

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

Present: Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth – Acting Chairman
Cllr Mr T Burden – Palestine
Cllr Mr B Elliott
Cllr Mrs T Forrest
Cllr Mr M Glover
Cllr Mr C Roberts
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 8

Apologies: Cllr Mr G Gates, County Cllr Mr A Gibson and Borough Cllr Mr T Hope.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Parish Council agreed to co-opt Mrs T Forrest onto the council. Mrs Forrest signed the Declaration of Office and the Chairman welcomed her onto the council.

Cllr Glover reported that Mr T Howells had approached him expressing an interest in the council. Mr Howells was present and was asked to stay behind after the meeting to talk to the councillors.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Cllr Glover stated that he was not happy with the Support response submitted for planning applications 16/03049/LBWN and 16/03048/FULLN – Grange Cottage, Orange Lane, Over Wallop. He thought that the council had agreed to a response of No Comment so that the planning decision would be left to the Conservation Officer. The Chairman recalled that feelings had been mixed on this minor application when it was discussed and some councillors had changed their minds. There had clearly been a misunderstanding with the decision as he and the clerk had thought there had been a majority for support. The recommendation itself could not be changed after the planning decision form had been submitted however he was convinced that the Conservation Officer would take the lead in the final decision about the application.

The Chairman stated that the procedure for responses to future planning applications would be tightened. He then signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Burden and seconded by Cllr Elliott.

URGENT ITEMS

ALLOCATION OF COUNCIL TASKS.

Cllr Forrest agreed to take on the running of the Playing Field and Pavilion.

Cllr Glover offered to take on Neighbourhood Watch and Footpaths.

Cllrs Elliott and Roberts agreed to join the Wallops Parish Hall Management Committee.

HIGHWAYS – The Chairman reported that Bargate Homes had now paid TVBC the 106 Agreement money and that HCC Highways were waiting for the money to be transferred to their budget so that they could move to the next stage of producing detailed designs.

Cllr Forrest stated that Cllr Gibson had stated at the December meeting that the "Parish Council has the power to make the decision on what traffic calming scheme is implemented in the village" and felt that the council now needed to push to take the project forward and request a trial.

A lengthy discussion took place. The Chairman repeated the report he gave in November that the highways planning team were keen to move ahead with the scheme, were waiting for the confirmation of funding and would then prepare detailed designs for the work. This would take about four months and, once the designs were approved, the scheme would be put out to tender and work could take place in late 2017 or in 2018. The planning team had agreed to brief the council and to liaise with members of the public about the scheme in early January. The final decision point on the scheme was likely to be about April 2017.

Cllr Roberts stated that the council had to follow due process: HCC Highways will not do anything (including any trial scheme) until costs had been agreed and the design work done.

PLAY AREA – The Chairman reported that Bargate had also paid the 106 money for the play area to TVBC. The council had applied to TVBC for the release of the money so that the contract with the preferred supplier could be finalised. The supplier had been informed of the situation.

STREET LIGHTS – The Clerk reported that all the streetlights were now working apart from one in Station Road. SEB had managed to find replacement parts for the old street lights for one final repair. The Clerk and Chairman will meet with SEB to discuss replacement options and should have costings for the next meeting.

POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Glover reported that there had been an increase in petty thefts in the area and that there had also been an increase in poaching.

FINANCE

CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN JANUARY 2017

R.N. Waterman	Wages – January	465.00
Aviva	Insurance	183.19
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	43.70
Total Payments		£ 691.89

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above payments, have been deducted

Current Account	£ 2,161.11 - Working Cash Balance
Premier Interest	£ 20,034.71
Sports Account	£ 3,236.50
	<u>£25,432.32</u>

PLANNING.

16/03242/FULLN and 16/02343/LBWN – Interior alterations and refurbishment – Kings Farm House, Station Road, Over Wallop – SUPPORT.

16/03184/FULLN and 16/03185/LBWN– Demolition of existing single storey extensions with replacement single storey extension and orangery – Ringwold House, Farley Street, Nether Wallop – SUPPORT.

16/03003/FULLN – Construction of access – Land to East of King Lane, Craydown Lane, Over Wallop – SUPPORT.

16/03153/FULLN – New dwelling, garage access and associated works – Land to North West of Chapel House, Farley Street, Nether Wallop – SUPPORT with added comment noting the existence of the small winterbournes that run through and near the site.

LEISURE.

Football – The teams are now playing away. The next home games are in late January.

Cricket – Cllr Glover reported that he had taken the cricket practice net down and will store it until it is needed. The Chairman thanked him for doing this.

The Chairman will pass on the paperwork and keys for the Playing Field and Pavilion to Cllr Forrest.

PARISH HALL

The Chairman reported that the next Management Committee Meeting is on 12th January. Cllrs Taylor Firth, Burden, Elliot and Roberts will represent Over Wallop Parish Council.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Glover reported that the HCC Rights of Way team had contacted him about a blocked footpath in Palestine. Cllr Glover does not think that a problem exists and is due to meet the HCC officer on site. Cllr Glover intends to take advantage of the visit to inspect all the rights of way in Palestine.

The Parish Council have been asked to submit 8 footpaths they would like cutting to HCC Rights of Way.

PALESTINE

The bench is due for delivery sometime in January 2017.

KENTSBORO - Nothing to report

POUND ROAD

Cllr Elliott reported that the latest potholes had been marked up ready for repair. The Clerk was asked to chase up the replacement salt bin.

PRINTERS PLACE

Cllr Roberts reported that a resident in Printers Place is taking out a law suit against Mead Fleet over the sewage plant.

SALISBURY LANE

Cllr Forrest reported that HCC had filled in ruts at the side of the road with soil which would not last long. She was informed that potholes in Salisbury Lane could be reported on the HCC Web Site.

WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Forrest spoke about the War Memorial and her concerns that it should be looked after by an expert and kept in good condition to safe guard its future. She believed that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission(CWGC) looked after the memorial in Broughton.

The Chairman stated that he was fairly sure that CWGC only looked after graves and that the War Memorials Trust (WMT) assisted with the maintenance of memorials. The parish owned the memorial and had it cleaned and repaired by a local stone mason.

Mr Ben Cartwright had been in touch with WMT and had undertaken a project to reinstate the names of the villagers who had served in and survived the 1st World War on the pillars that surround the memorial.

POINTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr R Davey asked if HCC Highways could provide a definitive report on the traffic calming project for the next meeting, indicating the plan of action and time scale as he felt that residents needed reassurance. The chairman responded that there were no more details to report at present and that none would exist until work had started on the detailed designs.

Mr T Howells stated that the volume of traffic along Station Road had increased considerably during the last 6 months and that the overgrown hedges and overhanging tree branches on the corner opposite his property were forcing vehicles into the middle of the road. He asked the Parish Council to push for trimming work to be done. It was agreed that this was the responsibility of the landowners but they had not been identified. During discussion it was also noted that some street lights were obscured by branches.

The Chairman noted this. HCC will be contacted and efforts will be made to find out who the landowners are. The Clerk suggested that the council invite the HCC Highways Officer to walk the village with the council to point out the various problems with hedges and overhanging trees. He also suggested that a map of the village roads with the names of the adjoining landowners is assembled. This has been undertaken in other parishes and is a great help when reporting issues. The council thought this a good idea.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

13th February

THE PARISH COUNCIL THEN HELD AN 'IN CAMERA' MEETING TO DISCUSS THE 2017/2018 PRECEPT. A FULL REPORT WILL BE GIVEN AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.