

## **Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 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 J Francis  
Cllr Mr M Hunnibell  
Cllr Mr P Benger  
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk  
Mrs R Cartwright - NHW  
County Councillor Mr A Gibson  
Members of the Public - 14

Apologies : Cllr Mr M Glover and Borough Councillor Mr T Hope.

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

### **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.**

The Clerk reported that Test Valley Borough Council had informed him that the Parish Council could co-opt to fill the vacancy. Mr Peter Benger from Palestine expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. TVBC gave permission for an additional Palestine resident to be co-opted onto the Over Wallop Parish Council, officially there is only one elected voting member for the Palestine Ward, Cllr Mr T Burden. The next Parish Council vacancy must be filled by an Over Wallop resident.

The Parish Council all agreed to co-opt Mr Peter Benger to fill the vacancy. Mr Peter Benger signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed onto the Parish Council.

### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - The Chairman reported that she had received a letter from Mr Graham Satchwell stating that there were inaccuracies in the January minutes. The letter was read out in full by the Chairman. The Chairman asked the Parish Council whether the minutes should be amended.

The Parish Council agreed that the minutes reflected what was actually said at the January meeting with the information given extracted from an email from Mr Matthew Yeo, a TVBC officer. It was agreed unanimously that there would be no amendments made to the report given for Palestine.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth and Cllr Mr T Burden.

### **URGENT ITEMS.**

Cllr Mr P Benger reported that he had attended a 'New Palestine Parish' meeting in the afternoon and had asked to be removed from the committee so there would be no conflict of interest with him joining the Over Wallop Parish Council. Cllr Mr Benger reported that Mr G Satchwell had also resigned from the committee. Cllr Mr Benger reported that the recent exchange of emails between residents and the committee had inflamed feelings among some residents. He hoped that the situation would now calm down and that there would no longer be cause for conflict between residents.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Mrs Ruth Cartwright reported that things were quiet on the Neighbourhood Watch front; most of the information received by her was to do with Country Watch.

Mrs Cartwright asked if there was any news on the street light that is not working on the junction with Orange lane and King Lane. This is a very dark junction when the light does not work and is dangerous for pedestrians. There is also a light further down King Lane that is on all the time.

The Clerk reported that a new unit has been ordered for the Orange Lane street light and he has reported the one that is on all the time to Southern Electric Contracting.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Cheques to be issued in February 2012 - proposed by Cllr T Burden and seconded by Cllr M Hunnibell.

TVBC	Grounds maintenance
£1669.62	
R.N. Waterman	Wages
£412.50	
R.N. Waterman	Expenses + NI
£127.75	
Simon Tilling	Line Marking
£143.50	
Kits and Pieces	Line Marking paint
£285.03	
Paul Cullen	Sports Training Grant
£281.00	

BANK BALANCE - after above cheques have been issued.

Current Account	£764.73
Premier interest	£5,898.82
	<u>£6,663.55</u>

2012/2013 PRECEPT - The Clerk produced a budget sheet showing the estimated results for the year 2011- 2012 and the budget for the year 2012 - 2013. The Parish Council had agreed at a closed meeting in January 2012 that there would be no increase in the precept for the year 2012 - 2013. The Over wallop Precept was set at £23,150.

## **PLANNING.**

12/00181/FULLN - Installation of 3 rows of solar panels on land adjacent to existing barn,  
Erection of 1.8 metre high chain link fence and provision of  
landscaping

- Suddern Farm House, Over Wallop.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

12/00251/FULLN - Retrospective application - realignment of an existing access and track -  
Station View Farm, Streetway Road, Palestine.  
The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

11/02797/FULLN - Erection of bungalow at rear, with access onto King Lane, installation of  
sewage treatment plant - Kingsway Stores, Pound Road, Over  
Wallop.

The Parish Council made NO COMMENT.

12/00023/FULLN - Erection of extension to provide additional storage and associated kitchen and mess room - Millway Builders Ltd, Barrow Hill Barn, Wallop

Road.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

12/00168/TREEN - Fell 1 Sycamore - Broadmead Flats, Station Road.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

12/00087/TREEN - Sycamore thin out weak and crossing branches, raise crown to give clearance of 3m over lean-to extension - Fell 1 Ash - The Old Drapery

Stores, Station Road.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

#### DRAFT CORE STRATEGY

The Over Wallop Parish Council made the following comments on the TVBC Draft Core Strategy :-

1. Over Wallop: The parish council would like to see the site adjacent to Evans Close and Pound Road brought into development for mixed housing. This is dependent on whether the present landowner would wish to offer it for development.
2. Palestine: There are a number of inconsistencies in the choice of settlement boundary which raise questions about the decision making process when drawing them. It was pointed out at a previous meeting two years' ago to discuss future planning sites, that TVBC were unaware of the fact that Palestine was a Ward. There was the assumption, until corrected that it was part of Grateley Station settlement. This assumption was corrected. However, there was no map available for comment at that meeting. This was provided for comment at a later date.
3. OWPC objects to the conjunction of Grateley Station and Palestine on the map. This is an inaccurate definition of the area as a single settlement; the exclusion of Palestine boundaries and its status as a Ward of OW has been omitted, thus not allowing a correct representation of the whole area. It was felt that the TVBC's rationale was to present the boundaries incorporating Grateley Station and surrounding housing was to form a cluster, a village, around the amenities of the shop and station. It incorrectly represents Palestine as having extra amenities.\_
4. The 2006 map showing the brown line permitted frontage development has been replaced by the proposed settlement boundary. This closes off the opportunity for sensitive development which would fit in well within the settlement. Several potential sites have been ignored, particularly in relation to Peach Grove, Mount Carmel Road and Zion Road. OWPC requests that these areas are considered to be part of the settlement boundary for the Ward. Two of the seventeen permitted development plots have been omitted.

The Chairman had sent a copy of this to the Chairman of Grateley Parish Council as a matter of courtesy, and has received a copy of their statement in return.

#### **LEISURE REPORT**

Cllr Mr J Francis reported the cost of installing two 5-a-side goals on the Evans Close Play Area - supplied with all fixings and nets would be £480. The young people confirmed that they would prefer football rather than any other play equipment. The Chairman suggested that Hampshire Plying Field be approached for a grant and asked the Clerk to investigate. Cllr Mr J Francis has information on other funding sources which might be useful to the

parish council.

Cllr Mr J Francis reported that the youngsters have asked for somewhere to sit on the Evans Close playing field. He spoke about the high cost of pitch marking; the paint recommended for the new line marking machine is very expensive and he recommended that we go back to using low cost line paint. Cllr Mr G Cairns asked why the Parish Council was paying for line marking; this should be down to the football team. It was agreed that that this issue would be discussed, along with playing field maintenance costs, in camera after the main parish council meeting in March.

Cllr Mr Francis asked if he could purchase a bag and match balls for the Youth Football Team from the Police Sports fund. The Parish Council all agreed.

The pavilion was a casualty of the recent cold weather with two leaks; these were fixed at a cost of £20. The Chairman reported that the parish council will have to write off the debt from the Army football team for match fees. The debt is owed to the OW football team and not the parish council and efforts to get repayment have been unsuccessful.

The cricket team has still not removed its defunct machinery from the pavilion storeroom. This is now causing a problem as they are taking up the necessary space required for a secure store cupboard for the floodlights. The Chairman would like to see these machines removed from pavilion as soon as possible. Cllr Mr P Benger stated that old mowers fetch a good price on EBay and suggested that this information is passed on to the cricket team.

### **PARISH HALL**

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that the work on the tree is due to start soon. Bookings each month average £830, the septic tank is due for emptying and regular Western Swing and Jive sessions have started and are a great success. There was some small damage to the roof during the recent high winds.

### **FOOTPATHS**

Cllr Mr P Benger agreed to take over the footpaths in Palestine. The condition of Olive Grove was discussed and it was thought that it would be good to get this cleared. Cllr Mr G Cairns suggested an approach to HCC for advice on to set up a self help group and to access equipment supplied for the purpose. Training is given to ensure safe practice.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mr G Cairns and his son for their excellent work in clearing fallen trees on the Over Wallop footpaths over recent weeks. A proposed project to clear trees from behind St Peters Church and the Rectory was discussed. The Parish Council support the project to remove 19 trees that have self seeded over the years, along with the clearance of considerable overgrowth. Cllr Mr Cairns stated that the removal of these trees will not affect the footpaths.

### **PALESTINE.**

Cllr Mr T Burden had nothing to report although there were problems with pot holes awaiting repair. The loss of the bus through Palestine continues to cause problems for those residents who depend on the bus service to get into town. It was noted that the excellent service provided by Over Wallop Good Neighbours is being used to enable parishioners without transport to attend medical appointments.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Parish Council has received a letter from the Andover and District Citizens Advice Bureau stating that they have had their funding cut by 15% and are looking for financial support. The Parish Council felt that this should be the responsibility of the Borough Council

and will decline to offer financial help.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR A GIBSON**

Cllr Mr A Gibson reported that Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council are not raising their precepts this next financial year and have had to make further cuts. Cllr Mr Gibson stated that unfortunately there is no flexibility in the contract with Stage Coach on the bus routes and despite trying to get some buses reinstated, he has not been successful.

Cllr Mr Gibson reported that the free school bus for the children of Grateley and Palestine to go to Test Valley School is to be cut and children will have to transfer to John Hanson if they can not make their own way to Test Valley School. Cllr Mr A Gibson stated that this is to be discussed at Hampshire County Council and he will keep the Parish Council informed of any progress.

Cllr Mr Gibson stated that Hampshire County Council is trying hard to tackle the ongoing problems with the poor state of the roads. Cllr Mr T Burden pointed out that if Highways dug out the ditches, some 54 in number on the Old Stockbridge Road, it would greatly improve the roads and stop the flooding. There are areas along this road which become sheets of ice in cold weather and are very dangerous. After much discussion, Cllr Mr Gibson stated that he was prepared to give £500 from his devolved budget to the Parish Council if they wished to employ someone to clear these ditches. The Clerk will fill out an application form the following morning.

Cllr Mr T Burden also reported that the Test Valley road sweeper continues to go through Palestine despite the fact that there are no kerbs. The road sweeper came through Palestine during the recent very cold spell and succeeded in polishing the snow and ice on the ground. This was actually a complete waste of money and resources. Cllr Mr Gibson noted this and suggested that the Parish Council took it up with Cllr Mr T Hope.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr Ingram stated that he had reported pot holes on the Hampshire Web Site. Mr Ingram asked Cllr Mr A Gibson if residents could have a bag of 'Mix' so they could fill in minor holes before they increased in size and became a hazard. Cllr Mr Gibson thought this a good idea but very unlikely.

Mr Ingram thought that a working party could be arranged to clear Olive Grove and suggested that a site visit to see what needs to be done. It was agreed that Cllr Mr P Bengner and Mr Flippance would attempt to walk the track. The Clerk will also forward the contact details of Mr Peter Watson the Hampshire Rights of Way Officer to Mr Ingram.

Mr Flippance suggested that the joint informal committee to look at the development implications of the SHLAA sites be disbanded as there it had never met and there is now no need as the sites in the document are not in the Draft Core Strategy.

The Chairman stated that both Over Wallop and Grateley Parish Councils have agreed not to proceed with the informal arrangement. The two chairmen are in frequent contact and both agree that they should continue the practice of not commenting on each others planning applications. However, it may be prudent to wait and see what the final Draft Core Strategy contains at the next public consultation period before formally dissolving the committee.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

12<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in the Parish Hall at 8pm