

**Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 in the St Peter's Church Hall at 8pm.**

Present : Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn - Chairman  
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman  
Cllr Mrs P Quick  
Cllr Mr T Burden  
Cllr Mr G Cairns  
Cllr Mr M Cochrane  
Cllr Mr M Hunnibell  
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk  
PCSO Michael Alder  
Mrs R Cartwright - NHW  
Members of the Public - 5

Apologies: Cllr Mr J Francis, Borough Councillor Mr T Hope and County Councillor Mr A Gibson.

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

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr P Quick and seconded by Cllr J Taylor Firth.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Cllr P Quick declared an interest in Planning as an employee of the TVBC South Planning Department.

Cllr T Burden declared an interest in the two planning applications for Palestine.

**URGENT ITEMS.**

Cllr Mr Burden reported that the Wallop Road sign is still in his garden. The Clerk apologized. Highways had been to reinstate the sign but he had forgotten to tell them it was in Cllr Mr Burdens garden. Cllr Mr Burden reported that there is a large pot hole the far end of Mount Carmel Road and one across the road past the Palestine Bridge. The Clerk was asked to report this to Highways.

The Chairman reported that there was a lot of rubbish in the Evans Close playing field and play area and suggested that TVBC are asked to send out their Environmental Team to carry out a litter tidy up. The Parish Council thought this a good idea and asked the Clerk to contact TVBC. The Chairman stated that she would also like to see the hedge and undergrowth cut right back again; the Clerk reported that he has instructed Mr Hutchinson to do this.

**POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT**

PCSO Michael Alder reported that there has been a spate of stupid behaviour in the village, a tombstone in the grave yard had been tampered with and items have been thrown at passing buses. PCSO Alder has had words with the youth and is keeping an eye on proceedings.

Mrs R Cartwright reported that a watchful eye is being kept on some of the younger residents of the village.

Mrs Cartwright asked the Parish Council if they knew who owned the field behind Pound Road. There may be a problem regarding the dumping of horse manure. The Parish Council did not know who owned the field but suggested a few people who may be able to help.

The Chairman reported that the security fencing around the Printers Place open area has been removed leaving the site open to vehicles, this open space is not under the control of the Parish Council and must therefore be the responsibility of TVBC. The Clerk was asked to contact TVBC to ask them if they could provide entrance gates to the field.

The Chairman reported that she has received concerns from residents about children playing with a chainsaw on the land off Salisbury Lane adjacent to the Playing Field. This was noted.

**MULTI USE GAMES AREA.**

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council have received a further letter from the parishioner concerned about the position of the MUGA. The Chairman felt that the suggestion implicating secrecy and deceit was insulting to the honesty of the Parish Council, which has been open in all discussions on this matter. These have been recorded in the minutes over recent months.

The Chairman reported that after visiting Test Valley Planning Department and speaking to Mr Bob Gregory it has been confirmed that the Parish Council will not need Planning Permission for the MUGA. The Application for the 106 money has been submitted and is the process of going through committee.

The Chairman suggested that a village survey is carried out to find out the views of the village on this project. The Parish Council discussed the distribution and the content of the survey. It was agreed that each questionnaire will be numbered so that there will be no duplication and that it will be delivered to every house in the Parish. The Clerk and Mrs Ruth Cartwright will count the returned forms and it was agreed that 51% majority answer will be the overruling decision.

**MULTI-USE GAMES AREA**

**Alan Evans Memorial Grounds (Salisbury Lane Playing Field)**

Over Wallop Parish Council has the opportunity to spend a windfall gained from Section 106 money allocated for recreation by Test Valley Borough Council. The Council wishes to provide wider sports opportunities for all parishioners by installing a multi-use games area (MUGA) on the Salisbury Lane playing field. A MUGA is similar to a large fenced hard tennis court and, because it has an all weather surface, it would accommodate netball, tennis, basketball, five-a-side football and some other sports throughout the year. This would be especially important for winter training. Great care will be taken to situate it appropriately and sympathetically with the surrounding landscape of the field with a dark green playing surface and dark green fencing.

**Over Wallop Parish Council believes that it is important to conduct a survey of parishioners' opinions before going ahead with this important project. The Parish Council would be grateful if you could complete the attached form:**

I would like the Parish Council to go ahead with the MUGA ..... **YES**

I would not like the Parish Council to go ahead with the MUGA ..... **NO**

**Comments:**

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**Please place your completed forms in the box provided at The Wallops Village Shop, Pound Road.**

After discussion, the Parish Council agreed that the survey will be done to record the views of the Parishioners in the Parish Council records. It was agreed that there would be one survey from per household. The Chairman asked the members of the public for their views:-

A parishioner felt that as the Parish Council are the elected representatives and do a good job of running the parish, decisions are made for the good of the parish and its residents. The

parish is kept informed of decisions made and he felt it unnecessary to hold a survey.

Another parishioner thanked the Parish Council for agreeing to carry out a survey. He stated that he was sorry that the Chairman felt that there was a suggestion of deceit, this was not his intention. He was trying to bring the matter to public notice because of the general apathy in the village.

### **LEISURE COMMITTEE REPORT.**

Cllr G Cairns reported that his Under 10's Football Team have finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the League. A Fun Day is planned for the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010, this will be followed by a presentation and Barbeque. The Parish Council thought this great news and congratulated the Team for their achievement.

The Chairman reported that unfortunately due to other commitments Cllr J Francis cannot do the Summer Sports programme this year. The Chairman suggested that with the funding in place that a Sports Company are employed to run the event. Planet Sports have been highly recommended, costs will be looked at.

The Clerk asked the Parish Council if they wished Test Valley Contract Services to continue with the grass cutting of the playing field, cost have risen by £1 a cut. The Parish Council was very pleased with the service provided by TVCS and agreed to continue with their services.

### **PLANNING**

10/00588/FULLN - Side extension to provide family room, shower room, study and utility, erection of porch and re-siting of oil tank - Overbrook House. **SUPPORT**

10/00695/TREEN - Various Tree Works - Foresters, Station Road. **NO OBJECTION**

10/00586/FULLN - Erection of detached double garage - Overbrook House. **NO OBJECTION**

10/00635/TREEN - Tree Works - The Old Rectory, Station Road. **NO OBJECTION**

10/00626/EXTN - Renewal of 07/00781/FULLN - Northern Farm, Station Road. **SUPPORT**

10/00530/LBWN - Alterations to existing fireplaces and repairs to ceilings and walls - Brockhurst Cottage, Salisbury Lane. **SUPPORT**

10/00737/FULLN - Conservatory at rear - Lanford House, King Lane. **SUPPORT**

Cllr Mr T Burden left the room when the following Planning Application were discussed.

10/00511/FULLN - Erection of dwelling (as replacement for Shalom) and detached garage with study over and installation of sewage treatment plant - Shalom, Peach Grove, Palestine. **SUPPORT**

10/00661/FULLN - Provision of new roof over existing annexe, conversion of garage to provide sitting room for annexe, re-roofing and cladding to main house and annexe - Lark House, Palestine Road. **SUPPORT**

### **FINANCE.**

#### **CHEQUES ISSUED IN April 2010**

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£412.50
H.A.L.C.	Subscription	£342.00

Southern Electric Contracting	Street Lighting	£230.81
T.V.B.C.	¼ Maintenance F.S.S.	£90.00
Mr A Glasgow	Computer Repair	£25.00
Southern Electric	Pavilion Electricity	£55.81

### **BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.**

T.V.B.C. Precept Paid £11,575 on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010

After Above cheques have been deducted

Current Account	£ 14,269.60
Premier Interest	£ 18,772.56
	<u>£ 33,042.16</u>

### **PARISH HALL REPORT**

Cllr J Taylor Firth gave an up-date on the progress of the Parish Hall refurbishment. The inside work is on schedule but the outside work has been delayed by a week due to the recent bad weather. The inside will be finished on the 23/4/2010 and the outside a week later for the official hand over on the 30/4/2010.

Money is still being raised for additional items and some very good donations have been received. It is planned to hold an open day for the villages on the 1<sup>st</sup> May\* with an official opening ceremony two weeks later. The Chairman wished to thank Cllr J Taylor Firth for all the hard work he has done project managing throughout this building project. This was echoed by the Councillors.

### **REPORT FROM THE FOOTPATH OFFICERS.**

Councillors G Cairns and M Cochrane reported that as far as they were aware all the footpaths are walkable. Cllr G Cairns spoke about a broken stile behind Piccadilly Cottage; this has been reported to Peter Watson at Hampshire Rights of Way.

### **TRAFFIC CALMING.**

Cllr M Hunnibell sent in the following report which was read out by the Chairman:-

The traffic group met before Easter and the following was discussed. I was unable to attend the meeting.  
*Community activity: traffic group to investigate obtaining high visibility vests and/or t-shirts with 'SLOW DOWN - 30' on the back, to give away to residents who walk, cycle or ride horses through the villages; will seek local sponsorship / grants for purchasing and printing; will also consider having a village Get Out and About week with some kind of communal awareness activity*

*Recruitment drive for more members on traffic group - with two recent resignations (due to work commitments and a move out of the village) we need to increase our numbers; suggest an article in Parish Magazine and on the website and an advert in the shop; ask whether Marcus as the local councillor link is willing to be the contact for anyone wishing to express interest in joining group*

*Speedwatch initiatives - it was noted that radar speed monitoring was in place at Awbridge recently, so the police must have some way of prioritising where these take place. Could the Parish Council ask what criteria is used to decide if speed checks should take place ? Also, if only trained police officers are permitted to operate the speed guns and the availability of trained officers is limited, would the Parish Council consider making an offer to contribute to the cost of equipment or training to enable more of our local officers or PCSOs to carry out speed checks?*

*Northern Farm: Positive response received from planning officer regarding suggestion for traffic calming required as part of planning consent; will need to keep a watching brief on implementation or any potential change to the planning conditions.*

*Traffic calming scheme: Ray Alborough is awaiting approval from HCC before developing the plans further; reps from the traffic group are willing to meet him to understand the process and timescales for decision-making.*

*A343 speed reduction: this is still under review. If the speed is reduced to 30mph it would allow other measures such as a crossing to be considered.*

*Wallop school travel plan - this could be a catalyst for some measures to make it safer for children to walk to school, including improving the footpaths.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that TVBC have informed the Parish Council of a change of venue for voting for Palestine residents, voting will now be in Grateley Village Hall.

## **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mrs Ruth Cartwright asked if the Parish Council could please contact Testway Housing and chase up the parking measures they said they would do in Pound Road. The Clerk was asked to do this.

It was reported that the waste lorries are using the village road again as a short cut. This was noted and Wiltshire will be contacted again.

Mr P Hope congratulated the Parish Council on working with the PCC on the matter of cutting the Glebe Field, the field is now looking good, and is a visual asset to the village. Mr Hope also congratulated the Parish Hall Committee for doing such a tremendous job with the refurbishing of the Parish Hall.

## **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - AGM on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in the Parish Hall at 8pm.**

**\* This date has changed due to continuing ground works and sewage repairs**