

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 8pm.

Present :            **Cllr L Murray-Twinn - Chairman**  
                         **Cllr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman**  
                         **Cllr P Quick**  
                         **Cllr T Burden**  
                         **Cllr G Cairns**  
                         **Cllr M Cochrane**  
                         **Mr M Hunnibell**  
                         **Mr R Alborough - Test Valley Borough Council Highways**  
                         **PC Tim Bonsor - Stockbridge Rural Beat Manager**  
                         **Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk**  
                         **Members of the Public - 18**

Apologies : **Ruth Cartwright - NHW.**

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

#### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council can co-opt to fill the vacancy. Mr Marcus Hunnibell wrote to the Parish Council expressing an interest in joining the Parish Council. Mr Hunnibell and his wife have lived in the village for 6 years and have two small children. Mrs Hunnibell is involved with the Wallop Under Fives and the School Lane Play Group. The Parish Council all agreed to co-opt Mr Hunnibell on to the Parish Council to fill the vacancy.

Mr Hunnibell signed the Declaration of Office and was given the financial interests form to complete.

#### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.**

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of **CHAIRMAN** - Cllr Taylor Firth proposed Cllr Murray-Twinn as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Burden. There were no other nominations. The Parish Council all agreed and Cllr Murray-Twinn was elected Chairman. Cllr Murray-Twinn and thanked the Parish Council for their support.

The Clerk asked for nominations for **VICE CHAIRMAN** - Cllr P Quick proposed Cllr Taylor Firth, seconded by Cllr Murray-Twinn. There were no other nominations. All the Parish Councillors agreed and Cllr Taylor Firth was elected Vice Chairman.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEES**

The Chairman asked for volunteers to sit on the various sub committees. This was discussed and the following sub Committees agreed :-

**PLANNING** - Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr Quick and Cllr Hunnibell.

**FINANCE** - Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr Quick and Cllr Cochrane.

**LEISURE** - Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr Cairns and Cllr Cochrane.

**HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** - Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr Quick, Cllr Cleife and Cllr Hunnibell.

#### **POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT.**

PC Bonsor spoke about the Police beat area and the v officers who look after the area. PC Bonsor gave the crime figures for Over Wallop for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. There were 78 reported crimes, compared to 110 crimes for the previous year:-

12 x Assaults  
4 x Dwelling burglaries  
10 x Non dwelling burglaries  
24 x Damage  
25 x Thefts  
2 x Thefts from motor vehicles  
1 x Motor vehicle theft

There were also 20 incidents of rowdy behaviour. There is a problem with poaching because of the rural nature of the area. The Police are having a recruitment drive for Special Constables. PC Bonsor wished to take the opportunity to thank the Over Wallop Neighbourhood Watch Team for the excellent job they do in the village.

The Chairman thanked PC Bonsor and suspended Standing Orders for a Presentation from Mr Ray Alborough from Test Valley Highways.

### **TRAFFIC SURVEY - MR RAY ALBOROUGH**

The results of the Traffic Survey and walk around the village held in the Autumn of 2008 were looked at in great detail, drawings of Traffic Calming schemes have been done in conjunction with the problems highlighted. These were displayed at the back of the hall for public view. Mr Alborough stated that the drawings are not necessarily the schemes that would be adopted and provided blank road layouts for the public to mark their ideas/comments on.

Before any of the schemes can proceed, money from the various 106 Development Agreements in the village will need to be paid to the Council. Mr Alborough asked about the number of large farm machinery that used the village roads, this will have an effect on the types of Traffic Calming Measures.

Mr Alborough reported that the extensions to the speed limits in Over Wallop should be in place within the next six weeks. A 20 minute pause in the meeting was held to enable public viewing of the maps and to make written comments.

The meeting resumed and Mr Alborough answered questions from the floor. He will report back to the Parish Council when he has studied the annotated maps. Any traffic calming measures or re-classification of roads need to be done sensitively in accordance with the Conservation area. The Chairman thanked Mr Alborough and Mr Nightingale for their presentation.

### **MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING**

The Chairman signed the minutes of the March Meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Cairns.

**URGENT ITEMS** - There were no urgent items raised.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk reported that a recent claim for VAT by the Parish Council on behalf of the Parish Hall was refused payment which caused concern with Over and Nether Wallop Parish Councils, particularly in view of the £60,000 VAT to be paid on the refurbishment of the Parish Hall.

The Parish Clerk was pleased to report, that after several days in discussion with HMRC VAT Officers, the matter has been resolved. Over and Nether Wallop Parish Councils as owners of the hall, must draw up a legal document leasing the building to the Parish Hall Management Committee at a peppercorn rent. The Parish Councils will then be able to claim back all the VAT involved in the refurbishment of the Parish Hall. The Management Committee must be a

separate entity to the Parish Councils. It has its own bank account which is regularly audited. The Parish Hall Management Committee can claim any VAT back in its own right up to a specified limit. The Parish Council will consult with Nether Wallop Parish Council; all agreed to the above. This information has been confirmed by email from the HMRC VAT Office. The Chairman, with permission from Nether Wallop Parish Council, will seek legal advice.

The Clerk gave an up-date on the Parish Council's bank balances. Cheques issued in April 2009 were proposed by Cllr Quick and seconded by Cllr Burden:-

Mrs L Murray-Twinn	Key Cutting	£45.00
Mr Hayes	Repairs to the Pavilion	£302.92
Audit Commission	Audit Fee	£327.55
Southern Water	Pavilion Water Rates	£53.39
SEB Contracting	Street Light Maintenance	£185.67
Southern Electric	Street Lighting Energy	£281.27
R.N. Waterman	Wages	£402.50
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£15.75
Paul Jones Co	Clearance work at the Allotments	£773.95
St Peters PCC	Advert in Parish Magazine	£10.00

#### PLANNING.

TVN.09/00519/TREEN - Fell 1 Wild Bird Cherry and 1 Pear - Pottery Farm, Station Road.  
NO OBJECTION

TVN.09/00448/TREEN - Fell 1 Willow - Freemantle, King Lane. - NO OBJECTION.

TVN.09/00676/TREEN - Remove 1 Sycamore Tree - Broadmead Flats, Station Road.  
NO OBJECTION.

TVN.09/00463/FULLN - Erection of 2 detached dwellings and associated works - Cherry Tree Farm, Zion Road, Palestine. OBJECTION

The Chairman read out the Parish Council's objections to this Planning Application.

TVN.09/00510/FULLN - Erection of replacement dwelling, detached garage and creation of new access - Cletius Cottage, Mount Hermon Road, Palestine.SUPPORT.

TVN.09/00520/LBWN - Repair and renovate shed/outbuilding - Blacksmiths Farm, Station Road. SUPPORT.

#### REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE.

**OVER WALLOP YOUTH SPORTS** - The Clerk was asked to organize for the CRB Checks to be done and liaise with the various groups.

**FOOTBALL** - Cllr Cairns reported that the Football is going well and there is still a good turn out every week. The Chairman urged Cllr Cairns to get a list of the equipment needed so that the Parish Council can start drawing on the grant awarded from the Police.

**CRICKET** - The Chairman and Vice Chairman had a very productive meeting with the Cricket Club to discuss various issues relating to the use of the Playing Field and equipment they needed. There were discussions on taking putting in place a youth cricket team.

**PAVILION** - The Chairman reported that the pavilion had been broken into and damage caused to the external doors. Nothing was taken but the repairs to make secure again cost the Parish Council £302. Users of the pavilion keep

turning off the trip switch when they leave, which cut the power to the security lighting that was installed. A notice is to be placed by the switch to leave to remind pavilion users to leave it on.

Quotes for the refurbishment of the pavilion should be with the Parish Council shortly and a decision made soon after.

**EVANS CLOSE PLAY AREA** - The Chairman reported that there had been a lot of problems at the Evans Close Play Area involving drinking and litter. The Clerk has asked the Test Valley Green Team to come on site to tidy up the area. This is an ongoing problem.

### **REPORT FROM THE PARISH HALL.**

Cllr Taylor Firth report that the Parish Hall has received the Big Lottery Fund Grant of £243,000. This leaves a further £90,000 to be raised. There are various fundraising events planned. Cllr Taylor Firth gave a brief re-cap of the presentation given at the Public Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009 in the Parish Hall. 57 people attended and £2000 was raised. Everyone in the two parishes is urged to come forward with ideas for fundraising.

The Big Lottery Fund Grants is secure until February 2010; the remaining money has to be raised before the project can start, which is a stipulation in the conditions of the grant. Tenders for the project are due to go out to within the next two to three weeks.

### **FOOTPATHS REPORT**

Cllr Cairns and Cllr Cochrane both reported that the Footpaths and tracks in both Over Wallop and Palestine are clear. Wallop Industries have installed a new gate to replace the broken one.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The state of the site next to the playing field in Salisbury Road was raised. Scrap metal and cars on the site is increasing, the site is an eyesore. There are now vehicles for sale on the site entrance which adds to the problems with traffic in Salisbury Lane. The Police have been informed, but no action has yet been taken. The Chairman was surprised that the Police have not taken any action on the cars on the side of the road and will raise this with PC Bonsor.

It was reported that grass track racing has been taking place on the adjacent field on several occasions. This next to a public footpath and safety is a major concern. It was noted that one of the drivers was a minor.

The Chairman said that the site has been reported to the Planning Enforcement Officer who is investigating. Mr Flippance raised the issue of the lack of a Yellow Planning Notice at Cherry Tree Farm, Zion Road, Palestine. He has reported this to Borough Councillor Mr T Hope and the Parish Clerk. The Clerk reported that when he contacted the Planning Department he was told that the Planning Officer had not yet been out to post the Notice and would be doing so shortly.

Due to mistakes made by the Planning Office, it is believed that the statutory timing for the Planning Process is to start again. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write a strong letter to the Planning Department stating that the administrative support is severely lacking, many Planning Applications get sent to the Parish Council without response by dates.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

18<sup>th</sup> May 2009 - Annual Parish Assembly in the Parish Hall at 8pm. Councillors will meet at 7.30.