

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th April 2012 in the Wallop Parish Hall at 8pm.

Present : Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn - Chairman
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr T Burden
Cllr Mr G Cairns
Cllr Mr P Benger
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
PCSO
Members of the Public - 7

Apologies : Cllr Mr M Glover, County Councillor Mr A Gibson and Mrs R Cartwright NHW.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Mr M Hunnibell as resigned from the Parish Council due to a family move to another village. TVBC have confirmed that the vacancy can be filled by anyone from the whole parish including Palestine. However the successful candidate must sit on the Parish Council as an Over Wallop Ward Councillor.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn declared an interest in the Police as her son is a serving officer in the Hampshire Constabulary.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mr G Cairns and Cllr Mr T Burden.

URGENT ITEMS.

No urgent items were raised.

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Downie reported that things have been very quiet since the beginning of March 2012, there have only been 2 reported incidents in the parish, one involving archery arrows being fired into a field of sheep at Pottery Farm.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Cheques to be issued in April 2012 - proposed by Cllr T Burden and seconded by Cllr J Francis.

CHEQUES ISSUED IN APRIL 2012

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£423.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£51.90
Simon Tilling	Repair damaged fence	£82.75
Test Valley School	Hire of Sports Hall	£170.00
Mark Harrod Ltd	Goal posts	£552.00
TVBC	Dog bin emptying	£72.29
SSE Contracting	Street Lights Maintenance	£295.35
Southern Electric	Street Light Energy	£294.12
Mr J Francis	Pavilion Expenses	£224.68
Martyn Dean	Goal posts, Evans Close	£372.60
Martyn Dean	Gate, Dragon's Teeth, Goal Posts - RG	£2653.10

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After Above cheques have been deducted

Opening Balance	£6,221.00
+ Precept first payment	£11,575.00
	<u>£17,796.00</u>

Less Expenditure	£5,191.79
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£12,604.21

Current Account	£ 6,078.17
Premier Interest	£ 6,526.04
	<u>£12,604.21</u>

106 money applied for £6,252.65

VAT Refund to be claimed £379.98

PLANNING.

12/00597/FULLN - Erection of ground floor extension to provide enlarged kitchen - Springfield Cottage, 2 Springfield Terrace, Station Road, Over Wallop. The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

12/00376/FULLN - Installation of septic tank - South Down Farm, Mount Carmel Road, Palestine. The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application

Proposed by Cllr Mr G Cairns and seconded by Cllr Mr T Burden.

LEISURE REPORT

Cllr Mr J Francis reported that the sports field gate has been replaced and is a lot sturdier. Metal dragons teeth have also been installed replacing the wooden ones that were recently deliberately damaged. At a recent Leisure Committee Meeting, key holders for the pavilion were reviewed.

Five-a-side goal posts have been installed in the Evans Close playing field and have been a great success.

Cllr Mr J Francis reported that Paul Cullen is planning a Jubilee Event on the 3rd and 4th of June 2012. On the 3rd of June there will be a rounders event and on the 4th June there will be a Kids Fun Day with a barbeque, drinks and ice cream. St Johns Ambulance has been approached to see if they can provide First Aid cover. The Parish Council discussed giving Jubilee Medals to the children attending.

Cllr Mr J Francis reported that there is a problem with parking when the footballers use the pitch; cars often park along Salisbury Road causing problems for residents. Cllr Mr Francis has a quote to extend the car park into the area behind the MUGA. This has come in at just under £9,000. The Parish Council thought this rather high and thought that there must be more cost effective alternatives and agreed that this needed further exploration.

The Chairman stated Cllr Mr T Burden will be looking at the specifications to refurbish and upgrade the Pavilion. An application for a grant had been prepared ready for submission. It

would be good to get the pavilion to a standard that Over Wallop can be proud of and will be an asset to the sports field. The Parish Council agreed.

PARISH HALL

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that bookings are holding up and the Hall accounts have been completed for the year 2011/2012. The turnover was £10,500 with a profit of £2500. Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth spoke about plans to use the profit which has included the installation of a new dado rail around the main hall.

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that there is no need for Over and Nether Wallop Parish Councils to financially subsidise the Parish Hall at this moment in time. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth and Mrs Debbie Francis for all their hard work.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Mr G Cairns reported that as far as he was aware all the footpaths in Over Wallop are clear and walkable. Cllr Mr G Cairns spoke about the redirection of Footpath Number 8. The footpath at present goes up the middle the garden between what was once two properties. In recent years, both properties have come under one ownership and are now one dwelling - Poole Cottage. An application to move the footpath to the side of the property has been submitted. The Parish Council had No Objections to this application.

Cllr Mr P Benger reported that the project to clear Olive and Peach Grove has been put on hold until the autumn. Cllr Mr P Benger suggested that this is discussed again in August when a plan of action can be made. The Parish Council thought this a good idea. Fencing once a footpath has been cleared was briefly discussed - this will be looked at once the clearing has been done.

PALESTINE

Cllr Mr T Burden reported that things are very quiet in Palestine at the moment. The ongoing problems with pot holes and the state of the roads is of concern. The Chairman suggested that we try again to organise a site meeting with County Councillor Mr A Gibson and Highways to look at the Palestine Roads.

CORRESPONDENCE

A news letter has been received from CPRE containing information on County Activities with various events in Hampshire.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Ray Alborough at TVBC Highways to ask for an up-date on Over Wallop traffic matters. It has been some time since the Parish Council received any information on traffic calming etc.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Flippance asked why the Parish Council are holding an 'in camera' meeting to discuss the recreation ground finances, surely this is Parishioners' money and members of the public should have the right to be party to what is discussed?

The Clerk reported that Parish Councils have the right to hold an 'in camera' meeting to discuss disciplinary and financial issues at their discretion. Decisions then have to be recorded at a Public Meeting. The Chairman asked the Parish Council if they had any objections to the recreation ground finances being discussed in public. There were no objections raised.

RECREATION GROUND FINANCES

The Clerk produced a balance sheet showing the expenditure on the recreation ground for the year 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012. Each item was discussed.

Leisure Expenditure 2011- 2012

Income

MUGA hire = £120
Football Fees = £120
= £240

Expenditure

Running Costs

Caretakers Wages	£1,000.00
Cleaners Wages	£1,000.00
Water Rates	£169.44
Electricity	£157.03
Grass Cutting	£1,571.35
Line Marking Paint	£259.59

One off Payments

Net Ball Equipment	£153.88
Pavilion Store Room	£3,720.62
Line Marker	£511.88

Misc

Sports Equipment/MUGA	£300.00
Training Course	£237.55
Line Marking Charge	£308.00

£ 9,389.34

Play Area £6,252.65

The following points were noted.

It was agreed that the cost of line marking the football pitch must be passed on to the football teams.

The current fee of £10 a match is far too low and is not helping to cover costs. A more realistic fee per game will be looked into before the next meeting.

A fixture list will be required from the footballers. It was agreed that additional teams could use the pitch to bring in extra revenue. Advertising the facilities will be looked into. The use of the MUGA was discussed. It was suggested that Block Bookings for tennis be put in place for the summer with Notices in the Parish Magazine and on the Notice Boards advertising the times when the tennis nets will be in place.

A notice above the gate to the MUGA will be erected stating that the MUGA is marked out for Basket Ball, Tennis, 5-a-side Football and Netball. Floodlighting is available to hire for evening events.

The Parish Council though that the Cricket Team do an excellent job and do encourage the young of the Parish to join in, hosting several events to promote cricket as well as regular training sessions. The Cricket Team will be approached to discuss how we could take this further, possibly hiring out the field to visiting Cricket Teams.

Plan of Action - Cllr Mr G Cairns will contact LTA

The Chairman will put together an advertisement for the Parish Magazine

The Clerk will get price comparisons for pitch hire for football

The Clerk will get the sign for the MUGA made and erected.

The Cricket Team will be approached to discuss the way forward.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

AGM 21st May 2012 in the Parish Hall at 8pm