to parish councillors and a link to the TVBC website will be put in the Parish News for residents if they wish to make representations.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Ben Cartwright gave an up-date on the War Memorial Project and distributed a document containing his proposals. He explained that the outline costs for the work could be in the region of £10,000 to £30,000 however up to 75% of this could be refunded through grants. He introduced Mr Peter Hope who had joined him to help with fund raising. He anticipated that a fair amount of funds could be raised through voluntary donations once the project got under way.

Mr Cartwright then explained that the next step would be the engagement of a specialist architect to provide drawings and accurate costs that would be needed for grant and planning applications. He therefore asked the council if they were prepared to fund this step and to contribute to the overall funding of the project.

The chairman stated that the council had already given their commitment to the project over the last 3 years and asked Mr Cartwright to provide an estimated cost of employing an architect. The council agreed to discuss this and their financial contribution to the project when the Precept is discussed at the January 2018 meeting.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING. 8th January 2018