

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 8th June 2023 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

Present: Cllr K Dixon - Chairman
Cllr I Cleife
Cllr C Anstis
Cllr S Macdonald – Parish and Borough Councillor
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public - 3

Apologies: Cllr C Sanger – Vice Chairman, County Councillor Mr D Drew and Borough Councillors Mrs M Flood, Mrs S Hasselmann and Mr I Jeffrey.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.

Borough Councillor Mr Stewart MacDonald had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. Mr Stewart MacDonald was interviewed by the Parish Council prior to the meeting.

Cllr K Dixon proposed that Mr Stewart MacDonald be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr C Anstis. All agreed. Mr Stewart MacDonald signed the 'Declaration of Office' and was welcomed onto the Parish Council. Two Over Wallop vacancies remain.

PALESTINE WARD VACANCY.

There is still a vacancy for one Parish Councillor from Palestine.

COUNTY COUNCIL AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

The Chairman reported that Cllr D Drew's report has been received and Mid Test Matters has been posted on the Parish Hub.

Borough Councillor Mr S MacDonald reported that he has been assigned the Wallops and the Tytherleys in the Mid Test Ward. Test Valley Borough Council have exercised 'No Mow May' in the Borough. TVBC are actively prosecuting people who are caught fly tipping. TVBC have a new initiative to help the homeless and rough sleepers. There is still £35,000 available in the 'Cost of Living' grant funding. Details of how to apply can be found on the TVBC website.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

- Weekly meetings to discuss grants for the Pavilion project are still held. Test Valley Borough Council are being most helpful to make contact with grant sources.
- An expression of interest has been submitted for the Community Ownership Fund. If successful and we can proceed with an application, it is a big undertaking and help will be required to gather all the information required.
- The Parish Council are still waiting for confirmation from TVBC that the £75,000 106 Development Money and the £25,000 CAF grant are available this year.
- The King's Coronation Party was a great success. A big thanks to the donors and volunteers who helped make this a special, memorable event. The closing finance statement is being awaited.
- Ms M Short is assisting with putting together a planned footpath cutting schedule for Hampshire Rights of Way and the Lengthsman.

- It was hoped that the Community Payback Team would be able to assist with footpath cutting but they have gone very quiet.
- An up-to-date quote for the repair of the telephone box is being obtained so that an application can be submitted to Cllr Mr D Drew. Work will begin on the repairs some time over the summer.
- The Chairman was pleased to report that Blue Tits are nesting in one of the bird boxes recently erected on the AEMG.

NDP.

Cllr S MacDonald reported that Reg 16 NDP and the 2 specialists reports have been submitted to Test Valley Borough Council and are available to view on the NDP Website. The next step is to appoint an external examiner and it is hoped to have the referendum by the end of the year.

FINANCE.

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED In June 2023

INCOME.

Allotment Rents £197.50

EXPENDITURE.

Standing Orders:		£
R.N. Waterman	Wages	560.00
Came and Company	Insurance	311.81
TVBC	Grass Cutting	185.95
SBPC	Storage	10.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses and Website	14.00
VIXIT	Grounds Maintenance	198.00
	Total =	<u>£1,279.76</u>

Cheques Issued:		£
Mr I Clief	Reimburse for Pavilion White Goods	558.00
HC Slingsby	Lockable Post	58.79
GS Lark	Tree Work	1,000.00
P Reynolds	Audit	850.00
Mr C Wilkins	Pavilion Cleaning & Litter Collection	229.54
SSE	Street lighting Energy Charge	1,349.53
Enervo	Street Lighting Maintenance	335.20
	Total =	<u>£4,381.06</u>

Total Expenditure = £5,560.82

Bank Account Balances

After above movements

Current Account	=	£20,503.58
Premier Interest	=	£10,041.91
Allotments	=	£ 873.45
		<u>£31,418.94</u>

Breakdown of Funds held:

Working Balance	=	£12,107.52
War Memorial	=	£ 453.68

Reserves:

General Reserves	=	£ 12,000.00
Street light Replacement Fund	=	£ 1,000.00
Over Wallop Community Fund	=	£ 1,496.00
Pavilion Project	=	£ 2,270.00
NDP (PC Contribution)	=	£ 718.29
Parish Hall	=	£ 500.00

=£ 17,984.29

TOTAL FUNDS HELD = £30,545.49
Allotments = £ 873.45
= £31,418.94

PLANNING.

23/00422/FULLN – Demolition of house and barn and erection of 2 houses and stable block – Marwood. Amendment.

The Parish Council discussed at length the amended plans and agreed to OBJECT on the following points:

- Concerns about the cutting down of the 3 groups of trees. It is thought that it is part of an old orchard. The Parish Council asks that any tree cut down is replaced by at least two new ones.
- The view over the valley from the footpath will be lost.
- There is no provision for affordable housing and the size of the houses do not conform to NDP policy.
- A beech hedge has been planted along the right of way.
- Solid gates onto the Farley Street out of keeping.
- Neighbours are objecting.
- The large houses planned will have an impact on landscaping in this area of the Parish.

23/01317/PDRN – Change of use to Light Industrial – Poultry House, Park Drove.

The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS in principle but request that entrance and exit from the site is granted exclusively from Old Stockbridge Road.

23/01376/PDQN – Section Q – Convert barn into house, Pottery Drove. OBJECT as it is outside the Settlement Boundary and therefore against the Over Wallop Draft NDP Policy. It was also noted that there was insufficient information provided with the Planning Application.

23/01411/FULLN – Convert veranda to extension – Grove Lodge – SUPPORT.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR C ANSTIS – Reported that the installation of the Solar Panels is underway. There is no cost to the Wallops Hall thanks to the generosity of Mr Mark Cavill.

The Wallop Hall accounts have been audited and bookings at the moment are steady but it is thought they may tail off over the summer.

CLLR I CLEIFE – Reported that he hopes to have the fixtures list and training dates for Hampshire United Football Team before the next meeting so that a bill can be sent. The white goods for the Pavilion have been ordered and paid for but will not be delivered until the 20th of June.

There has been a big sort out of the store and a trip to the Recycling Centre is planned.

Cllr I Cleife stated that he was not very impressed with the recent Traffic Calming measures installed and felt that it lacked impact.

The Chairman stated that Highways have not yet finished, and she believed that additional measures have yet to be installed.

CLLR S MACDONALD – Stated that he is keen to push forward with the resilience plan for Over Wallop. Neighbourhood Watch and Speed Watch are also being worked on.

CLLR K DIXON – Reported that John Taylor Firth is meeting with the Stonemason on site to look at the War Memorial and discuss what cleaning needs to be undertaken.

Discussions with the Cricket Team and Test Valley Borough Council have taken place regarding the process of accessing the CAF grant awarded.

CORRESPONDENCE.

- A complaint about the lack of visibility at the junction of Salisbury Lane and the A343 due to overgrown vegetation. Responded to and passed to Nether Wallop who have actioned.
- A letter of thanks from the PCC for the Parish Council's contribution to the grass cutting of the Glebe Field.
- An offer of help from a Parishioner on the issue of 'greening' the Village.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Issues regarding the recent traffic calming and Speed Watch were voiced:

- The poor attitude of the contractors working on the Traffic Calming Scheme.
- Pedestrian safety has not been taken into consideration. No pedestrian specific design was included in the published plans.
- The village gates have not yet been installed.
- Newly covered white lines already showing through on Station Road.
- The lack of a white line on Salisbury Lane.
- No implementation of a 20mph speed limit. Cllr S MacDonald stated that HCC are looking into the 20mph Speed Limit, at present they have no policy in place.
- The parishioner's wife has volunteered for Speed Watch, but she has not been contacted in recent months, what has happened to the Speed Watch program? The Chairman stated that she has been out several times with her team of volunteers and suggested that his wife contacts her team. The Chairman confirmed that Cllr C Sanger is the person to contact regarding Neighbourhood Watch for further information.

Mr Fox informed the Parish Council that the Cricket Club have now insured all their assets.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

13th July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

www.overwallopparishcouncil.org.uk