

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th October 2009 in the Over Wallop Church Hall at 8pm.

Present : Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn - Chairman
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs P Quick
Cllr Mr G Cairns
Cllr Mr M Cochrane
Cllr Mr J Francis
Cllr Mr M Hunnibell
Mr Chris Buchan-Hepburn - Hyde Housing
Borough Councillor Mr T Hope
Mrs R Cartwright - NHW
Mr Chris Buchan-Hepburn - Hyde Housing
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Members of the Public - 14

Apologies : Cllr Mr T Burden and County Councillor Mr A Gibson.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting at the Over Wallop Church Hall, which will be the home of the council for the next six months.

MR CHRIS BUCHAN-HEPBURN - HYDE HOUSING

Mr Chris Buchan-Hepburn reported that issues raised at the public exhibition held in the summer on the proposed development in Appleton Close were taken on board. There has been some rearrangement of the site to provide additional parking and to visually integrate the new dwellings with the existing area so that plots 5 - 8 now face the recreation ground. TVBC Planning had approved the new site layout.

Parking was the overriding issue raised at the exhibition and this has been addressed; each house will have two car parking spaces and an further five communal spaces have been provided. Test Way Housing are also looking at providing additional car parking spaces in the area of the bank next to No 17.

The houses will have solar panels and be energy efficient. As a result of the comments at the exhibition the living rooms have been enlarged and front porches have been provided to enable people to stand under when entering the houses. Storage for bins etc will be provided at the rear of plots 5 - 8 and this will also provide a privacy barrier to their back gardens.

Due to the large number of trees on the site the properties have been positioned to take advantage of the light with minimum shading from the trees. Hyde are working with trees experts at TVBC Planning.

Mr Buchan-Hepburn reported that the private sewage treatment plant has been cleaned out and is adequate to cope with the extra capacity of the additional houses. It would seem that the problem with smells has been due to a lack of maintenance. Ground water has been entering the system through unsealed access points and this also allowed smells to escape. These have been sealed and should cure the problem. There is still some work to be done to improve the outflow which is congested with tree roots. Test Valley Rural Housing have just signed a new maintenance contract for the treatment site.

Points raised by concillors included :-

1. Cllr Francis stated that the gardens of plots 1 and 2 are in the shade of a very large tree and will be difficult to cultivate as the land is always damp due to a lack of light. This was noted.
2. Cllr Francis confirmed that parking is the main issue in Appleton Close and he felt that even with the additional car parking spaces the problem will persist.
3. Cllr Cochrane asked why wooden windows are being fitted and not UVPC. Mr Buchan-Hepburn stated that the intended wooden windows have a 10 year life guarantee, similar to UVPC and that wood is the preferred material.
4. Cllr Cochrane suggested that the undercover space at the front of each house be absorbed into the house and the porch itself become an external addition. This would provide more space in the property and discourage the void being used for storage. This was noted.
5. Cllr Murray-Twinn asked if the time scale for the development was known? Mr Buchan-Hepburn stated that Hyde Housing are waiting for TVBC to complete the legal documents for the land as they are the owners.

The Chairman thanked Mr Buchan-Hepburn for coming and up-dating the Parish Council.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Hunnibell and seconded by Cllr Francis.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

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

Cllr Francis declared an interest in the proposed development at Appleton Close.

URGENT ITEMS. There were no urgent items raised.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT.

Mrs Ruth Cartwright reported that it has been surprisingly quite of late. The PCSO's Rachel Cassells and Michael Alder have been doing a great job and are keen to talk problems through and find a way to resolve issues. Mrs Cartwright asks residents to contact NHW and report any incidents.

PLANNING.

09/01713/FULLN - Retrospective application for enclosure to existing swimming pool and solar heating panels - Kingsway Stores, Pound Road, Over Wallop.

The Parish Council discussed this Planning Application in detail, had NO OBJECTIONS but made the following additional comments:

1. Provision of guttering and a water butt to take rain water off the roof of the enclosure.
2. The enclosure is very large and close to the neighbouring boundary.
3. Concern that the background noise from the swimming pool and the pumps for the solar heating system could affect neighbours.
4. The enclosure is quite unsightly.

Cllr Hope reported that he has been made aware that the applicant intended to put guttering on the enclosure to take rain water but had stopped work due to the retrospective Planning Application. This was noted.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

CHEQUES ISSUED IN OCTOBER 2009

SEC	Street Lighting Maintenance	£185.67
Barker and Geary	Playing Field Gate	£611.80
Lauren Mildenberger	Dance Class – Summer Sports	£70.00
Playsafe Ltd	Playground Inspection	£72.45
R.N. Waterman	Wages	£402.50
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£32.50
Mrs L Murray-Twinn	Chairman’s Expenses SSP	£50.00

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After the above cheques have been deducted

Current Account	£ 12,598.99
Premier Interest	£ 18,771.88
	£ 31,370.87

SPORTS PROGRAMME FUNDING. Not included in the above figures.

Opening Balance	= £ 3,500.00
Running Costs 2009	= £ 1,603.87
Balance	= £ 1,896.13

The Parish Council agreed that £10,000 from the Premier Account (Reserves) will be made available if needed for the Parish Hall refurbishment. Proposed by Cllr Cairns and seconded by Cllr Cochrane.

The Parish Council also agreed to provide a float of £150 to Cllr Francis for minor maintenance items and repairs to the Pavilion.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR T HOPE’S REPORT

Cllr Hope reported that TVBC are receiving very few planning applications due to the current economic climate. Applications are a major source of funds for the council who are facing a shortage of revenue and therefore have to examine ways to save money.

Cllr Hope spoke about rural housing and the need for villages to build affordable housing. These small developments are good for villages and help meet the overall TVBC building target that has been set by Government.

REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE.

WALLOP YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB - Cllr Cairns reported that the Under 8s football is going well and they are picking up new players as the season progresses. The Under 10s are also doing well and, although they have a habit of drawing in matches, they are currently fourth in the league. Reports on their progress will be sent to the Andover Advertiser.

Cllr Francis spoke about flood lighting. Due to the high cost of providing electrical cables underground over the distances required, he felt that at present it was not feasible.

PAVILION - The refurbishment of the pavilion has now been completed. The playing field gate has been installed and a combination lock fitted. The number seems to have been banded around the village and it was suggested that the combination be changed on a monthly basis. It was agreed to monitor the situation over the next month.

PARISH HALL REPORT

Cllr Taylor Firth gave the following up-date on the Parish Hall refurbishment:

<u>COSTS</u>		<u>FUNDING</u>	
Building	£349,000	Grants	£355,800
Professional Fees	£16,600	Community	£12,800
Furniture & Equipment	<u>£12,200</u>	Parish Reserve	<u>£10,000</u>
	<u>£377,800</u>		£378,600

- 24/9/09 - Hall management committee formally accepted the tender.
- 25/9/09 - Contractor H&B 2000 informed they had the contract.
- 6/10/09 - Building contract signed at £349,000 (including £12,000 contingency).
- 9/10/09 - Hall cleared and TVBC full planning permission granted.
- 19/10/09 - Site work starts.
- 23/04/10 - Site work ends.

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that, because further grant funding had been received, the building standard of the hall would be close to the original specification.

FOOTPATH OFFICERS REPORTS.

The Footpath Officers had nothing to report.

STREET LIGHTING.

The Clerk reported that Hampshire County Council had sent through details of their street lighting PFI Scheme. The Clerk will do a price comparison with the current SEB contract and report back to the Parish Council. It was pointed out that HCC tend to favour yellow street lighting whereas the village prefers white lighting. The clerk noted this.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairman reported that she has received details on Fire Safety for Thatched Buildings from the Fire Service. A DVD is available and they are willing to organise a seminar for owners to attend. This will be passed around to gauge interest in holding the seminar. It was also decided to request the DVD so this could also be passed around.

TRAFFIC CALMING - TRAFFIC GROUP

The Chairman reported that we are still waiting to hear back from Mr Ray Alborough on the proposals put forward. Representatives from the Traffic Group were present and addressed the meeting. An update is attached to these minutes.

POINTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs C Thompson from Overbrook House asked the Parish Council about the riparian ownership of the banks of the Wallop Brook and their wish to carry out improvements and tidy up the bank in front of their property. The Parish Council agreed that this part of the river bank had been left to go wild by the last tenants and gave their blessing to Mr and Mrs Thompson's plans.

Mrs Thompson wondered if something could be done to reduce the width of the brook as it had become quite wide in their area. Cllr Hope stated that he would not advise this as the river swells in the winter and the flow can be quite fast, reducing the width may have serious consequences. Mrs Thompson noted his comments.

It was reported that the parish council minutes needed updating on the parishes web site. The web master had stated that he had not received anything since May. The Clerk was asked to submit the relevant Minutes.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

9th November 2009 at 8pm in the Over Wallop Church Hall