

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th April 2013 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 8pm.

Present : Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn - Chairman
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr T Burden - Councillor for Palestine
Cllr Mr G Cairns
Cllr Mr M Glover
Cllr Mr J Francis
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Members of the Public - 6
County Councillor Mr A Gibson and Guest
PCSO S Downie

Apologies : Cllr G Gates, Cllr Mr P Bye - Grateley, Mrs R Cartwright NHW and Borough Cllr T Hope.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk had received official notices for the vacancy from Test Valley Borough Council. These have been posted on the village notice boards. The closing date is the 26th April. If there is no request for an election the Parish Council should be able to co-opt to fill the vacancy at the May meeting. Mr Bob Elliot from Pound Road has expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Mr Francis declared an interest in the Youth Football.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

URGENT ITEMS

TREES - Cllr Taylor Firth reported that there are two trees left to fell from the original quote, it will be necessary to close Salisbury Lane for the day to carry out this work. The Clerk reported that Test Valley Borough Council are the authority responsible for the road closure and the cost could be in the region of £1000 (£600 administration fee and £400 to place an advert of the road closure in the local paper). The Clerk will speak to Mr Ray Alborough to see if there is any way of reducing the fee.

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that Richard Jannetta will work two days this month to start the woodland management project at the playing field. The Clerk expressed concern on the two days as the parish council had only budgeted for one day a month as stated in the minutes. Cllr Taylor Firth stated that due to the recent bad weather Richard was unable to start work in March so the two days in April are a one off and he will be back to one day a month as from May.

The Chairman was keen to progress with conservation work, including placing owl boxes in the woodland. She will be seeking advice from the Hawk Conservancy.

HIGHWAYS - The Parish Council discussed the repairs to the roads. Work has started on

repairs of the pot holes.

Mt Carmel Road - Cllr Burden reported that the re-surfacing work has not yet started.

Zion Road- The Chairman reported that Hampshire Highways have confirmed in writing that HCC agreed to maintain Zion Road in the future. The Parish Council thought this a good result for the residents who have been concerned about the status of the road.

BENCHES - The two benches have been installed at Evans Close playing field.

WEB SITE - www.thewallopsportsfield.co.uk

Cllr Francis reported that Web Site is up and running and contains a lot of information on the village activities - Playing Field, Sports, Fete and the Vintage Gathering. Links to the Wallops website will be added. Cllr Francis said that he has made it easy for contributors to add content with the appropriate pass word.

POLICE REPORT.

PCSO Downie reported one incident of a speeding motorbike in Salisbury Lane, this has been investigated. There was a spate of house burglaries in the area. A person has been arrested in connection with a mobile phone scam that had been operating in the area.

FINANCIAL REPORT

CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN April 2013

R.N. Waterman	Wages		£423.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses		£ 41.70
DMJ Butler	Tree Works		£1800.00
DMJ Butler	Tree Works		£800.00
Mrs L M-T	Refund Electricity Bill Pavilion Paid	£55.18	
TVBC	Dog Bin Emptying		£148.32
Brian Pearce	Fitting of 2 Benches Evans Close	£203.00	
H.C.C.	Cleaning materials Parish Hall		£84.48
Penton Grafton PC	Use of Office 2012/13		£50.00
Mr D Yates	Storage Fee for 2013		£55.00
SEC - Street Lighting Maintenance (£494.48 + £98.90 VAT)		£593.38	
TVBC	Ground Maintenance		£164.95
Southern Electric			£997.38
Street Lighting	£283.10, Pavilion £581.17, VAT £133.11		

Total Payments

£5416.39

INCOME VAT Refund £1764.45

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES. After above payments have been deducted

Current Account £ 535.87

Premier Interest £ 4,526.04

£ 5,061.91

PLANNING

13/00538/FULLN - Erection of oak framed two bay garage on existing car parking space - Lilac Cottage, King Lane, Over Wallop. SUPPORT

13/00406/FULLN - Re-positioning heat source pump from existing position in loft space to side of garage behind fence - 14 Printers Place, Orange Lane. SUPPORT

CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE - 18TH April 2013 - 5.30pm TVBC Beech Hurst
13/00062/FULLN - Demolition of dairy barns and erection of dwelling house - Land at the
Old Dairy, Orange Lane, Over Wallop. The Chairman will attend this
meeting.

REVISED BOROUGH PLAN.

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that any comments they had on the revised Borough Plan had to be in by the 26th April. This was noted. The Chairman stated that she would like to see more affordable houses built in the parish.

REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported that a Leisure Committee Meeting will be held on the 17th April. Cllr Francis reported the lack of young players for the youth football. The pavilion freezer does not work. The Village Fete will be held on the 29th June and the Vintage Gathering has been confirmed for 2013. Cllr Francis hoped that the various sports groups within the village would be able to take full advantage of the sports facilities available at the Army Aviation Centre on condition that the stipulated security procedures are followed. Cllr Cairns reported that he had a fully qualified contact who may be willing to take on the coaching for the climbing wall at the camp. He will pursue this to see if a programme can be put together and it can then be advertised in the Parish Magazine. Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the Brazilian footballers have delayed their start date due to the recent bad weather and now hope to start within the next 2 to 3 weeks. The parish council discussed further funding for the sports in the parish and is keen to continue with the success of the tennis last summer.

PARISH HALL REPORT

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the parish Hall has just had its Audit and the turn over for 2012/13 was £12,000 with a £2,500 profit. The profit will be put towards building up the reserves. There were 650 individual booking during 2012/13. A company offering training in door supervisors and CCTV is considering hiring the hall to hold their events. The Parish Hall may possibly have to consider installing field drains to take surface water into the Wallop Brook, with the permission of the Environment Agency. The Chairman thanked Cllr Taylor Firth and Debbie Francis for all their hard work.

FOOTPATHS REPORT

OVER WALLOP - Cllr Cairns reported that all the footpaths are passable, but muddy.
PALESTINE - Cllr Glover had no problems to report.

PALESTINE - Cllr Burden had nothing to report.

KENTSBOROUGH - Nothing to report.

WILDLIFE TOOL KIT

Cllr Cairns reported that he had attended the Wildlife Tool Kit evening held in Wherwell. The Parish can participate in the project in a big or small way as they see fit. Cllr Cairns explained the idea and thought that it could involve all ages in the village and would be a benefit to the children of the parish. Surveys on the birds, plants, etc are undertaken, specific habitats and conservation are also addressed. The Parish Council was very enthusiastic and wished to proceed. Cllr Cairns stated that he would be happy to take on the project. There are relevant courses available to assist with the project.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The problem with the sewage plant at Appleton Close was raised. It was reported that the pump has stopped working with the sewage pumped out by tanker at the moment. There have been problems with the sewage backing up into residents' properties.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council has been kept informed. This problem was raised many times with the various authorities, particularly at the meeting with the Northern Planning Committee. Hyde Housing had agreed to address the sewage problem when they applied for planning permission for the last phase of affordable housing. TVBC insisted that it was an important condition of planning permission. The Parish Council will write to Chris Hepburn Buchanan at Hyde Housing.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR A GIBSON'S REPORT

Cllr Gibson confirmed that the re-surfacing of Mt Carmel Road in Palestine is on the planned schedule of works.

Cllr Gibson reported that Hampshire County Council has been discussing the way they manage their Highways' budget and are rethinking the way that the County manage the repairs to their roads. The County are also looking at purchasing their own specialist vehicles to repair the pot holes. Hampshire County Council have taken legal advice on its contract with Amey as it feels it has not received the service expected.

Mr Tony Macey asked Cllr Gibson for his views on the recent article in the Andover Advertiser regarding claims paid as a result of accidents on the pavements to the tune of £76,000. Cllr Gibson was not aware of this and had not read the article.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council received a request for funding from the Andover and District Citizens Advice Bureau. The CAB have had a 5% cut in their funding received from TVBC.

The Parish Council discussed this and acknowledged the work the CAB do but felt that they needed more information on how these cuts will affect the running of the CAB. It was noted that TVBC have increased their precept by 4% this financial year, the Parish Council did not increase their precept and have to manage their limited funds with care.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

20th May 2013 in the Parish hall at 8pm. This will be the AGM. Members of the public are cordially invited to join the parish council for drinks after the business of the meeting.