

Minutes of Annual Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th May 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
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Cllr Mr P Bye - Chairman Grateley Parish Council
Members of the Public - 7
County Councillor Mr A Gibson

Apologies : Cllr Mr J Francis, Cllr Mr M Glover, Mrs R Cartwright NHW and Borough Cllr T Hope.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Mr Bob Elliot had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn proposed that Mr Bob Elliot be co-opted on to the Parish Council to fill the vacancy, this was seconded by Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth. All agreed.

Mr Bob Elliot signed the Declaration of Office and was welcomed on to the Parish Council.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

CHAIRMAN - Cllr Mr G Cairns proposed Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Mr T Burden. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn was duly elected Chairman.

VICE CHAIRMAN - Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn proposed Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs T Burden. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth was duly elected Vice Chairman.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

URGENT ITEMS

TREES - Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the tree felling has been completed a small amount of work has yet to be done to finish the contract. The closure of the road did cause some problems. The Chairman has challenged TVBC to give account of how they justify the £600 fee on top of the £200+ for the advert in the news paper.

The Chairman reported that a site meeting had been held with Richard Jannetta, his colleague, representatives from the Parish Council and an officer from the Hampshire Wildlife Trust.

This was an interesting meeting with a plan formulated to open up spaces to encourage wildlife and natural growth of the plants and saplings. The sycamore saplings will be removed. Owl boxes in the kind of area we have are discouraged, Owl Chicks leave the nest and live in the undergrowth until they are ready to fly. Experience has shown that well meaning humans pick them up and there is also the treat of dogs disturbing the chicks. Bird and Bat Boxes are more suited to the area we have around the Playing Field.

Hampshire Wildlife Trust will be sending the Parish Council a full report on the meeting and their recommendations. The Chairman thought this an exciting time and a project that can involve all ages in the parish.

HIGHWAYS.

Mt Carmel Road - Cllr Burden reported that the re-surfacing has been done. However there are some issues that will need addressing and he will raise with Cllr Mr a Gibson.

Traffic Calming - The Chairman reported that she has been contacted by a consultant tasked by Hampshire County Council to carry out a feasibility study on Traffic Calming in Station Road and at both ends of Old Stockbridge Road. Grateley Parish Council are also being consulted.

ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman spoke about recent problems at the Allotments and a heated exchange of views. The Chairman has done some research on the history of the allotments at Hampshire records and has ordered digital copies to be kept on file. The Chairman felt that she has managed to defuse the situation and peace has been restored.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Attached to these minutes.

POLICE REPORT.

The Chairman read out the annual Crime report figures for Over Wallop Parish from the 20/5/2012 to 19/05/2013 supplied by the Andover Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team.

- Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) - 21
- Burglary in a dwelling - 0
- Burglary other than a dwelling - 1
- Criminal Damage - 4
- Drug Offences - 2
- Suspicious person/vehicle - 13
- Theft - 1
- Theft from motor vehicle - 0
- Theft from a pedal cycle - 1
- Theft from a motor vehicle - 0

FINANCIAL REPORT

CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN MAY 2013

R.N. Waterman	Wages	
£423.00		
R.N. Waterman	Expenses + Swing Seat	£158.30
DMJ Butler	Tree Works	
£2700.00		
Ceaderwood Tree Services	Work March, April and May	£1050.00

Brian Pearce	Telephone Box	
£436.00		
Inland Revenue	Clerks NI 2012/13	£137.80
		Total

Payments £4,905.10

INCOME

½ Precept £11,947.24

Football Fees £105.00

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above payments have been deducted

Current Account £ 7,683.01

Premier Interest £ 4,526.04

£12,209.05

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS

The Clerk produced the end of year accounts and explained each item. The Parish Council agreed to adopt the Accounts for the year 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013. The Chairman signed off the accounts ready for the Internal Audit.

PLANNING

13/00878/FULLN - Two storey side extension to form utility and bedroom - 2 King lane Cottages, King Lane, Over Wallop.

The parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.

REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported that a Leisure Committee Meeting was held in April to discuss the Pavilion. Initial thoughts were that the proposed new pavilion should be single story with improved facilities including :- a veranda, kitchen, changing rooms, social room, dirty area for boot cleaning and improved heating. A further meeting is to be held on the 4th June to discuss the costing and funding.

It was noted that the Cricket Season has now started.

PARISH HALL REPORT

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the parish Hall has just had its Audit and the turn over for 2012/13 was £12,000 with a £2,500 profit. The reserves stand at £7,500. Bookings are up on last year.

FOOTPATHS REPORT

OVER WALLOP - Cllr Cairns reported that all the footpaths are in good condition at the moment.

CLLR MR A GIBSON'S REPORT.

Cllr Mr A Gibson reported that after the recent County Council elections there has been a change of Leadership and Policy and a new cabinet has been formed. The highways Contract is to be reviewed. Government cut backs will ensure that the next four years will prove difficult for the County Council and cut back will need to be made, with ever decreasing budgets. However Hampshire County Council is in a good place an optimistic about the future.

PALESTINE

Cllr Mr T Burden stated that Cllr Andrew Gibson was the only candidate who sent out a manifesto in Palestine. Cllr Mr T Burden informed Cllr Mr Gibson that the re-surfacing of Mt Carmel Road is an improvement but if it is to last some work needs to be done on the edges, especially at the entrance to fields as heavy tractors will just break up the surface.

Cllr Mr A Gibson noted this and will speak to Tim Lawson. Cllr Mr Gibson hopes to set up a Forum with Highways and Parish Council's to discuss roads and repairs to ensure that quality is given by the contractor.

KENTSBOROUGH - Cllr Mr G Gates had nothing to report. Cllr G Gates stated that he would like to be included in any future meeting when discussing the roads.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Peter Blakeman from Grateley raised the issue of the blocked drains in Streetway Road and the lack of a soak away at the new entrance to the farm, silt is being washed down Streetway road and blocking the drain on Wallop Road. Cllr Mr T Burden stated that a site meeting was held with Highways last summer and this issue was raised, Cllr Mr Peter Bye the Chairman of Grateley PC was also present at that meeting. The Planning Enforcement Officer was to be contacted about the surface water drainage from the track.

It was noted that the trees up Streetway Road do not help the situation as they pull straw from the hay lorries exiting the farm. Grateley PC have asked Highways to cut them, they have done the side but will not touch the tops overhanging Streetway Road. Over Wallop parish Council will contact Highways again on this matter.

Mr T Macey asked if the Parish Hall had a maintenance programme in place? Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth stated that yes there is a maintenance programme in place.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting. As it was the AGM refreshments were served after the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

10th June 2013 in the Parish hall at 8pm.