

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th June 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 Bengier
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Mrs R Cartwright - NHW
Members of the Public - 13

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

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Mr T Burden declared an interest in Planning Application 12/00976/FULLN.
Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn declared an interest in the Police; her son is a serving officer in the Hampshire Constabulary.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Chairman reported that a parishioner expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth will follow this up.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

URGENT ITEMS

Cllr Mr T Burden reported that the site meeting with Cllr Mr A Gibson to discuss the state of Palestine roads has not yet happened. The Chairman stated that she will ask Cllr Mr Gibson for a date before the next meeting.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mrs Ruth Cartwright reported that there were reported crimes for Over Wallop in the recently released crime figures for the Stockbridge beat. A meeting with the police to clear up a few outstanding issues is planned. Sue Gibson has produced a guide to SCAMS, this will be put in the Parish News. Trading Standards have offered to come to the village to address parishioners.

FINANCE

Cheques and Payments to be made in June 2012. Proposed by Cllr Mr T burden and seconded by Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£423.00
Mr J Taylor Firth	Key Fobs - Pavilion	£62.40
Southern Electric	Pavilion Electricity	£55.39
The Wallops Parish News	Advert Jubilee Celebrations	£10.00
Mrs L Murray-Twinn	Refreshments AGM	£65.44
TVAPC	Subscription	£10.00
Fair Account - P Reynolds	Accounts	£530.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses and office Allowance	£147.00

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES.

After above payments have been made.

Current Account £14,860.10

Premier Account £ 6,526.04

£21,386.14

PLANNING

12/01107/FULLN - Erection of barn to house young stock and provision of hard standing area in connection with Equestrian Centre and Stud - Castle Farm,

Wallop Road, Grateley.

The parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

12/01177/FULLN - Erection of single storey front extension to provide enlarged kitchen/breakfast room, single storey rear extension to provide conservatory and enlarged utility room and rear extension to garage -

Thornfield, Mount Carmel Road, Palestine

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

12/01072/FULLN - Demolition of former dairy barns and erection of a dwelling house (C3) with associated continued access from Bridleway no.18.

Landscaping,

sewage treatment plant and rainwater harvesting system and

new

pedestrian access onto Orange Lane - Land at the Old Dairy,

Orange

Lane, Over Wallop.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

The Parish Council also made comment that no damage is caused to the bridleway during construction as this is regularly used by walkers and riders; the Parish Council feel that this will be a good quality development in keeping with the current work at Northern Farm.

12/00976/FULLN - Erection of wind turbine - Lark House, Palestine Road, Palestine.

Cllr Mr T Burden declared an interest and left the room.

The Parish Council discussed this planning application at length and agreed to OBJECT on the following points: The supporting information was of poor quality and very confusing with conflicting data, particularly when compared to the company website. The proposed wind turbine will have an adverse visual impact on the landscape as it will be sited on one of the highest points in Palestine. The site is not in the current curtilage of Lark House and is on agricultural land. There was no evidence of consultation with the CAA and Army Air Corps Centre. The proposed site is on one of the main night flying route for aircraft from Middle Wallop.

REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported that Mr Paul Cullen was pleased with the turnout for the Rounders Event, a good time was had by all who attended. There was one minor injury, but this was dealt with efficiently.

The Chairman reported that that due to lack of interest the children's cricket event planned for the following day had to be cancelled and will be re-scheduled later in the year. This was very sad as it would have been an excellent event for the youngsters.

The Chairman wished to thank Paul Cullen, the cricketers and John and Debbie Francis for all their hard work organising this event.

Cllr Mr P Bengler reported that the Palestine party held in Streetway Road was well supported and a good time was had by all who attended. A special thanks to the team who organised the event, it was good to meet old and new neighbours.

PARISH HALL REPORT

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that the Hall accounts have been approved by the internal Auditor and have been sent to District Audit. A copy of the Hall accounts was given to the Clerk to keep on file.

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that the recent heavy rain flooded the car park as it ran off the road, a letter will be sent to Highways.

FOOTPATHS

OVER WALLOP - The Chairman wished to thank Cllr Mr G Cairns for all his hard work on the parish footpaths. He has cleared fallen trees across footpaths and bridleways in his spare time. The Chairman reported that she walked some of the footpaths with Mr Chris Wilkins who quoted £75 a day to cut back the undergrowth. The Chairman suggested that that Parish Council look at the completed job, gauge the reaction to the paths being cut and possibly think about employing Mr Wilkins on a regular basis to keep the paths clear during the growing season. The service provided by HCC is practically non-existent. She would like the main walking and riding routes within the village and Palestine to be kept clear for the enjoyment of parishioners.

PALESTINE - Cllr Mr P Bengler reported that apart from the over grown Peach and Olive Groves the footpaths are all walkable.

PALESTINE

Cllr Mr T Burden reported that residents are very concerned about the state of the roads in Palestine and feel that they are not getting the service from HCC. Cllr Mr A Gibson needs to visit the Parish to look at the roads and put pressure on highways to make good. There is another large pothole formed in Mount Carmel Road.

Cllr Mr T Burden asked if there was any news on the status of the track at the Hampshire Gap. The Clerk read out the following report from Grateley Parish Councillor Mr Peter Bye:

"As per my promise at the Over Wallop PC meeting on Monday I have looked at the path in question. It is number 6 on the Grateley list and is an old Roman Road called Port Way (although in some places Portway). It is designated as a bridleway not a byway. Item 11 in the "Basics of footpath law" states that pedal cyclists are permitted to use bridleways (but not motor cycles etc). The map I have just shows those paths in Hampshire and nothing over the boundary into Wiltshire so I cannot tell whether the bridleway continues past the Hampshire Gap bridge or whether it also goes along the copse (by Long Walk Plantation) which joins up with Grateley Bridleway No 7 which goes back to Cholderton Road past Portway farm. I will check up on the status of the gate across this path with the legal department of TVBC and let you know the outcome.

I have contacted the Ramblers Association with regard to the barrier across the bridleway numbered 6 on the Grateley list which runs close to the railway line and terminates (as far as Grateley is concerned) at the Hampshire Gap.

The barrier could be considered as illegal as it reduces the width of the bridleway at that point. However, access can be gained either side of the barrier by horses and walkers, I think that it was placed there originally to prevent motorised traffic using the track. The barrier has no effect on the continued usage of the track no matter how many years it is in

place. The track will continue to be classified as a bridleway until and unless some legal moves are made to change it's classification.

I contacted the Ramblers Association on the matter as they are likely to have a greater expertise than TVBC."

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The issue of road safety in Craydown Lane was raised with increasing fast traffic. Flooding after rainfall at the sharp corner continues, new kerbs installed have added to the problem. Large flints on the verge at Northern Farm are also dangerous; there has already been one accident when a young lad on his bike was hurt. The roundabout in Pound Road has been driven over so many times that is now a churned up mess. The Parish Council will raise these issues with Highways.

Mr Flippance asked for clarification on the issue of councillors declaring an interest on planning applications as he could not see the point if a councillor did not have a direct financial interest. Mr Flippance felt that this ruling excludes those councillors who leave as they have the relevant local knowledge to advise the parish council. Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth explained why this ruling is in place.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

9th July 2012 in the Parish Hall at 8pm.