

**Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th January 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
Cllr Mr P Benger
Cllr Mr G Cairns
Cllr Mr J Francis
Cllr Mr M Glover
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr A Gibson
Cllr Mr P Bye - Grateley Parish Council
PC Simon Beecroft
Members of the Public -11

Apologies : Cllr Mr G Gates, Mrs R Cartwright NHW and Borough Councillor Mr T Hope.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Francis declared an interest in the pavilion as his wife is caretaker. Cllr Burden declared an interest in the planning application for Quarley Hill View.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Cairns. It was noted that the street light issue between Southern Electric and the developer of the last phase at Appleton Close has still not been resolved and the six street lights in Pound Road are still not working.

CLLR MR A GIBSON'S REPORT

Cllr Gibson spoke about street lights; they are a constant issue raised at parish council meetings. Many parishes do not have street lights by choice.

Cllr Gibson reported Hampshire County Council's intention to roll out broadband and increase the speed to users in Hampshire. BT is the only bidder and will be submitting their proposals mid February 2013. The improved service and speed should be available to 90% of Hampshire. The telephone exchange in Over Wallop has a reasonable chance of being up-graded. Cllr Gibson hoped to have more to report at the March Meeting.

Cllr Gibson reported that he is due to have a meeting with Tim Lawton from Hampshire Highways to discuss various issues including the roads in the Over Wallop Parish. Cllr Gibson suggested that he invites Tim Lawton to come to a meeting to give a first hand report on the roads.

Hampshire County Council is promoting healthy living in the rural areas during 2013, an issue that Cllr Gibson is also keen to promote.

Cllr Gibson was asked if he had any further news on Zion Road. He reported that as far as HCC are concerned they have not adopted Zion Road. The Chairman reported that several people are investigating this issue and that she intends to visit the Records Office in

Winchester with the Clerk to research the issue in the old records. Cllr Gibson stated that in his opinion Zion Road is prime for HCC to adopt if they have not already done so.

Cllr Gibson was also asked about the bus service in Palestine. He stated that he had no further news and felt that he had exhausted all avenues at Hampshire County Council. Cllr Gibson was asked to keep the bus service on his agenda as residents are concerned now about the future of the school bus to Test Valley School.

The Chairmen of Over Wallop and Grateley will meet to formulate a plan of action for the benefit of both parishes and will contact Stagecoach and Clegg and Booking.

URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman reminded parish councillors of the Code of Conduct. Any correspondence resulting from any meetings between designated parish council meetings should only be between parish councillors. These should not be circulated until discussion and minuting in public at a parish council meeting. The Chairman and Parish Clerk must be informed of any informal meetings with parishioners to discuss matters relevant to the parish council.

The Chairman stated that the parish council will be discussing tenders for the tree work on the playing field in a closed meeting after the main meeting.

POLICE REPORT

The Chairman reported that she received several complaints about unlicensed motorbikes cutting across the playing field and suing surrounding footpaths to access the track from Salisbury Lane. The complainants mentioned the high speed of the motorbikes.

PC Simon Beecroft said he had not received any reports about motorcycles and can only act if incidents are reported on the 101 telephone number. A photograph taken on a mobile phone of the culprit could be submitted to the police. PC Beecroft reported that it has been very quiet in the parish, but there was one theft from farm buildings where 2 quad bikes and a vehicle were stolen.

FINANCE.

CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN JANUARY 2013

R.N. Waterman	Wages	
£423.00		
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	
£ 76.78		
C A Hutchinson	Village Maintenance	
£1990.00		
Play Safety Ltd	Play Area Inspection	
£75.60		
SSE Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance	
£328.69		
Southern Electric	Street Lighting £276.33, Pavilion £55.18	£331.51
Metroplan Limited	Notice Board	
£195.60		

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above payments have been deducted

Current Account £ 7,046.46

Premier Interest £ 6,526.04

£13,572.50

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

2013/2014 PRECEPT

The Parish Clerk produced a balance sheet showing the estimated results for the year 2012/2013 and the budget for the year 2013/2014, each item was explained. The parish council discussed the precept at length and unanimously agreed that the precept would not be increased. The Over Wallop Parish Precept for the year 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014 was set at £23,150. The Chairman thanked the Parish Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council for his hard work and immaculate accounts.

PLANNING

12/02421/FULLN - Erection of two storey extension to enlarge study and bedroom above and provide a balcony, single storey extension to provide dining room linking to outbuilding, erection of carport with tool shed attached - Rose Cottage, 1 Suddern Farm Cottages.

The Parish Council **SUPPORTED** this planning application.

12/02693/FULLN - Demolish bungalow and garage, and erection of dwelling and detached garage/home office with games room over - Quarley Hill View, Streetway Road, Palestine.

Cllr Burden had declared an interest and left the room.

The Chairman reported that at the request of the applicant she had visited the site with Cllr Burden, who had attended in a purely advisory role. While visiting the site, a neighbour invited her to look at the effect the proposed development would have on their property. The Chairman declined as there as there had been no formal invitation. Two objections have been submitted to TVBC.

The Parish Council discussed this planning application at length. The Chairman asked the Parish Councillors how they wished to respond to this planning application and asked for a show of hands. There was 1 objection and 5 of support. The Parish Council **SUPPORTED** this planning application.

REPORT FORM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE

Cllr Francis reported that the lining costs are now at a reasonable level and the football team are doing a good job. There has been a problem with rubbish on the touch line after a Chestnut Tree football match, an email has been sent to the manager asking them to leave the pitch clean and tidy. There have been no leaks in the pavilion so far this winter. It has been agreed that the dragons' teeth will not be replaced. Cllr Cairns suggested that a tree trunk be placed in position as trees are to be felled. The parish council thought this a good idea.

Cllr Francis was pleased to report that the Youth Football Team have won 4 games in succession. They have lost the chance of winning the cup but hope to finish 4th or mid

table. The parish council thought this an excellent achievement. The Youth Team wished to thank the Parish Hall for allowing them to use the large hall for indoor training over the winter.

The Chairman reported that work is to be carried out work on the gym roof at the Army Aviation Centre. She hopes that it will be available for young parishioners for indoor training to use. There is also the possibility that a skateboard park will be added to the camp's facilities, which will be available to the village young people as well.

REPORT FROM THE PARISH HALL

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the Hall Bookings for 2013 are looking good.

FOOTPATHS REPORT.

OVER WALLOP - The footpaths are muddy and slippery due to the recent wet spell.

PALESTINE - Cllr Mr P Benger reported that the footpaths in Palestine are clear and not too bad as most are on free draining soil. Cllr Mr P Benger stated that he hoped that work on the Olive Grove may start later in January, weather permitting.

PALESTINE.

The Parish Council discussed at length the poor condition of the roads in Palestine. There are two very large potholes in Mt Carmel Road that make it extremely dangerous for vehicles. All councillors agreed that the road should have emergency repairs or be closed on safety grounds until repairs take place. Previous to the meeting, Clerk reported the state of these large potholes directly to John Clarke. AFTER NOTE. The large potholes have had a temporary repair the day after the meeting.

Cllr Benger reported that he received complaints with photographs showing the debris and leaves on the Gradeley end of Streetway Road. This does not help with the constant blocked drain. The overgrown hedge on the Gradeley side of Streetway Road requires cutting back as it is part of the cause of the problem of leaf debris and straw when the branches snag passing straw lorries.

It has been suggested that if the road sweeper cleaned Streetway Road where there are kerbs it may help. The Clerk was asked to contact TVBC to request the road sweeper visits on a regular basis.

Cllr Mr Peter Bye, the Chairman of Gradeley Parish Council confirmed that a safer crossing scheme is to be installed on the Wallop/Cholderton Road. The constant flooding of the road due to the blocked drain is being looked at as it is within the proposed scheme, Hampshire have sent out engineers to look at the problem.

Cllr Benger reported that a Palestine parishioner has written to the Office of the Prime Minister about the cutting of the bus service in Palestine and asked if he could write on behalf of the Parish Council giving support. The Chairman stated that the parish Council would need to look at the letter, prior to giving support. All correspondence must come through the Parish Clerk and Chairman on behalf of the parish council.

KENTSBOROUGH

The recent speed survey carried out by Highways showed that a high percentage of the vehicles were within the speed limit. There has been a delay caused by the recent bad weather in implementing the proposed traffic calming project.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr T Macey reported that he was concerned about an old open well on the land belonging to Mr Carr, the well needs a cover. The Parish Council will contact Mr Carr.

Mr Macey stated that he walks the playing field on a regular basis and has not seen evidence of damage caused by motorcycles. He understood that the Parish Council have a duty of care and asked for the councillors not to be so negative. The Chairman replied that the issue was the motorcycles that have been reported were not licensed and were travelling at speed along footpaths, this is unacceptable and dangerous to walkers with small children and dogs.

Mr Macey reported that there is a major problem with rats in the allotments. The Chairman reported that a pest controller had been asked to look at the problem but due to the nature of the site and public access putting poison down will be difficult as it could be a hazard.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

11th February 2013 in the Parish Hall at 8pm.

THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AN 'IN CAMERA' MEETING TO DISCUSS THE TENDERS FOR THE TREE WORK ON THE PLAYING FIELD.