

OVER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
12th November 2007

- 126/07 Present: Cllrs. Burden, Cleife, Glover, Macey, Murray-Twinn, Taylor-Firth and 7 members of the public. AM Lomax and Steve Lees - TVBC. Sgt Curtis – Stockbridge Police Station.
- 127/07 Apologies: Cllrs. Quick and Patel, and Mrs Ruth Cartwright- Neighbourhood Watch and Borough Cllr A Hope.
- 128/07 Minutes of meeting 8 October: The minutes for October were agreed. Proposed Cllr. Macey; seconded Cllr. Taylor-Firth.
- 129/07 Declarations of interest: none.
- 130/07 Urgent items: Report from AM Lomax – Conservation Area Review: The current Wallops Conservation Area was declared in the 1980's and local authorities have a duty to periodically review these and consider designating new areas. Guidance is offered on how to do this via PPG15, which advises local authorities to set their own criteria when designating or amending existing conservation area. TVBC set their criteria in May 2002. Any revised boundaries of the conservation area will need to be fully justified. Consultants have been employed to progress this review. Copies of the draft appraisal (2 – Over Wallop, 1 – Nether Wallop) were left with the Chairman; feedback on these would be welcomed. An exhibition outlining proposed changes to the conservation area boundary and inviting comments on the draft appraisal will be held on Wednesday 21st November from 2 – 9 pm in the Middle Wallop Village Hall. Comments need to be returned by 21st December and a report will be presented to the TVBC Executive in February next year.
- The Chairman questioned the use of the term Middle Wallop, as there is no village or Parish Council of that name. AML asked the Parish Council to come up with an alternative 'name'. It was noted that if the boundary changes as shown in the draft this will lead to three conservations areas being created. A group of councillors will get together to review the draft appraisal (with representatives from Nether Wallop). The Chairman noted that there was no mention in the documents about the archaeological site at Suddern Farm. Any property owner affected by the proposed change will be written to by TVBC; residents will then have an opportunity to make objections to the proposal. It was questioned if the review was aimed at opening-up fields for future development. AML assured the Parish Council that these areas would still be classed as open countryside; therefore there should be no increased expectation of development. It was noted that the timing of the review happened to coincide with the Governments' push to accommodate more houses. The Parish Council were assured that this review was a separate exercise and done in isolation. The Chairman thanked AML for her report.
- 131/07 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch: Report from Sgt Curtis: Changes were implemented at Stockbridge Station from end January (Safer Neighbourhood Teams and

Target Patrol Teams). This has led to increased visibility of Police in rural areas. Regular Police patrols act as a deterrent to crime. Over Wallop has been designated a priority area and resources have been directed to it (PC Beecroft remains the beat officer). Despite several recent incidents (criminal damages on Orange Lane, damage to the church and the damage to 31 vehicles in the village) it is hoped that the increased patrols will lead to improvements and a drop in crime. Arrests have been made for the damage to vehicles. Evidence has been collected following the recent graffiti in the playground – action ongoing. A meeting is to be arranged between the Leisure Committee and PC Beecroft to discuss a way forward. Residents should be encouraged to continue to use the 0845 telephone number as the Police need to be accountable for all the work they do. Underage drinking is another issue which concerns the Parish Council; the Chairman will discuss this further with Sgt Curtis. Sgt Curtis urged the Parish Council to display the weekly Neighbourhood Report/Crime Summary. As the darker evening approach residents should be encouraged to use timer switches. Theft of scrap metal is a big issue at present.

Neighbourhood Watch: The Chairman gave a report in the absence of Mrs Cartwright. She had responded to a resident's letter which expressed concerns about youth nuisance in the field adjoining the recreation ground.

132/07 Traffic Calming Update: n/a

133/07 Planning: Retrospective Plans:

07/02893 Lower Close, Station Road. Prune overhanging branches on 1 Ash and 1 sycamore tree by 15% - Support.

07/02909/FULLN Rockery House, Station Road. Erection of two storey extension to provide extended kitchen/dining room, living room, additional bedroom and dressing room over – Support.

Current Plans:

07/03036 Lower Close, Station Road. T1 and T2 (Ash) cut branches overhanging boundary of Meadow Cottage – Support.

07/02894 Lower Close, Station Road. Thin woodland, to include felling of 17 trees. Coppice 4 Walnut and prune 1 Spindle and 1 Filed Oak as per schedule submitted. Clear understorey. Support with comments.

07/02974 The Long Barn, Townsend Manor Farm, Station Road. Erection of outbuilding to house swimming pool, changing area, gym and WC (all for private use) linked to main dwelling via a two storey walkway, together with the erection of a wall and five bar gate and alteration to first floor window in the south west elevation to create door opening.

Object due to closeness to boundary (development would be better positioned where there was more space) and it would be preferable to thatch swimming pool roof.

All plans proposed Cllr. Macey; Seconded Cllr. Burden. All in agreement.

134/07 Finance: 3 current cheques:

1070	Sandra Holloway - salary	£383.33
1071	Sandra Holloway - expenses	£37.73
1072	C Hutchinson Garden & Landscaping Service	£590.00

Proposed Cllr. Burden; seconded Cllr. Taylor Firth.

- 135/07 Playground, Sports Field and Pavilion: Report from Cllr. Macey:
Graffiti has appeared all over the new equipment on the play ground and there is still a lot of rubbish. The trees will need inspecting when all the leaves have dropped. Consideration is being given to improving disabled access and toilets at the pavilion. The Chairman may identify alternative sources of grants or S106 monies may be used.
- 136/07 Litter Picking: The litter picked day involved 4 councillors who collected 8 bags of rubbish at the Evan's Close play park.
- 137/07 Dates of next meeting: 10th December at 8pm. Planning Committee to meet as usual at 7.45pm.
- 138/07 Correspondence:
The Audit Commission have completed their external audit of the 2006/07 accounts; no comments were made by the auditors. The Clerk is to display the Notices of Conclusion of Audit. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her hard work during the audit. A cheque for £20 was received from HAPTC as a refund for training expenses. TVBC have advised that there will be a temporary closure of Orange Lane from 16th November for approx. two weeks.
The Hampshire Playing Fields Association confirmed that they have authorised a grant of £2,250 toward the installation of a new children's playground, BMX Track and Youth Shelter.
TVBC confirm that the new signs on Salisbury Road for the Apache restaurant and conference centre benefit from the original planning consent granted in 1993.
An e-mail was received from TVBC regarding the missing signs near Grateley Station. Further information is required to allow the Parish Council to make a decision.
- 125/07 Public points from floor:
A parishioner asked if planning permission had been granted to site a mobile home on Flensburgh/Wallop Road. The Parish Council were unable to confirm this and the parishioner asked if they would check if a mobile home is sited here and if it has the necessary permission.
A parishioner asked what the status was regarding the visit from the affordable housing officer. The Chairman responded that a Housing Needs Survey (HNS) will be completed. It is hoped to go-ahead with the 8 additional houses on Appleton Close. A letter has been approved for the HNS which will be delivered to every house in the parish (wk/ending 24th November). The Army Security will need details of who makes deliveries to the married quarters. Cllr Cleife will attempt to obtain a delivery route.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm. Jackie Gallop – Clerk