

# Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011 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 G Cairns  
Cllr Mr J Francis  
Cllr Mr M Hunnibell  
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk  
Mrs R Cartwright - NHW  
County Councillor Mr A Gibson  
Members of the Public - 21  
Cllrs Mrs J Cohen and Mr P Bye - Grateley Parish Council

Apologies : Cllr Mr M Cochrane and Borough Councillor Mr T Hope.

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

## **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.**

The Clerk reported that Test Valley Borough Council have informed him that the Parish Council can Co-opt to fill the vacancy. Mr Mark Glover has expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and hopes to attend the December meeting when he will be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

## **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

Cllr Mr T Burden declared an interest in the Planning Application 11/02312/FULLN  
Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn declared an interest in Planning Applications 11/02413/LBWN and 11/01862/FULLN.

**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 Cllr Mr T Burden.

## **URGENT ITEMS.**

The Chairman reported that she had met Paul Upton's Father at the War Memorial. Mr Upton asked the Chairman to pass on his thanks to the Parish Council for adding his son's name to the War Memorial, it gives his family a point of focus to remember Paul.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Cheques to be issued in November 2011 - proposed by Cllr T Burden and seconded by Cllr M Hunnibell.

Audit Commission	Audit Fee	£1050.00
R.N. Waterman	Wages	£412.50
R.N. Waterman	Expenses Aug to Oct	£72.50
Test Valley School	Prizes	£50.00
Wallop Good Neighbours Grant		£200.00

## **BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES**

Current Account	£ 2,326.03
Premier Account	£ 8,898.82
	<u>£11,224.85</u>

106 Money applied for £2000 and VAT Refund to be claimed £1,991.34.

## **PLANNING.**

11/02447/TOPN - Hornbeam - crown reduce by 20% reducing end weight in upper limbs, Crown lift to 6m to clear power lines and garage, remove deadwood. Townsend Manor, Station Road. SUPPORT.

11/02452/TREEN - Reduce Willow back to previous pruning points (50%) - Springfield, Station Road. NO OBJECTION.

11/02344/TREEN - Fell 1 Scott Pine, 1 Leylandi, 1 hawthorn, reduce 1 Larch - Orange House, Orange Lane. SUPPORT

11/02448/TREEN - Beech crown reduce by 20% by height and branch length - Townsend Manor, Station Road. SUPPORT.

11/02449/FULLN - Temporary use of land for hay and straw storage and distribution - Station View farm, Streetway Road Palestine. NO OBJECTION.

11/01944/FULLN - External alterations including revised and new fenestration to facilitate change of use of Coach House to ancillary living accommodation - Haywards, Station Road, Middle Wallop - SUPPORT

The Chairman declared an interest in the following two Planning Applications and left the room.

11/02413/LBWN - Rethatching - change of material from long straw to wheat reed - Apple Tree Cottage, King Lane - SUPPORT.

11/01862/FULLN - Erection of detached dwelling with detached double garage and shed and installation of sewage treatment plant and air source heat pump (amended scheme) - Hillside, King Lane. NO OBJECTION.

Cllr Mr T Burden declared an interest in the following Planning Application and left the room.

11/02312/FULLN - Erection of dwelling, carport/domestic workshop/garden store, fencing/wall/entrance gates, installation of Klargestor super septic tank, Klargestor reed bed and underground rainwater harvesting tank, formation of pond, together new access/driveway and landscaping - Harveys Farmhouse, Mount Hermon Road, Palestine.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council has received copies of 6 letters of objection and 1 letter of support from Palestine residents regarding this Planning Application. The Parish Council discussed this Planning Application at length and voted 2 for No Comment and 3 for Objection as the Application is against Policy - Development in the Countryside and back land development. OBJECTION.

11/02460/FULLN - Demolition of former dairy barns and erection of dwelling with associated continued access from Bridleway no18, landscaping, sewage treatment plant and rainwater harvesting system. Dairy barn, Northern farm, Station Road.

The Parish Council discussed this Planning Application at length. The proposed dwelling is not in keeping with the surrounding buildings and does not comply with the Village Design Statement. The proposed plot sits on the ridge above the village and the proposed dwelling will be highly visible. There are no houses with three storey towers in the Over Wallop; the architecture does not reflect the characteristics of village houses nor does it have empathy

or references to other large houses in the village. It would be very dominant and against policy. OBJECTION.

## **REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE**

COMMITTEE MEETING - A date has yet to be set for the Leisure Committee meeting.

PAVILION - The Chairman asked the Parish Council for permission to start looking for funding to improve the pavilion to a building that can be used for local events. The building requires updated and refurbished facilities, by providing a proper kitchen, a small social room, better changing and shower facilities and storage. A separate entrance for players directly into the changing rooms would keep the main part of the building clean. The Parish Council agreed.

PLAYING FIELD - Cllr Mr J Francis reported that in the darker evenings, the MUGA is not being used as much. The playing field gate has not yet been repaired due to the blacksmith recovering from a serious injury. The gate will be repaired as soon as he is back in action.

There was a small problem with fireworks over the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> November. The play area is well used. There have been a couple of incidents with dog fouling in that area, this is being monitored.

FITNESS EQUIPMENT - The Chairman stated that she would like to pursue the possibility of installing outdoor gym equipment on the Evans Close Playing Field. The Parish Council thought this a good idea. Cllr Mr G Cairns stated that he has used outdoor gym equipment; he thought this would be an ideal way to target the young energy and to promote fitness. There are several companies that supply the equipment.

## **APPLETON CLOSE.**

The Chairman reported that the new houses in Appleton Close have all been allocated to people with village connections. The development looks very good and is of a good quality.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.**

Mrs R Cartwright reported that Stockbridge Police Station has now closed, the Police will eventually move into the Fire Station to share offices with the Fire Brigade. There has been a number of poaching incidents on the Stockbridge Beat; oil thefts are on the increase and there are currently 3 scams doing the rounds, one which involves a note through the letterbox informing the householder that there is a parcel to collect up with a contact telephone number for collection details - the telephone number carries a minimum £300 charge.

## **PARISH HALL REPORT**

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that hall bookings are reasonable and the hall now has a piano which is mainly used by the WASPS. The next Parish Hall Management meeting is to be postponed until December.

## **FOOTPATHS REPORT.**

Cllr Mr G Cairns reported that he has not walked the footpaths recently but as far as he knew they are all clear and walkable. There have been no complaints from parishioners.

## **CORRESPONDENCE.**

Cllr Mr J Francis and Mr T Macey will attend the Test Valley School Presentation evening to present a prize on behalf of the Parish Council.

A letter has been received from Wallop Good Neighbours. Funding from the WRVS has been withdrawn and the group is looking for funding help the group to continue. This was discussed and the Parish Council agreed to give an initial grant of £200. Further funding

will be reviewed if the need arises.

The Parish Clerk reported that he had received an email from Mr Middleditch with the two nominations from Streetway Road residents to join the Over Wallop/Grateley Planning Group. Mr Stuart Lumsden and Mr Ray King.

The Chairman reported that Mr Paul Jackson, the Head of Planning at Test Valley Borough Council will be attending the December meeting to give a presentation on Planning. As soon as the Draft Borough Plan is received the Over Wallop/ Grateley planning group will hold their first meeting.

### **GRATELEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Cllr Mrs J Cohen discussed the need for a bus stop in Station Road, Grateley. Because of the removal of the bus service, the bus does not stop in Palestine. Residents of both Palestine and Grateley have to cross the Cholderton Road to catch the bus at the stop in Station Road. There is no pavement linking the bus stop to any of the existing pavements. Cllr Mrs Cohen asked Over Wallop if they would back plans to approach Rail Track to ask if they would consider putting in a pavement on their land linking to the existing pavement by the bridge to make a safe route for pedestrians to get to the bus stop and the station steps. The possibility of installing a bus shelter will also be looked into.

The Parish Council gave their backing.

### **CLLR MR A GIBSON.**

Cllr Mr A Gibson reported that the Hampshire mineral waste plan had gone out for consultation. Hampshire County Council has good supplies of grit and salt for the winter and is in the process of filling the village grit bins. Cllr Mr Gibson reported that he is on a mission with Amey regarding the hot fill repair method of the pot holes and has asked for a full report.

The reduction of the bus service was raised with Cllr Mr Gibson. The loss of the service in Palestine is having an effect on many residents that now have a 20 - 25 minute walk to catch the bus in Grateley. Cllr Mr Gibson stated that Hampshire are looking at revisiting the tendering process and in the meantime are looking at individual cases. Cllr Mr Gibson asked that this be put in writing and he will look into the matter. The Chairman suggested that residents wrote to her and she will forward the information onto Cllr Mr Gibson.

Mr T Macey asked why Hampshire County Council has not considered putting on a smaller buses, a mini bus would be cheaper to run? Several families now have problems getting their children to catch the connecting bus to Peter Symonds since the service has been cut. Cllr Mr Gibson noted this and reported that he has recently been to a launch of a new smaller bus for the 'Joy Riders' Elderly Shopping Scheme.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

Mr T Macey asked for the Parish Council's permission to hold the 2012 Vintage Rally on the Playing Field on the 26<sup>th</sup> August. The Parish Council was pleased to give permission for this excellent event. Mr Macey reported that proceeds from the 2011 event enabled donations to be given to the Wallop Cricket Club and WASPS.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 in the Parish Hall at 8pm.

