

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 3rd June 2021 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

A Zoom link was provided for members of the public who did not wish to attend in person

Present: Cllr K Dixon – Chairman
Cllr J Taylor Firth – Vice Chairman
Cllr D Boardman
Cllr C Smith
Cllr T Burden
County Councillor Mr D Drew
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 3 in person, 5 via the Zoom App

Apologies: Cllr I Cleife, Borough Councillors M Flood, D Coole and I Jeffrey.

WELCOME. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council have received letters of resignation from Cllr V Barnard and Cllr M Glover.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR DAVID DREW.

Cllr Mr D Drew introduced himself and gave a brief history of his background in both Test Valley Borough Council and Hampshire County Council. Cllr Mr D Drew stated that in his new role as County Councillor he looks after 21 Parish Councils and 1 Town Council.

Cllr Mr D Drew spoke about the three levels of Local Council Government and their Budgets for the year:

Over Wallop Parish Council £32,000.
Test Valley Borough Council £12 Million
Hampshire County Council £2 Billion.

Hampshire County Council look after recycling and waste, Adult Social Services, roads and schools.

MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING.

The Minutes of the May meeting were approved as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr C Smith and seconded by Cllr J Taylor Firth.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The latest addition of Mid Test Matters has been distributed to the Parish Councillors. Test Valley Borough Council are hosting a Climate Change Seminar on the 22nd June 2021.

SAFER TRAVEL – The Safer Travel group have held two meetings since the last PC meeting. Cllr S Whitaker, the Chairman of Nether Wallop is to meet with David Drew and Cllr K Dixon to discuss safer travel in Nether and Over Wallop. The Chairman will also ask Cllr Drew to push the traffic calming trial through.

SPEED WATCH – The equipment has been purchased and the Police have given a training session to some volunteers. It is proposed to hold another training session as more volunteers have come forward. It was noted that the Police have requested that three of the four points are recorded to enable them to proceed with a warning letter: Make, Colour, Model and Registration Number.

The Chairman requested that volunteers email her or the Nether Wallop clerk to be included in the team.

The Clerk asked if the Speed Watch equipment is to be hired out to neighbouring parishes. Grateley would be very interested in hiring the equipment and having their volunteers trained. The Chairman was sure that this would be approved and will report back to the Speed Watch Committee for confirmation and coordination with training dates.

FIBRE TO THE HOME – Mr C Sanger gave an up-date on Fibre to the Home. Openreach will upgrade the infrastructure in Over and Nether Wallop if sufficient commitment is expressed. It is expected that beyond the commitment to contract fibre broadband, this valuable upgrade will be at no cost to householders. Mr C Sanger briefly explained the contracts and how they worked. Openreach will seek a commitment from the householder to sign up for the service. A letter will go out to the parishioners to gauge demand and explain the process along with the next NDP survey. Mr C Sanger will keep the Parish Council informed of progress. The Chairman thanked Mr C Sanger.

CORRESPONDENCE

- As mentioned earlier there have been two resignations from the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mr M Glover for his huge contribution to the village during his 10 years on the Parish Council, including as Chairman, his depth of knowledge of the Parish and his passion for the role. The Chairman also thanked Cllr V Barnard for the work she has done on reviewing and up-dating the administration documents of the Parish Council as well as her calm, incisive, hard working and good humoured support. The Chairman wished them both well.
- Mrs Mary Cairns has very generously offered to help with the interiors for the new pavilion as a thank you to the Parish for supporting her over the last twenty years of Mary Cairns Interiors.
- Three emails have been received about the management of the allotments. The Chairman has offered to help until the role on the Parish Council has been allocated.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED IN JUNE 2021

R.N. Waterman	Wages – June	500.00
Came and Company	Insurance	195.85
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>£695.85</u>

INCOME

Allotment Rents £118.00

Bank Account Balances

After above movements

Current Account = £40,775.39

Premier Interest = £10,041.91

Allotments = £ 525.56

£51,342.86

Proposed by Cllr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr D Boardman.

PLANNING

21/01557/LBWN and 21/01556/FULLN – Single storey rear extension, two storey side extension and replacement windows – Piccadilly Cottage, Station Road. SUPPORT.

21/01535/TREEN – Tree works to 3 Norway Maple – 9 Printers Place – NO COMMENT.

21/01437/TREEN – Tree works to 1 Sycamore, fell group of Ash Trees – NO COMMENT.

21/01431/TREEN – Tree Works to Holly and Bay, fell Conifer and Ash – Pippens, King Lane – NO COMMENT

The Parish Council asks that replacement trees are always planted for those that are felled.

DISTRIBUTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS' RESPONSIBILITIES.

Cllr Mrs K Dixon – Chairman. Safer Travel, Planning, NDP, grants, communication/publicity.

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth – Vice Chairman, Parish Hall, trees.

Cllr Mr I Cliefe – Pound Road, Over Wallop Parish Resilience.

Cllr Mr T Burden – Palestine and Evans Close.

Cllr Mr C Smith – Footpaths and tree planting.

Cllr Mr D Boardman – Pavilion, sport and leisure.

The Chairman hoped that new Councillors would take on:

Green issues, risk assessments, teenagers (provision for leisure and recreation), allotments, administration, grants and Neighbourhood Watch (although this may also be undertaken outside the PC if anyone would like to volunteer).

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

CLLR J TAYLOR FIRTH – Reported that the Parish Hall re-opened on the 17th May and is complying with Covid-19 Regulations.

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that it is the Queen's Jubilee in 2022 and suggested that the long-planned village party coincide with the Bank Holiday. This was thought a good idea.

CLLR MR C SMITH – Reported that all the footpaths are clear and walkable.

CLLR MR T BURDEN – Reported that road re-surfacing work has taken place in Palestine, no repairs to potholes were undertaken and they just top dressed over, overall a poor job. The Clerk will feedback to Hampshire.

CLLR MR D BOARDMAN.

WALLOP VINTAGE GATHERING – Spoke about the Wallop Vintage Gathering and explained the set up. The cost of putting on the show is quite high and all net profit is distributed to organisations in the village. Cllr D Boardman proposed that the Parish Council charge the Wallop Vintage Gathering £100 for the use of the facility in 2021 and the cost will be reviewed each year, particularly after the new Pavilion is built. The Parish Council all pledged support of the event and agreed to the £100 fee.

TREES - Cllr Mr D Boardman gave the Parish Council an in depth report on the history of the tree surveys that have been carried out over the last few years right up to the current state of play. There is one tree needing urgent work and 9 others that will need attention in the near future.

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth stated that he will now take over the trees to allow Cllr D Boardman to concentrate on the Pavilion project. Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth will put together a report for the Parish Council to discuss.

PAVILION – A quote of £550 has been obtained to repair the existing hot water system. All agreed to proceed.

The Test Valley Planners are insisting that a tree roots survey is done for the extension to the car park and the new pavilion, regarding the planning application submitted in May. SMW have quoted £869 to carry out the survey. This was discussed and all agreed to proceed.

CLLR MR I CLEIFE – Has asked for help on putting together the Over Wallop Resilience Plan.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

Bluestone Consultants have been appointed. An application for grant funding has been submitted. Results of the village survey were released in May 2021. It is hoped to have a stand at the fete and Vintage Gathering to promote the OWNDP.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

An offer of help was received from one of the members of the public who viewed the meeting via the Zoom App.

Mr Peter Hope was pleased to hear that the Chairman visits new residents to welcome them to the village.

Mr T Macey thanked the Parish Council for supporting the Wallops Vintage Gathering and for asking parishioners to replace trees which they fell.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

1ST July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.