

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 1st October 2020 at 7.30pm using the Zoom App.

Present: Cllr K Dixon – Chairman
Cllr J Taylor Firth – Vice Chairman
Cllr V Barnard
Cllr C Smith
Cllr D Boardman
Cllr I Cleife
County Councillor Mr A Gibson
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 4

Apologies: Cllr M Glover, Cllr T Burden and Borough Councillors I Jeffery, D Coole and M Flood.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded. Cllrs K Dixon and D Boardman are neighbours of one of the tree applications.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record. Proposed by Cllr V Barnard and seconded by Cllr J Taylor Firth.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR A GIBSON.

Cllr A Gibson gave a brief report. Cllr A Gibson has forwarded information to the Parish Council on the new HCC plans for the reorganization of the Highways areas and the new officers.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

TRAFFIC – Progress is being made on the legal process for the 2nd turning area in Salisbury Lane. It is now proposed to start the trial the first quarter of 2021 (Jan, Feb, March).

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – An open day is planned for the 10th October 2020 from 10am–1pm. Covid-19 rules on Social Distancing will be observed. Information displays, a questionnaire and posters asking for volunteers are planned. Cllrs V Barnard and J Taylor Firth offered their help on the day.

The Chairman asked the Parish Council for permission to spend up to £1,000 on the communication of the launch of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, as there will be printing and administration costs, refunded by Test Valley Borough Council through a grant. Cllr D Boardman raised concerns about not having a set budget. The majority of the Parish Council agreed to the expenditure.

WAR MEMORIAL PILLARS – Consultation on positioning of the old pillars - 54 replies were received. 38 voted for verge adjacent to the War Memorial, 14 votes for the Churchyard and 2 for the Pavilion. The landowner of the verge has agreed to the positioning of the pillars and permissions are being sought.

The re-dedication of the War Memorial is planned for the 17th October 2020. Due to Social Distancing a maximum of 30 can attend, an advert has been placed in the Wallops

News asking for people to register if they wish to attend. The Parish Council were asked to confirm their attendance to the Chairman by Sunday 4 October.

GREEN ENERGY – Over Wallop and Nether Wallop Parish Councils are going to work together to look at Green Energy for their Community Buildings. Grants are available to assist with Green Energy projects. A Parish Councillor will be needed to take on this role.

WALLOP PARISH HALL MEETING – Cllr J Taylor Firth is handing over the Treasurer's position to Cllr V Barnard. Cllr C Smith is taking over the maintenance of the Hall and Nether Wallop Parish Council have been tasked with finding a Hall Manager. Cllr J Taylor Firth and Cllr V Barnard are looking at the Fire Alarm System.

FINANCE.

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED IN OCTOBER 2020

R.N. Waterman	Wages – October	500.00
Came and Company	Insurance	195.85
Radley House Partnership	War Memorial	1,363.80
SSE Contracting	Maintenance and New SL	1,617.90
SSE	Street Lighting Energy	465.89
Business Stream	Pavilion Water	35.82
R.N. Waterman	½ Year Expenses	123.64
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>£4,302.90</u>

INCOME.

Allotment Rents	£210.00
War Memorial Grant Payment	£7,760.00
	<u>£7,970.00</u>

Bank Account Balances

After above movements	
Current Account	= £ 7,313.50
Premier Interest	= £10,041.91
Allotments	= £ 372.56
	<u>£17,727.97</u>

Proposed by Cllr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr V Barnard.

PRECEPT – Cllr C Smith asked for an additional £500 to be included in the precept for Footpath Maintenance. The Chairman reminded the Parish Councillors to think about the 2021/2022 Precept and any funding they may require for their areas of responsibility for the next meeting.

PLANNING.

20/02320/LBWN – Repair of 5-bay barn structure and plinth – Kings Farmhouse, Station Road, Over Wallop – SUPPORT.

20/02275/TREEN – Tree works in accordance with Schedule on Application Form – the Old Rectory, Station Road – NO COMMENT.

20/02361/TREEN – carry out various tree works as described in application – 1 Northern Farm Cottages, Station Road – NO COMMENT.

20/02369/TREEN – Fell 1xGleditsia and 1xOrnamental Crab Apple – New Lodge Farm, Station Road – NO COMMENT.

20/02192/FULLN Craydown, Craydown Lane. Parish Councillors asked to respond via email with any comment to Cllr Dixon as the details had only just been posted.

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LEISURE – Cllr D Boardman

SPORTS – Pezzaz Soccer have now stopped their training sessions due to the lack of daylight. Pezzaz Soccer would like to come back in May 2021.

The Over Wallop Cricket Team played their last match on the 12th September.

PAVILION – The first meeting with the Architect took place on the 21st September 2020. A Bat Survey (cost £500) has been done and there was no evidence of bats, no further survey is required. An ecological survey has been done as part of this with recommendations for the future to attract wildlife to the area.

The next course of action is a Topographical Survey of the whole of the Alan Evans Memorial Ground if this is cost effective. The Parish Council will compare the costs. This will cost in the region of £700 to £800 + VAT.

CFW have been given requirements for the building. Cllr D Boardman spoke about the brief. The Chairman reiterated that it was important that that the Parish Council view the information at every stage and make the relevant decisions.

TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME – On going. Cllr C Smith will tour the woodland with a map to see which trees have self seeded. This will assist the tree replacement programme.

WAR MEMORIAL.

Cllr J Taylor Firth reported that Wells Stonemasons are starting work on the cross. The project is progressing well, the paving is nearly complete and 70% of the budget has been spent. There is a chance that the project may come in under budget. The original pillars will be stored until all the permissions are obtained for their new site.

The site will be clear on the 15th/16th October in time for the re-dedication ceremony.

EVANS CLOSE PLAY AREA.

Cllr D Boardman spoke about the replacement of the wooden edging boards around the all-weather surfaces. Some areas have rotted out and need replacing. After meeting to discuss replacement boarding with Tony Burden Junior a plastic board would be a more cost-effective replacement in the long run as it is rot proof. Tony Burden has quoted £1,395 to do the job. This was discussed and the Parish Council all agreed to proceed with the quote.

PARISH HALL.

Cllr J Taylor Firth reported that the Parish Hall is open in line with all Government Covid-19 guidelines and at present there are 10 classes a week using the hall. There has been a reduction in the usage by local groups.

Face coverings must be used by all hirers.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

CLLR C SMITH – (Cllr Smith's connection to the Zoom meeting had dropped so the Chairman gave his report on his behalf). Reported that the footpaths are overgrown and that he will be putting together a list of paths that need cutting for the Lengthsman. A resident in Evans Close has asked if a hedge could be cut back so that fencing can be erected in their garden, this will also be added to the Lengthsman's job sheet.

The Clerk confirmed that the financing for the Lengthsman has now been received. Cllr C Smith is dealing with a problem stile in the parish.

CLLR D BOARDMAN – Reported that the Wallops Shop AGM had to be cancelled due to there not being a quorum. Another date will be scheduled.

CLLR I CLEIFE – reported that he has spoken to Borough Councillor Mr Phil Lashbrook, the leader of Test Valley Resilience and has been given the details of several local contacts. Cllr I Cleife hoped to have more to report at the next meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr Tony Macey asked the Parish Council to take tree applications more seriously and not leave it up to the Tree Officer to make decisions. He felt that there are a large number of trees in the village and one by one they are disappearing.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council does take tree applications seriously and do look at every one and that it is encouraging that applicants often intend to re-plant. The Parish Council are advised on Tree Applications that in the case of Conservation Area Notifications, the Local Planning Authority does not have the ability to refuse these works.

Mr T Macey asked the Parish Council if he could please use the Alan Evans Memorial Ground for the 2021 Vintage Gathering. The Parish Council all agreed to give permission.

Mr C Bramley Gardner reported on a by-way that is overgrown. This will be passed to Cllr C Smith.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for logging on and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

5th November 2020.