

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th December 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 P Bengler
Cllr Mr G Cairns
Cllr Mr G Gates
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr A Gibson
Cllr Mr P Bye - Grateley Parish Council
Mrs R Cartwright - NHW
Members of the Public -10

Apologies : Cllr Mr M Glover.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

Under the new Code of Conduct the Parish Councillors signed a 'Request for Dispensation' form to allow them to discuss and set the precept.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Gates and seconded by Cllr Taylor Firth.

URGENT ITEMS

Cllr Gates reported that the 30MPH signs in Kentsborough are still obscured by the overgrown bushes on the approach from Stockbridge.

Kentsborough Notice Board - The Clerk reported that he had ordered a notice board for Kentsborough but unfortunately the company had gone into receivership. The Clerk will source another company to supply the notice board, luckily enough the Parish Council had not paid a deposit.

Cllr Cairns reported that an elderly resident reported that the road is very icy for pedestrians because of the springs freezing in the recent cold conditions. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to ask them to make sure that the drains are clear to take away this excess water.

POLICE AND NHW REPORT

Mrs R Cartwright reported that things are very quiet in the Parish at the moment.

Unfortunately the planned Tea Dance had to be cancelled due to poor response but it is hoped to try again next year. There have been reports of excessive noise from motorbikes; this must be reported to the Police on 101.

FINANCE.

CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN DECEMBER 2012

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£423.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£ 35.75
Mrs L Murray-Twinn	Chairman's Expenses	£ 52.50

Amberol Ltd	2 X Benches	£640.00
Amberol Ltd	VAT for benches ordered	£256.00
Steve Wood	Tree Survey	£450.00
John Taylor Firth	Tree Tags	£19.80

INCOME.

Chestnut Tree	3 Matches	£105.00
Brazilian Football		£115.00

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above payments have been deducted

Current Account	£10,272.04
Premier Interest	£ 6,526.04
	<u>£16,798.08</u>

Proposed by Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Mr G Cairns.

The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the Wallop football team manager and will be sending him a statement of account early in the new year and a monthly bill thereafter. The Clerk thought that had been a breakdown in communications and that there was no longer a problem. The Clerk asked the Parish Council how much they wanted to charge the Wallop football team per match now that they are doing the line marking? The Parish Council will discuss the football fees in January.

PRECEPT.

The Parish Council will discuss the 2013/2014 Precept in full at the January meeting. Major expenditure will be required for the tree works at the Playing Field and there are additional costs for the additional planned footpath cutting.

PLANNING

Cllr Bengier reported that planning application 12/02055/FULLN - erection of wind turbine - Lark House, Palestine Road, Palestine - had been withdrawn.

LEISURE REPORT

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the junior football team are doing well and are using the Parish Hall for their winter training sessions. The Chairman reported that she still working with the Camp Commandant to secure the use of the sports facilities on the camp for the youth of the parish. The Camp Commandant is also looking into providing an advanced skateboard park which the village young can use.

TREES - Cllr Taylor Firth reported that he produced a job specification from the recent Tree Survey. There are a number of trees that require attention; these have been split into sections relating to the urgency of work needed. This job specification will be sent out for tender with a closing date in January 2013.

The Chairman reported that Dermot Cox the Tree Officer at TVBC has been extremely helpful. There are woodland grants available and specialist help to create eco systems. The Chairman would like to see the felled trees cut up and the wood stored for re-sale, the elderly and needy of the village will be given free wood.

HALL REPORT - Cllr Taylor Firth had nothing to report.

FOOTPATHS

PALESTINE - Cllr Bengier reported that there has been no change to the status of the footpaths in Palestine. Cllr Bengier hoped to start the clearing project for the Peach and Olive Grove in the New Year.

OVER WALLOP - Cllr Cairns reported that as far as he was aware all the Over Wallop footpaths are clear and walkable. Cllr Cairns stated that footpath 1 had got a bit overgrown and that he had strimmed it and it is now clear.

PALESTINE

Cllr Burden and Cllr Bengier reported that they had met with John Clarke the new Highways Officer and walked the Palestine Roads. Cllr Taylor Firth and Mr Bye from Grateley were also present.

Mr John Clarke noted all the problems and stated that he would get them done, but some may take some time. All the ditches in Old Stockbridge Road will be dug out. Mr John Clarke felt that part of the problem with flooding at the Grateley end of Streetway Road is partially down to the recent new farm track and the lack of drainage installed, a matter for planning.

Mr John Clarke questioned the ownership of Zion Road and confirmed that Hampshire have no record of them adopting it. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk will visit the Hampshire Records Office in the New Year to see if there is anything in the archive records.

A resident stated that she instructed her solicitor to confirm that the deeds of her property show that Zion Road is an adopted road. Mr D Flippance suggested that the Chairman look at the records for 1940 as it was around this time that the MOD relinquished ownership.

BUS SERVICE - The Parish Council has not had success with getting the bus service reinstated. County Councillor Mr A Gibson has not been able to help, neither our MP. It was agreed that a further letter will be sent to the Chief Executive of Hampshire County Council. Cllr Mr P Bye also pledged Grateley Parish Councils support.

KENTSBOROUGH

The Clerk was asked to add Kentsborough to the Agenda from the January meeting.

POINTS FORM THE FLOOR

Mrs R Cartwright asked if there was any chance of getting an additional grit bin at the top end of King Lane. The Parish Council had asked last winter and was told that one could not be placed at the top of King Lane as the salted grit would drain down into the stream. The Parish Council did think this was nonsense and will try again.

Mr B Cartwright asked what the Parish Council were doing about the reporting and management of the Street Lights, as the current maintenance of the street lights was poor.

The Clerk stated that the street lights can only be repaired if they are reported as faulty, there has been a lack of reporting to the Parish Council and he hoped to combat this by putting posters on the notice boards with contact telephone numbers. The person reporting a faulty street light needs to note its position and number if possible.

The Clerk now has the definitive list of the street lights and will be marking them on a map

of ease of reporting. There have been a few problems with certain lights that have not been an easy fix and in most cases these have been dealt with.

There is a legal problem between SEC and the developer of the last phase of Appleton Close regarding 5 streetlights in Pound Road.

Mr John Perrett offered assistance to chop and clear logs from the playing field when the trees are felled. The Chairman thanked him for his generous offer and that the parish Council will be in touch when the work is due to begin.

CLLR MR A GIBSON'S REPORT

Cllr Gibson reported that John Clarke from Highways gave him a report on the site meeting he had with the Parish Council. Hampshire County Council do not believe they own Zion Road, with this in mind Cllr Gibson has asked Tim Lawton the Deputy Director of Hampshire Highways to make contact with the Parish Council to discuss this matter.

Cllr Gibson reported that Hampshire County Council is gap funding 90% to provide faster Broadband. Cllr Gibson reported that a parishioner slipped on the ice in Station Road and that he reported this to Highways as an urgent matter to clear and clean the drains.

Cllr Gibson was asked if the grit bins could be filled with just grit or does the mix contain salt; the situation with the additional grit bin for the top of King Lane was explained. Cllr Gibson stated that he would look into the matter and report back to the Parish Council.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

7th January 2013 in the Parish Hall at 8pm