

## **Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 7.30pm.**

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

Apologies: Cllr Mr B Elliott and County Cllr Mr A Gibson.

### **WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

The Parish Council still have one vacancy.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

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

### **URGENT ITEMS**

**HIGHWAYS** – The Chairman reported that TVBC have confirmed that they will initiate the transfer the 106 Agreement money to HCC Highways by the end of the week. HCC Highways have also confirmed that they have started work on the designs for the change of direction for the Old Stockbridge Road junction at Grateley. Design work will then start on the traffic calming for Station Road and Salisbury Lane.

The Clerk stated that he had reported the overgrown hedges along Station Road and Orange Lane the morning after the January meeting to HCC Highways Officer Paul Walsh. He had undertaken to visit the village that afternoon to look at the hedges. Those that HCC Highways are responsible for would be cut and landowners would be contacted to cut back their hedges. The Chairman reported that some stretches of the hedge had now been cut back.

The Chairman reported that due to revised explosive safety procedures the time taken to demolish the Wallop Industries site had been extended by 2–3 weeks and therefore Craydown Lane was unlikely to be reopened before the end of February.

**PLAY AREA** – The Chairman reported that TVBC anticipated that they would complete the consultation they are required to do to release the 106 Agreement money for the play area in about a week and hope to release the money to the Parish Council shortly.

**STREET LIGHTS** – The Clerk and Chairman met with SEB to discuss replacement options and produced a brochure showing the range of new Street Lights suitable for the parish. SEB have not yet received confirmation of the costing from the supplier and hoped to supply these to the Clerk with the next few days.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had the option to turn off the street lights at midnight but would need to agree this before ordering as it is built into the street lights at the manufacturing stage. The council discussed this and agreed that they would stick to the current lighting times.

## **POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Cllr Glover reported that he is receiving Hampshire Police Crime alerts and had nothing to report.

## **FINANCE**

### **CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN February 2017**

R.N. Waterman	Wages – February	465.00
Aviva	Insurance	183.19
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	17.98
SSE Contracting	Street Lighting	334.25
SSE	Street Lighting	288.29
TVBC	Additional Grass Cutting	41.26
Wallop Under 5's	Parish Hall Fees	120.00
Glasdon	Bench	344.52
Mrs T Forrest	New Padlock for Gate	21.99
Mr S Tilling	Line Marking	40.00
	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£ 1,856.48</b>

VAT to be reclaimed £1,074.55

## **INCOME**

Parish Hall Insurance £800

### **BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.** After above payments have been deducted:

Current Account	£ 1,166.62 - Working Cash Balance
Premier Interest	£ 20,034.71
Sports Account	£ 3,236.50
	<b><u>£24,437.83</u></b>

## **PRECEPT**

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council discussed the 2017/2018 precept in an 'In Camera' meeting held after the January meeting. The Parish Council did not increase the precept and it was agreed that it should remain at £32,000.

The Clerk asked the Parish Council to confirm that they would no longer fund the cutting of the Glebe Field. The Chairman recounted the history of the grass cutting contract and asked the council to support the Parochial Church Council through the continuation of the scheme. The majority of the Parish Council felt that the amount of money spent on cutting the Glebe Field could be put to better use elsewhere in the parish. After discussion Cllr Glover proposed that the council stop funding the cutting of the glebe field on a monthly basis and would instead fund cuts to the value of £100 before the village fete. This was seconded by Cllr Roberts. 4 votes For, 1 vote Against and 1 Abstention. The motion was carried.

## **PLANNING.**

17/00153/LBWN and 17/00152/FULLN – Remove existing single door and brick up opening to match existing; internal partition to kitchen and internal repairs (re-submission) – Piccadilly Cottage, Station Road – SUPPORT with the comment "Will the reduction in the number of exits to the house caused by the blocking up of the door meet Fire Regulations?".

NOTIFICATION OF SUBMISSION TO PLANNING COMMITTEE -16/03003/FULLN – Construction of access – Land to the East of King lane, Craydown Lane, Over Wallop – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

CHANGE OF PROPERTY NAME - Pooh Corner, Salisbury Lane, Over Wallop – The proposed name is: Corner House

### **REPORT BY CLLR HOPE**

Cllr Hope spoke about electoral review of Test Valley being carried out by the Independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The review has directed that Test Valley should have 43 borough councillors in the future; five fewer than at present. This would result in new ward boundaries being set up across the borough. It is proposed that the Over Wallop Ward will join Nether Wallop, Broughton, Houghton and Stockbridge whilst the Palestine Ward will go in with Grateley, Ampport, Monxton, Quarley, Anna Valley and Abbots Ann. Cllr Hope urged residents to register their views and to safeguard the parish identity.

Cllr Hope suggested that the Parish Council re-visit their decision to reduce funding for the church and noted that council had always supported the church with grants.

Cllr Hope stated that he had received several emails from residents stating that Salisbury Lane should not be closed as it is an access road to and from the village. This was noted.

### **WRITTEN REPORT BY CLLR GIBSON**

Cllr Gibson reported that HCC are to increase their part of the Council Tax by 4.99%. This will include the much publicised 3% allocated specifically for Adult Social Care.

HCC will make an announcement soon about a new approach to highways maintenance. As a taster, they have made significant capital investment in new vehicles that can fill potholes in entire sections of the road. These use new technology and will provide better quality work.

### **LEISURE.**

Cllr Forrest reported that she had contacted all the playing field users and is to meet with the cricket team to look at their equipment in the shed.

The Football Association had assessed the pitch and pavilion and have listed improvements needed to bring the facilities up to the standard for the OWFC team to play in a senior league. These are not attainable at present. They included changes to the size and position of the pitch, the need for fixed barriers and a treatment table and increases in size of the changing rooms and toilets.

The Cricket team will be consulted about their use of the pavilion. Cllr Forrest suggested that a working group be formed to look at the pavilion to gauge what is required from the facility. Is a replacement building needed or is it better to refurbish? She reported that Tony Macey and Kevin Willey are keen to join the working group and it was suggested that an advert be placed in the Parish News.

Cllr Forrest will chase the football teams for payment of their invoice and will take a firm stance on future payments of fees. Fixture lists will also be required.

Cars parking at the entrance to the field are becoming a problem. A 'NO PARKING IN FRONT OF THE GATE, ACCESS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES' sign will be made for the gate.

It was agreed that Simon Tilling could be asked to carry out minor repair jobs to the pavilion as they are required.

### **PARISH HALL**

The Chairman reported that a Management Committee Meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> January. The inside of the hall has been repainted and an electrician has been engaged to sort out the lights in the main hall.

## **FOOTPATHS**

Cllr Glover reported that he met with Andy Aitken, HCC Senior Countryside Access Ranger, to look at the footpaths in Palestine and Over Wallop.

Palestine – Paths are clear apart from Olive Grove. This path had been discussed and Andy Aitkin had stated that it was not a viable option as it would consume his whole year's budget.

Over Wallop – After discussion Footpaths 17, 1, 5, 9 and 23 will be put forward to HCC for cutting this year.

## **PALESTINE**

The bench has been delivered.

**KENTSBORO** - Nothing to report

## **POUND ROAD**

The replacement salt bin has been delivered and re-sited.

**PRINTER'S PLACE** – Nothing to report

## **SALISBURY LANE**

Cllr Forrest reported that the white lines at the junction with Salisbury Lane and the A343 need re-painting as they have virtually disappeared. The Clerk will pass this on to Highways.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Wallop Good Neighbours are holding a tea party at the White Hart at 3pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Museum of Army Flying – Project Eagle.

Over the next three or so years the Museum of Army Flying will be undertaking a major modernisation project. The Parish Council have been invited to a briefing for local people at the Museum on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

The first 14 affordable houses at Fine Acres Rise (formerly 'The Landings') are to be handed over to Sentinel Housing Association on 14<sup>th</sup> February. The Parish Council considered that the development has been well built and was a success.

## **POINTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr Flippance asked why the Parish Council had discussed the precept 'in camera' when they had stated several years ago that the precept would be discussed in public.

The Chairman responded that the Parish Council could discuss financial matters, including the planning of the precept, 'in-camera' and should then report decisions that had been made at the following meeting. In line with this the decision about the precept had been reported earlier in this meeting. He also stated that details of the accounts including the precept are normally made available to the public at the annual parish meeting and could be discussed then. Cllr Hope confirmed that the council had acted correctly in their treatment of the precept. The council concluded that that they had complied with current transparency regulations. They however noted the comment and would review the way they explained the precept in January 2018.

## **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

## **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

13<sup>th</sup> March 2017