

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th November 2010 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 M Cochrane
Cllr Mr M Hunnibell
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Members of the Public - 5

Apologies : Cllr Mr G Cairns, Cllr Mrs H Bird, Cllr Mr J Francis, Mrs R Cartwright NHW,
County Councillor Mr A Gibson and Borough Councillor Mr T Hope.

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 Mr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Mr M Hunnibell.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr Mr M Hunnibell declared an interest in the Wallop Under 5's and Salisbury Lane.
Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn declared an interest in the Wallop Under 5's and the Police.

URGENT ITEMS.

GRIT BINS - The Clerk reported that the grit bins are at the Hampshire County Council Depot and will be delivered soon to the parishes. The Clerk was still concerned about the liability issue; there has still been no statement from H.C.C. However, the Clerk suggested that the Parish Council continue with the installation of the grit bins and await conformation of the liability issue before they are used.

POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Chairman reported that Mrs R Cartwright is poorly and that the Parish Council wished her a speedy recovery. The Chairman reported that there had been a burglary in King Lane and an arson attack on the rubbish bins on the Playing Field - it was thought that fireworks were let off in the bins. The Clerk will contact Test Valley Borough Council to ask them to replace the rubbish bins.

PLANNING.

10/02503/TREEN - Fell one Indian bean tree and one boxed - leaf tree, also crown raise one sycamore up to 4m - Overbrook House, Station Road, Over Wallop.
The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

10/02471/TREEN - Crown raise 6 Limes to 4m, fell one Holly and crown raise to 2m and reduce spread by 20% of one Holm Oak - The Old Rectory, Station Road, Over Wallop.
The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

10/02179/FULLN - Side extension to provide garage/carport and greenhouse - Maple House, Salisbury Lane, Over Wallop.
The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

WALLOP UNDER 5'S

The Parish Council and Mrs Elizabeth Prince, Treasurer, Wallops Under 5's Committee discussed at length the financial problems the Wallop Under 5's are experiencing. Points raised included :-

- Mrs Prince reported that the Wallop Under 5's are struggling now that they have moved to the Parish Hall with the increase in hire charges.
 - The Parish Hall offers much better facilities and is ideal for the groups meetings, it warm,
 - clean and well lit - the well being of the children attending is the main concern.
 - Since moving to the Parish Hall numbers attending have increased.
 - The Wallop Under 5's is open to everyone, parents are bringing their children from Middle and Nether Wallop since moving to the Parish Hall.
 - The Group has kept their fees low as there are those who attend that find it hard paying the £1.50 fee.
 - The Under 5's accounts and financial position had been forwarded onto the Parish Council
 - Chairman prior to the meeting. This had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors.
 - Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth produced a comprehensive report for the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting, this included several suggestions to help put the finances back on track.
- a. The hire of the Parish Hall for the weekly session is £20, £8 more than the Church Hall. If the group increased their fee to £2.50 per session, £30 per week would be raised even if numbers remain as low as 12.
 - b. The group needs an annual income target of £1,500 (£30 a week). At present the only income appears to be the £1.50 fee per session paid by each adult who can bring any number of toddlers.
 - c. The group could increase its funds by holding fundraising events such as cake stalls, jumble sales and quiz evenings.
 - d. As the Wallop Under 5's are attracting Nether Wallop residents, the group's predicament has been put forward to Nether Wallop Parish Council who have said that they will also discuss it at their next Parish Council Meeting to see if they would be willing to assist financially.

The Parish Council all agreed that they supported the Wallop Under 5's and wanted to help. However, they could not continue to contribute money from the precept into the group to keep them afloat. The Parish Council were happy to continue giving an annual grant and work with the committee, but felt that the Wallop Under 5's needed to look at their charges and take positive action to raise their income from fees.

The Chairman felt that the discussion had raised several issues for both parties to go away and think about. The Chairman suggested that we meet again at the December Meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

CHEQUES ISSUED IN OCTOBER 2010

R.N. Waterman	Wages	
£412.50		
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	
£115.00		
Martyn Dean	Repair to Goal Posts	£137.48

Charles Lawrence Tennis Courts – Final Payment		£1762.50
Southern Electric	Street Lighting Energy	£273.21
Southern Electric Contracting – Street Lighting maintenance		£213.16
Stage Systems	Stage – Parish Hall	£2906.82
Gopak	Tables – Parish Hall	
£679.40		
Martyn Dean	Goal Posts – Recreation Ground	£925.12
TVBC	Grounds Maintenance	£907.69
Mr J Taylor Firth	Table for Kitchen Parish Hall	£226.18
The Soccer Store	Sports Equipment	£451.35
Tesco	Mobile Phone – Pavilion	£49.99
The Soccer Store	Sports Equipment	£99.70
Euro Select Limited	Portable Flood Lights	£2980.74
Utopia Designs	Car Park Signs	£52.89

CHEQUES ISSUED IN NOVEMBER 2010

Barker and Geary Ltd	Car Park Fencing	£1906.63
Spectrum limited	VH Storage	£175.08
Audit Commission	Audit Fee	£1257.25
The Wallops Parish Hall	Hire for Summer Sports	£20.00
British Thornton	VH Storage	£262.24
S.E.C.	Street Lighting Maintenance	£23.11
H.C.C.	VH Equipment	
£89.44		
R.N. Waterman	Wages	
£412.50		
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	
£105.00		

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After Above cheques have been deducted

Current Account	£ 3,477.60
Premier Interest	£ 18,776.41
	<u>£ 22,254.01</u>

NOTE.

A claim for £2972.50 VAT refund has been submitted.

LEISURE COMMITTEE REPORT.

MUGA - The MUGA is now in use and is proving a great success; the Parish Council has received many favourable comments from Parishioners. The Clerk was asked to write to Charles Lawrence Tennis Courts thanking them for an excellent job. The Parish Council would be happy to be included in their list of satisfied customers.

PLAYING FIELD FENCING - The new replacement fencing around the car park has been installed and enhances the area. The Clerk has delivered the 'No Liability' car park signs to Cllr Mr J Francis who will erect them in due course.

Cllr Mr Hunnibell stated that the Playing Field Play Area Committee are impressed with the fencing and will be asking for a quote for similar fencing for around the proposed Play Area.

REPORT FROM THE PARISH HALL

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that the Lighting Bars and the WASP Speakers are now in place. The large size of the speakers was commented upon. Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth stated that they are to stay in place until they have been commissioned and then they will be removed and stored until they are required.

There is still £750 from the Awards for All and this has been earmarked for CCTV. The outside light switch is to be moved nearer the door and will have a delay so that users can lock up and get to their cars before it switches off.

It has been suggested that a working party is held to sort out the garden. The Parish Magazine printer will be relocated to the Parish Hall. A gift of £610 has been received; the recent Gift Fair raised £350 for the hall. The Parish Hall Account is looking healthy with a balance of £2300.

FOOTPATHS REPORT

Nothing to report.

REPORT FROM THE TRAFFIC GROUP

Cllr Mr M Hunnibell reported that there has not been a Traffic Group Meeting for several months. Cllr Mr M Hunnibell reported that there has been some attempt to reinstate the verges in Salisbury Lane, however this has been a disaster and the soil has washed onto the road and created a quagmire. The Chairman asked Cllr Mr Hunnibell to forward on the details to her and she will take it up with County Councillor Mr A Gibson.

Residents of Salisbury Lane have been sent a follow-up questionnaire after the recent road repairs.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that Test Valley School has written to the Parish Council asking if any of the Councillors would consider joining the School Governors. No councillor was available.

The Clerk has also been asked to confirm if the Parish Council wish to send a representative to the Prize giving evening to present the two prizes that they have sponsored. It was agreed that Mr Tony Macey will represent the Parish Council at this event.

POINTS FORM THE FLOOR

The Parish Council was asked for an update on the telephone box. The Chairman reported that the telephone box is now the property of the Parish Council and it will be repainted and a notice board put in it early in the New Year. This will be monitored and if there is no vandalism other options for its use will be looked at. It was noted that BT have agreed to pay the energy cost for the light until a more cost effective solution can be found.

It was reported that the street light by the telephone box is on all night. The Chairman stated that all the street lights in the parish are on all night - they are all on a dusk to dawn sensor.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

13th December 2010 in the Parish Hall at 8pm
The Chairman gave her apologies for the December Meeting.