

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th July 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 G Gates
Cllr Mr B Elliot
Cllr Mr J Francis
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Cllr Mr P Bye - Chairman Grateley Parish Council
Mrs Ruth Cartwright - NHW
County Councillor Mr A Gibson
Members of the Public - 12

Apologies : Cllr Glover.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Francis declared an interest in the Youth Football Team.

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 Burden.

URGENT ITEMS

TREES - Tenders: carry out the work on the beech tree at Evan's Close play area to be discussed in a 'in camera' after the meeting.

A fallen tree in Salisbury Lane caused damage to property on the opposite side of the lane. Highways cleared the tree from the road, DMJ Butler cleared the debris from the property. Cllr Glover will remove the trunk from the bank. The householder was instructed to get quotes for the repair to be forwarded to the parish council's insurance company. It was noted that the insurance policy does not cover the clearing up costs, just the damage to property.

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the tree also brought down the telephone lines, some properties had their service restored within a few days. Others remain unconnected. Full restoration may not take place until August/September.

Members of the public present who have no telephone service were invited to speak. The lack of communication from BT has been frustrating, complicating matters further is that only one of the three properties effected is a BT customer and BT will only speak to their customer. One of the resident's relies on her telephone as she has a health condition that may require urgent medial assistance. The Parish Council were asked if they could help. The Parish Council discussed this and thought that the delay in getting the properties re-connected was unacceptable, noting that a temporary line could be installed until such time that a permanent repair is done. The Chairman will write to Caroline Nokes MP to inform her of the problem and to request her help in the matter.

POUND ROAD - Cllr Elliot reported that he spoke to several of the residents in Pound Road about the overgrown planted area and the proposal to turn it back to an open space. The majority of the residents were not in favour; on reflection he did not think it a good idea. This was noted. It is a matter for residents and Aster Housing as this is not parish council land.

ALLOTMENTS - The Chairman reported that the boundary encroachment adjacent to the has been resolved. The resident concerned has removed all his property off the allotments. She had referred to past Minutes in which it was noted that the then Chairman could not authorise the use of the land without full parish council consent.

MUSIC FESTIVAL - This did not take place and the venue was moved to another location in Hampshire.

CRICKET TEAM - The Parish Council received a request from the Cricket Club for financial assistance to repair the side screens. The Chairman reported that some years ago the Parish Council paid for the side screens as a gift to the cricketers. The council had them repaired after they were damaged by vandalism. The Cricket Team has not maintained their upkeep over the years and they are now in a bad state of repair. The Parish Council discussed this request and felt that they should have been maintained on a regular basis. Forthcoming large expenditure on the trees are now a major financial priority and they cannot not assist with paying for their repair. The parish council were in full agreement.

HIGHWAYS - The Chairman reported that she has still not received an explanation of the breakdown (under the Freedom of Information Act) of the £600 fee for road closure of Salisbury Lane when tree work was carried out. The Chairman proposed that until a satisfactory itemised explanation is received, the Parish Council will not pay the bill. The Parish Council agreed.

Cllr Burden reported that Highways have been out an strengthened some of the edges on Mt Carmel Road.

POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Mrs Cartwright reported that things have been quiet right up to last weekend when there was an incident in the village. Mrs Cartwright reported that a good meeting was recently held to meet the new Sergeant for the Stockbridge beat, he has several new ideas on how to improve communications on the beat.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN JULY 2013 - Proposed by Cllr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr T Burden.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	
£423.00		
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	
£57.95		
HCC	Parish Hall Supplies	
£72.77		
DMJ Butler County Services	Clear fallen tree	£800.00

Mr C Wilkins	Footpath Cutting	
£180.86		
Southern Electric	Street Lighting Energy	£288.29
Southern Electric Contracting	Street Light Maintenance	£235.44
		Total
Payments	<u>£2,058.31</u>	

INCOME

Walnut Tree Football Fees £140.00

OUTSTANDING INCOME

Wallop Cricket Club Fees £80.00
 Parish Hall £60.64
£140.64

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above payments have been deducted
 Current Account £ 3,794.76
 Premier Interest £ 4,526.04
£ 8,320.80

PLANNING

13/01147/FULLN - Two storey rear extension and installation of first floor window to side elevation - Wedderlea, Over Wallop.
 The Parish Council had SUPPORTED this planning application.

13/00762/FULLN - Extension and alterations to barn (used as Stables), including raising height of roof and provision of "car port" for horse lorry - Kents Farm,
 Farley Street, Nether Wallop.
 The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

13/01357/TREEN - Fell 1 Cherry, Fell I Ash and Ash prune remove branch that overhangs nearby Willow Tree - Horshells Drove, Orange lane, Over Wallop.
 The parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.

LEISURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Francis reported that the goals will need to be moved on the sports field as it is proposed to move the football pitches. He is liaising with the football teams. The Walnut Tree Football Club have played their last game and are moving to another facility, they have handed back their keys. Cllr Francis reported that he received interest in using the pitch from two other teams and will start negotiations. There are friendly matches booked over the summer.

Cllr Francis reported that the proposed playgroup are now in contact with the PCC regarding using St Peter's Church Hall

Cllr Cairns reported that he booked the Tennis Coach for the Summer Holidays. The sessions this year will be held in the evening on three consecutive days - 27th, 28th and 29th

August. There will be three sessions each evening for children and adults - posters with all the details will be posted through out the village. The Parish Council thought this excellent news. The Clerk reported that he has applied for funding from Cllr Gibson.

The Clerk reported that to comply with the insurance policy there are several outstanding issues that need to be resolved :-

- The pavilion guttering in the front needs repairing, and the back clearing as there are weeds growing in the guttering.
- The cage in the store for the floodlights needs to be erected.
- The Cricket Club must provide the Parish Council with a copy of their insurance policy for the equipment they have stored in the pavilion shed, if this is not insured then it must be removed from the building.
- The play equipment needs a coat of preservative - Mr Pearce has been asked to do this.
- The corners of the MUGA need to be cleaned as they are stained by the winter leaf drop, if this is not cleaned off it will deteriorate the surface and could effect any future claims for the surface due to lack of maintenance.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Cricket Team asking for a copy of their insurance and to also ask them to remove all the equipment that does not work to free up space regardless if it is insured or not. This was requested some time ago by the parish council.

Cllr Francis suggested that the pavilion cess pit is emptied before the Vintage Gathering. The Clerk was asked to book MPM Waste and to ask them to liaise with Cllr Francis.

PARISH HALL REPORT

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that bookings are dwindling as several of the regular bookings take a break for the summer holidays. However, there are several bookings for parties and events over the summer.

CLLR MR A GIBSON'S REPORT

CllrGibson reported that the new administration at Hampshire County Council are bedding in, cuts will have to be made due to the reduction in funding from the Government but HCC are fortunate to have good reserves. He confirmed that Zion Road is to be re-surfaced within the week. HCC have committed to funding an improved broadband service.

The Chairman relayed the problems that some residents are having with BT and invited those present to speak to Cllr Gibson. He stated that although he worked for BT he could not help as he had no jurisdiction over Open Reach who are dealing with the supply. He thought the best course of action was that the Chairman should write to the MP.

FOOTPATHS REPORT

Cllr Cairns reported that he cleared the fallen tree from Footpath 17. All the footpaths are now clear and passable. The Chairman reported that Chris Wilkins has been in the parish cutting the footpaths and will return at the end of July to cut them again as an ongoing programme of works.

Cllr Cairns reported that the problem bushes are growing over the pavement in Station Road and over the pavement on the A343. The Clerk was asked to contact the Parish Clerk, NWPC.

PALESTINE - Cllr Burden had nothing to report.

KENTSBOROUGH - Cllr Gates had nothing to report.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

A resident from Nether Wallop asked if the George Inn was in Nether Wallop or Over Wallop. If the Public House is in Nether Wallop should the Parish Council be making comment in their minutes about an incident involving the Police?

The Chairman stated that the George Inn Public House is in the Parish of Nether Wallop, the minutes clearly state that the item was reported to the Parish Council at the June meeting and was not raised by the Parish Council. As the matter was reported under a specific heading it was included in the minutes. The minutes do not state that the issue was discussed any further.

Mrs Cartwright reported that the street light outside King Lane Cottages is very dirty and needs cleaning, it omits very little light when illuminated. The Clerk will report this to the street lighting contractor.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that unless there were planning applications that there would be no meeting in August. If there are planning applications to discuss there will be a short planning meeting held on the 5th August 2013.

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held on the 9th September 2013 at 8pm
The time the meetings start will also be discussed at the September meeting as it was suggested that 7.30pm. would be a better time to begin. This will be discussed with all parish councillors.