

OVER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting
12th May 2008

- 219/08 Present: Cllrs Burden, Glover, Macey, Murray-Twinn, Pickering, Quick, Taylor Firth, Mrs Ruth Cartwright (Neighbourhood Watch), County Councillor Mr Michael Woodhall, Borough Cllr Mr Anthony Hope, Mr Ray Alborough – TVBC Highways, PC Simon Beecroft, and 26 members of the public.
- 220/08 Apologies: Cllr Cleife
- 221/08 Minutes of meeting 14 April 2008 The minutes for April were agreed. Proposed Cllr Macey, Seconded Cllr Taylor Firth.
- 222/08 Finance: The following cheques were agreed:
1101 £440.12 Sandra Holloway salary and expenses
1102 £100 Wallops parish hall hire
1103 £49.94 Jackie Gallop, temporary clerk
1104 £20 HPFA subscription for 2008
1105 £58.50 P Badham printing
1106 £35.48 APM expenses
1107 £1500 Wallops parish hall grant
Proposed by Cllr. Taylor Firth, Seconded by Cllr. Macey
- 223/08 Planning – Retrospective plan: 08/00883 Wallops Defence Systems. Returned by a majority decision of No comment, 1 Objection. There were concerns about the safety of the junction of Craydown Lane and the A343.
Current plans:
08/00967/FULLN Kents Farm, Farley Street. Erection of forge, Support
08/01093/TREEN 2 Townsend Cottages, Station Rd. Remove deadwood and crown clean of Lime tree, Reduce height of Laurel tree by 50%. Providing tree officer sees the trees, no objection
08/00905/FULLN and 08/00908/LBWN Ringwold House, Farley Street. Erection of replacement wall and gates No objection
Proposed by Cllr. Pickering, Seconded by Cllr. Quick
- 224/08 Chairman's Report The Chairman thanked all the members of the Parish Council for all their hard work and support over the past year. Extra thanks to Cllr Anthony Macey for the hours of work that he has undertaken on behalf of the Parish Hall Management Committee. Without his specialised knowledge and input, we would not have been able to put in a credible bid for the Big Lottery Fund grant application for the Parish Hall refurbishment. Over the past year the council has considered many planning applications including the AAC Centre, Wallop Defence Systems and many domestic applications. When considering planning, the council does its utmost to reflect the views of the Parish, the maintenance of the unique rural context of Over Wallop and Palestine, and the Village Design Statement. The Parish Council continues to exercise tight control over financial expenditure. The precept for the coming year has been carefully planned to maintain the facilities and assets of the council and has not increased.

The Parish Council continues to maintain the main sports field and Pavilion for the use and enjoyment of the parishioners, along with the small playing field at Evans Close. Money has been spent on internal improvements to the pavilion and there are future plans to raise further money through grants to provide a good quality facility and to encourage use. The new children's play park has been installed and is well used by younger children. We plan to install benches for the comfort of parents and carers of younger children. The chairman is in active discussions, on behalf of the Parish Council, with Michael Dear, the Community Development Officer, Middle Wallop, for ways in which the considerable facilities and activities at Middle Wallop can be accessed by our younger parishioners and the adult community. This is a considerable project which could be of great benefit to our community and those other communities surrounding the airfield. Our project to refurbish the Wallops Parish Hall is well under way. Thanks to the commitment and work of Anthony Macey, Pam Quick, Pepe Keightley, the Clerk and especially Sarah Day, we were successful in winning the Stage 1 Development grant for £17,000 from the Big Lottery Fund. We have appointed David Relph Partnership, architects, to take the first phase of the project through its objective to gain planning permission. This will allow us to apply for Stage 2, which if successful will cover the costs of the refurbishment. The Community Fundraising sub-committee has had a meeting and explored ways in which we can instigate a wide range of fundraising activities for the internal fixtures and fittings of the hall – these can range from kitchen utensils, crockery and cutlery to equipment for the stage. The Parish is still experiencing some difficulties with anti-social behaviour, although this tends to be sporadic and seasonal. We have additional welcome cover by Community Officers and good support from our local police. Our thanks go to Ruth Cartwright for continuing to co-ordinate Neighbourhood Watch and to the police for their advice and their help. The overspill from Grateley station continues to be a problem, but it is hoped that the development of further parking and the painting of double yellow lines will alleviate this annoying, thoughtless and potentially dangerous problem. A continuing cause for concern centres on the roads running through Over Wallop and Palestine. The physical condition of many of the roads is poor with large potholes, degraded verges and flooding in times of heavy rain. We continue to make representations to Highways on behalf of our parishioners to ask them to address these issues. Speeding through the village and the use of Salisbury Lane as a rat run continues and is a source of well-founded concern to many parishioners. The chairman would like to work closely with Nether Wallop to address the distress caused to parishioners living in Salisbury Lane caused by inconsiderate and often abusive motorists who deliberately flout all traffic laws. We have requested urgent traffic calming measures as we have proof through the monitoring system of vehicles travelling well above the speed limit. The Parish Council plans to explore partnership schemes to implement calming at entry points to the village. The chairman then concluded by thanking the many members of the public who take the trouble to attend our meetings and witness the business of the Parish Council.

225/08 Police Report by PC Simon Beecroft. The Wallops are part of a Safer Neighbourhood Scheme, led by Sgt Curtis. PC Beecroft is the lead Police Constable for our area with responsibilities for the Wallops, Longstock and Broughton. A mobile station is sited at Pound Rd on the first Friday of every month at 2pm. A Community Support Officer walks the village regularly. Stockbridge Police Station is manned on a part-time limited basis. There is no telephone number for Stockbridge Police station; you must phone the 0845 number. All crimes are graded and dealt with accordingly by the operator. Parishioners questioned the prioritisation of crimes and asked for an explanation. Each incident is graded on its own merit and the available resources at that time. Over Wallop has a high anti-social behaviour problem. A parishioner asked if the 101 number was still operative. It will continue till next year and is for reporting minor crimes. If you discover someone stealing heating oil, phone 999 with as much info as possible. Mr Mansbridge reported

two incidents on his property: two nesting moorhens were shot on his pond and hay bales had been thrown about. These were both reported to the police. PC Beecroft stated that Hampshire is one of the safest places to live, Overall crime is down by 8.8%. The crime detection rates are up 21.6-26.5% and public satisfaction rates are in the top of the country. Hampshire has the lowest number of vehicle and house crimes. Scrap metal and heating oil is on the increase, and this has been a particular problem in the Wallops area. Parishioners should look to padlock their fuel tanks and keep it secure. Only 15 crimes have been reported this year so far for the Wallops. The police would like to increase public participation by finding out what they believed to be the worst crimes and their thoughts on solutions to crime.

226/08 Guest speaker Mr Alborough TVBC Highways. TVBC work on an agency agreement with HCC on highway maintenance. They look at highway control with reference to planning applications and traffic management. He brought drawings with him of plans of the main roads through Over Wallop with the intention to look at potential traffic calming within Over Wallop. Highways would look at access for large vehicles, speed and accident patterns and vulnerable road users, i.e. cyclists and pedestrian traffic. There are a variety of measures to control through traffic, one being a priority system. Road narrowing by painting white lines on the road to make it appear a single carriageway is another measure to draw drivers' attention to the road condition. these can be carried out under a parish partnership. The person responsible from HCC is Mr Martin Wiltshire, and he is prepared to talk to parish councils about this. With regards to finance, parish partnerships work as 50% coming from the PC and 50% from CC. The recent BAS development has £20k, intended for traffic infrastructure, which can be used for traffic calming, if the 106 legal agreements could be altered. Another site at Northern Farm has also the similar sum of money that can be used for transport infrastructure in the immediate area. Accident patterns of the last 3 yrs show that 4 personal accident injuries have occurred. Cllr Hope advised Mr Alborough that Salisbury Lane is a dangerous place for pedestrians as well as the B3084, Station Road. Cllr Hope is against having to use the PC to pay for any of the traffic calming. The county should pay for it all. In the meantime the traffic is intolerable and Cllr. Murray-Twinn agreed. The situation in Salisbury Lane is intolerable for the residents. He agreed that there is a problem; we need to look at how to solve it. Salisbury Lane could be Access Only as it is too narrow. There are adequate other routes, i.e the Old Stockbridge Road to Kentsborough that could be used. The residents present at the meeting want Access Only on Salisbury Lane and wanted to know if it is possible to do this. Mr Alborough agreed, but pointed out the difficulties in policing it. It may be better to close the road and block it off to make people use other routes. It was pointed out that this would not be an acceptable option for emergency services. There was a call from councillors and parishioners to hold a meeting with both parishes with Ray Alborough and Martin Wiltshire present to see what can be done to solve this problem. Cllr Murray-Twinn and the clerk will sort out a date convenient to all and publish it so parishioners can attend.

227/08 Guest speaker – Borough Councillor Mr Hope. TVBC is one of the best run and cheapest councils. The Lights is a great venue and the cinema will be working in a few months time. An extension to the Chantry Centre is planned with the inclusion of a department store. A parishioner asked for an update on the Tesco megashed. No update other than it is almost going to planning committee for a decision. What about the scheme at Grately station? Yellow lines will be in place shortly, but the car park will be built which will resolve this situation. With regards to Andover and its development, is the intention to keep it as a market town. It has trebled its population and it will have another 15000 people but it remains a market town. It continues to hold Farmers' Markets, but it will continue to grow. Mr Mansbridge, complained about the erosion of his land as the road gets wider to cope with additional traffic. This is a problem in Palestine that needs looking at with

traffic calming. The Borough Councillor was asked how he voted at planning meetings. Cllr Hope advised that he took everything into consideration, the PC comments, highways and additional findings before making a decision based on all the facts available. Cllr Pickering asked if the Borough Council made any comments at the proposed development at Lopcome Corner as this is in Wiltshire? It would have been discussed with Hampshire with regards to highways issues but TVBC do not comment on Wiltshire plans. If a large development is next to a neighbouring borough they should be contacted. Cllr. Hope agreed to check.

- 228/08 Report by County Councillor Mr Woodhall Thanked parish councillors and parishioners for attending. He represents 23 parishes. The county has a large budget with excellent schools. They are good at recycling waste. The Fire Service can respond within 20 mins. HCC has controlled fringe housing estates retaining trees and generally have good facilities. The County Council are spending 500million of which 18 million is going into Andover to respond to growth for schools. The crime rates are good, we live in a well policed area. We receive a weekly police report on local crimes. A parishioner asked about recycling and why there is no collection of glass? Cllr Woodhall advised that we have no kerbside glass collection because the sites where we can deposit glass containers are numerous in local areas, so extra collections are not needed. We would not collect much more than what is already being collected. It would cost a lot more to do kerbside collection. Another parishioner asked if the bin men are authorised to search through the rubbish? Cllr Hope will find out and get back to her. With regards to garden waste, this is a scheme run by the Borough Council. The bags are so heavy when full, many parishioners have difficulties in lifting them to the front of the house for collection. Why do we not have wheelie bins? Cllr Hope advised that the problem with wheelie bins is that it green waste rotted before it was collected. He said that if you contact TVBC you can make arrangements for TVBC to collect from your property and the garden waste will be moved for you.
- 229/08 Neighbourhood Watch Report – Mrs Ruth Cartwright advised parishioners every time an incident occurs to tell her as well as the police so she can put pressure on the police for updates and reports. The off road bikers are a problem and need to be continually reported. Theft of home heating oil is a problem and parishioners are reminded to lock their tanks.
- 230/08 Footpaths. Cllr Pickering has been in touch with HCC, Mr Peter Watson to clear Olive Grove and Peach Grove. Resources are limited within the budget so this continues to be a slow process.
- 231/08 Public points from the floor A parishioner wanted to know if there was any way that Salisbury Railway Station car park could be made bigger to accommodate extra cars, which could alleviate some of the parking problems at Grateley. Cllr. Hope advised that he did not think this would really help, all the people who travel from Grateley would continue to park at Grateley whether Salisbury were to be made bigger or not. Hopefully the yellow lines and ultimately the new car park would alleviate these issues. A further comment was made with regards to the verges and these comments will be passed onto highways for an update by the clerk.

Meeting closed 9.40pm