

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th April 2015 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn - Chairman

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman

Cllr Mr T Burden - Palestine Councillor

Cllr Mr M Glover

Cllr Mr G Cairns

Cllr Mr G Gates

Cllr Mr B Elliot

Cllr Mr J Francis

Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk

Cllr Mr P Bye - Chairman Grateley Parish Council

PC Don Stubbington - Stockbridge Police Beat

Members of the Public - 13

Mr Richard Greenwood - Architect for the Old Coachworks Site

Apologies : Borough Councillor Mr T Hope, Mrs S Hart NHW and County Councillor Mr A Gibson

1. WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. RICHARD GREENWOOD - OLD COACH WORKS

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and introduced Mr Richard Greenwood who wished to give a presentation on proposals for the Old Coachworks, Station Road, Over Wallop. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council could not make comment until a planning application has been submitted.

Mr Richard Greenwood gave a power point presentation on proposals for two dwellings on the Old Coachworks Site. The Chairman asked the members of the public if they had any questions on the proposal. Questions were asked on :

- How the proposed development fitted in with the new Borough Plan.
- Access to and from the site and the number of additional cars with 2 more dwellings.
- The strength of the bridge with the additional traffic and deliveries during construction
- What were the future plans for the remaining two acres.
- Damage already caused to the thatch on the neighbouring wall has not been repaired, despite assurances, what measures will be taken to protect this wall and the bridge during construction?
- How long before a planning application is submitted?

Mr Greenwood answered for all the points raised and stated that a planning application is imminent, possibly in two to three weeks. The Chairman thanked Mr Richard Greenwood for his presentation.

4. PRE-SCHOOL PLAY GROUP

The Chairman reported that she had been in correspondence with Katie Standfield regarding the financial problems the pre-school are experiencing.

Katie Standfield addressed the meeting and explained that the pre-school have a new committee and are struggling with lack of funding. Several fund raising events have been held and the list of things needed is endless, a storage shed and refurbishing the garden is top of the list so the children can use it on fine days. The pre-school would like to ask the Parish Council for a grant to assist with this project. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council have always supported the pre-school and proposed that a grant of £300 is given to the pre-school. The Parish Council all agreed. Katie Standfield thanked the Parish Council for their generous grant.

Cllr Mr J Francis said he would supply a 6foot by 8foot shed. The Clerk reported that the Weyhill Mothers and Toddlers Group have finished and he believed that they are getting rid of all their equipment. The Clerk will speak to his contact and give Katie his contacts number if this is correct.

The Chairman reinstated standing orders.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

6. URGENT ITEMS.

DEFIBRILLATORS - The Clerk was asked to organise a demonstration on how to use the defibrillator, possibly at the AGM in May.

HIGHWAYS - The Chairman reported that she had received many complaints about works at the cross roads. Although this is in Nether Wallop Parish, its Over Wallop that's taken the brunt of the complaints. It appears that there have been some design errors with the islands, it is difficult to get large vehicles around these obstacles, the school coaches, farm machinery and delivery vehicles have all experienced problems, photographs have been taken. Several sight meetings have taken place and Cllr A Gibson has taken up the matter with the Director of HCC Highways.

Feelings in the Parish is this is a waste of Tax Payers money. Pinchbeck's have had many problems with the works and it is effecting their business.

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that Highways have now stated that there will an extension of 10 days to finish the works. Cllr Taylor Firth stated that he will do a weekly up-date for the notice boards to keep parishioners informed of progress.

LITTER - The Chairman suggested that Over Wallop start having a Village Clean-up, possibly twice a year like the neighbouring parish of Grateley. This was thought a good idea and will be discussed further. Litter Pickers, Protective Gloves and High Visibility Jackets will need to be purchased.

PARISH ELECTIONS - The Chairman stated that Over Wallop Parish Council have an uncontested election and that all the existing Parish Councillors are standing again.

7. POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Chairman welcomed PC Don Stubbington to the meeting. PC Don Stubbington spoke about the new regime on the Stockbridge Beat. From the 1st April 2015 the Stockbridge Beat boundary has changed and they now come under Andover North, and has three officers. Emergency response will come from Andover. A new investigation centre is to be built at Basingstoke and should be ready for occupation in 2016.

There is an increase in scams, thefts from sheds and cold calling in the area. Residents are urged to ring 101 if they see anything suspicious, 999 in an emergency.

8. FINANCE

CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN APRIL 2015

Proposed by Cllr Burden and seconded by Cllr Cairns

R N Waterman	Wages – April	423.00
Aviva	Insurance – April	188.37
R N Waterman	Expenses	51.75

SSE Contracting	Street Lighting	379.92
Southern Electric	Street Lighting	291.27
TVBC	Dog Bin/Grass Cutting	799.10
McAfee	Computer Protection	72.10
	Total Payments	£2,205.51
Money Due In	VAT	1440.10

MONEY RECEIVED

Playing Field Hire £35.00

TVBC ½ Precept £11,575.00

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above payments have been deducted

Current Account £ 2,861.59 - Working Cash Balance

Premier Account £13,661.44

£ 16,523.03

9. PLANNING

15/00804/FULLN - Proposed outside swimming pool and outbuilding - The Old Rectory, Station Road, Over Wallop. - SUPPORT

15/00824/FULLN - Deposit of pond debris to create small embankment and installation of overflow channel (Retrospective) - Townsend Manor Farm, Station Road, Over Wallop. - OBJECTION

The Parish Council discussed this planning application at great length and had many concerns. The full objection submitted by the Parish Council can be viewed on the Test Valley Borough Council web site.

10. LEISURE REPORT

The Chairman reported that the Police are organising a 1 day Summer Sports Event for the children of the parish on the Playing Field. The parish Council thought this excellent news and gave the project their full support.

11. HALL REPORT

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that bookings are still good and the end of year accounts are ready to be audited. The hall made a £4700 profit in the 2014/2015 financial year. A Hall Management Committee will be held to discuss the end of year accounts.

12. FOOTPATHS - The footpaths are wet and muddy but walkable.

13. PALESTINE - Cllr Burden had nothing to report apart from Potholes.

14. KENTSBOROUGH - Cllr Gates had nothing to report

15. POUND ROAD - Cllr Elliot reported that there is a large pot hole at the junction with Station Road. Street Light No 23A is not working. The Clerk will report this to Street Lighting.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council have received an email from Andy Harding at HCC Highways. HCC have been

contacted by the owner of the Walled Garden regarding the constant damaged to the thatch on his wall.

Highways looked at the problem and have asked the Parish Council to comment on proposals to lay a short section (20m) of kerbing along the north-eastern side of the road at the southern end of the wall. The face of the line of kerbs will be approximately 150mm in front of the drop of the thatch,

The Parish Council discussed this and were no in favour of this proposal, the road is very narrow at this point and reducing its width further would be dangerous. It was noted that farm vehicles already have to travel in the centre of the road to avoid the thatch. It was also noted that the wall was originally tiled, this would solve the problem.

16. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Residents of Appleton Close have not experienced any smells for some time, the tanks are being emptied every six weeks the new contractor is visiting the site on a regular basis.

Mr Flippance reported that the yellow line parking restrictions in both Palestine and Grateley are fading and need re-painting. This was noted.

Mr T Macey wished to thank the Parish Clerk for organising the loan of the Cricket practice nets and mat From Shipton Bellinger. A project to remove the hump behind the MUGA and to install the Practice Nets with a concrete base for the mat will cost £1,100. The Cricket Club have £300 towards the project and promised Grants are in the process of being applied for, but time is of the essence.

This was discussed, the Clerk suggested that the Parish Council fund the shortfall to get this project started as a loan to the Cricket Club that can be paid back once the grants have been paid. The Parish Council thought this a good idea to get the practice nets installed before the start of this years Cricket Season and all agreed.

17. CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

18. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

18th May 2015 - AGM

2015 MEETINGS.

8th June

13th July

10th August - to confirm in July 2015

14th September

12th October

9th November

14th December