

## **Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 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 P Bengler  
Cllr Mr M Glover  
Cllr Mr G Gates  
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk  
Mrs R Cartwright - NHW  
County Councillor Mr A Gibson  
Cllr Mr P Bye - Grateley Parish Council  
Members of the Public -8

Apologies : Cllr Mr G Cairns, Cllr Mr J Francis and Borough Councillor Mr T Hope

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

### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

The Chairman reported that she had received a complaint from the owner of Pottery Farm that minuted subject of the new electric gates reported in the parish magazine had resulted in some young people entering the property and being abusive.

This was discussed, the Parish Council felt that the issue of the new gates was raised by a member of the public and minuted accordingly and correctly.

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 T Burden.

### **URGENT ITEMS**

**CODE OF CONDUCT** - The Chairman spoke about the new Code of Conduct. The actual Code of Conduct is more relaxed and easier to work with. Parish Councils can set their own Code of Conduct points, Over Wallop have on recommendation adopted the Code of Conduct set by TVBC.

However the Declaration of Interests is a statutory document set by the Government, Councillors are now asked to declare not only their employment but also that of their spouse, civil partner, person living with as a spouse or civil partner occupation. The form now has to be sent to the monitoring officer and will be displayed on their Web Site as well as any web site run by the Parish Council.

Many parish councils feel that this is an intrusion of privacy and will not be disclosing this information, at a recent training session it was stated by the Borough Solicitor that failure to disclose this information is a criminal offence. The matter has been taken up with Sir George Young.

**HIGHWAY ISSUES** - The Parish Council discussed the reclassification of the Stockbridge Road from Grateley and the junction at Kentsborough. It is understood that there is no finance available to put in a roundabout. Other alternatives such as traffic lights and

reducing the speed limit to 40MPH were suggested by councillors.

The proposed closure of Salisbury Lane and the Station Road traffic calming was briefly discussed. Both these issues will be brought up and discussed with Mr Ray Alborough at the November meeting.

The Chairman reported that she has received a petition from residents of Pound Road and Evans Close regarding the lack of gritting in the winter. Pound Road is on the school bus and normal bus route. The Chairman will take this up with County Councillor Gibson.

It was reported that the Over Wallop sign is missing when entering the village from Grateley end. The Clerk will report this to Highways.

### **POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Mrs Cartwright reported that things are very quiet in the parish at the moment. Only three reported incidents - A wheely bin being set alight on the playing field, damage to a car in Salisbury Lane and an incident in Pound Road. Heating oil and thefts from outbuildings are on the increase.

Cllr Glover reported that thefts from farms and poaching is also on the increase

### **FINANCE.**

#### **CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN OCTOBER 2012**

Simon Tilling	Line Marking £98, Paint £52.98	£150.98
R.N. Waterman	Wages	£423.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£ 78.95
Broker Network Ltd	PC Insurance	£2,117.62
Southern Electric	Pavilion £54.34, Street Lights £279.19	£333.53
SSE Contracting	Street Light Maintenance	£228.58

### **INCOME.**

Hire of Field Fees	£70.00
½ Precept	£11,575.00

### **BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.**

After above payments have been deducted

Current Account	£13,318.20
Premier Interest	£ 6,526.04
	<u>£19,844.24</u>

The payments were proposed by Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Mr T Burden.

The continuing cost of the line marking was discussed, it is costing more to mark the pitches than the fees received. Cllr Taylor Firth reported that this was discussed at a recent Leisure Committee meeting, the cost should come down as the Wallop football team are to take over line marking for their games. The cost of the line marking paint (£26.49 a tub that only lasts for two markings) is also of concern and alternatives will be looked at.

It was noted that the Chestnut Tree Football Team are paying the fees by BACS direct into the Parish Council account. A check on the state of the Wallop Teams Fees will be undertaken.

### **PLANNING**

12/02106/FULLN - Erection of detached double garage with lean-to log store -

retrospective Northern Farm, Over Wallop, Stockbridge.

The Parish Council objected to the original application, this was passed by TVBC, the addition of a log store has resulted in this application being submitted. The Parish Council made NO COMMENT on this planning application.

## **LEISURE REPORT**

**PLAYING FIELD** - The increasing problem with dog fouling on the playing field was discussed at great length, it was agreed that another attempt to educate dog owners will be undertaken, the other alternative is invoke a ban on all dogs from the field.

**TREES** - The Chairman and the Clerk met with Richard Janetta the Tree Surgeon to discuss the trees on the Playing Field. Mr Janetta has a quote of £450 from Steve Wood, SMW Consultancy to carry out the following :-

To plot the trees on an Ordinance Survey map by GPS and give each one an identification number. Then identify the species age class, assess the tree condition by the tree structure by leaf, branches, stem and root components, from this provide an overall condition , work recommended via an urgent, 6 month, one year, two year and three year work programme and re-inspection date. This will be in the form of an easily readable excel spread sheet.

The Chairman and the Clerk discussed a rolling programme of works with Mr Janetta for woodland management. Mr Janetta suggested that the local schools could be involved to make it a community project. Mr Janetta charges £350 for a days work for two people. Two trees have already been identified as needing urgent work.

The Parish Council discussed this and agreed to have the survey done so that any work needed can be discussed with the TVBC tree officer as Planning Permission will be required. The Parish Council were concerned about the costs involved but recognised that the work needed to be done and a rolling programme of works seemed the best course of action. Proposed by Cllr Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Mr G Gates.

The Clerk will instruct Mr Janetta to proceed with the survey and work will start once this has been completed and Planning has been granted. Immediate action will be taken to do sort out the problem with the two identified trees.

**LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Cllr Taylor Firth reported that :-

**Soil Hump** - David Fudge has offered to remove the hump of soil free of charge. It will be used as top soil, once this has been removed he will reinstall the dragons' teeth.

**Cricket** - Good season and the cricket team have been asked to remove the big mower form the storeroom.

**Basket Ball** - No activity

**Football** - As reported earlier in the meeting the Wallop Team are to take over the line marking for their games.

**Netball** - Little activity

**Tennis** - Very good this summer with the coaching sessions organised by Cllr Cairns.

**Pavilion** - Concerns were raised about burst pipes this winter. The Chairman suggested that a sub committee be set up to look at funding for a new pavilion. All agreed.

Evans Close - The Clerk passed round a brochure for Plaswood re-cycled benches at £299 each. It was agreed to purchase two benches. The loose goal posts have been fixed.

### **CLLR MR A GIBSON**

He had a meeting with the Highways team and asked for progress on the issues in Over Wallop. He was surprised to find out that in Palestine many of the roads are not adopted. For example, Zion Road is unadopted which accounts for why the pot holes have not been filled. He is finding that in many of the villages the roads are the responsibility of the developers or Test Valley housing in some cases. Mount Carmel road and Mount Hermon Road are both adopted and he has asked again for Mount Carmel road to be reviewed regarding resurfacing and to have pot holes filled.

He has also escalated the issue of Station Road surface dressing and has asked for an official explanation as to why it was surface dressed without the road being prepared beforehand.

John Clarke has agreed to come over to Palestine to review the roads and he will ask him to meet members of the Parish council. There was some discussion about Cllr Gibson's statement about Zion Road. Cllr Gibson suggested a site meeting with John Clarke and the Parish Council with maps. Cllr Gibson will get copies of the gritting route map to the Parish Council. Cllr Gibson stated that he is still pursuing the issue of the school bus to Test Valley School.

### **PALESTINE**

Cllr Benger asked Cllr Gibson if there was any news on reinstating the bus service to Palestine? Cllr Gibson stated that he has looked into this and the service will not be reinstated. Cllr Benger stated that he will write to our MP on the matter. The Parish Council gave him their full backing.

It was reported that the Zion Road sign needs reinstating. The various signs that are missing in Palestine will be taken up with John Clarke at the Highways Site meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council have received a letter from Test Valley School asking if they would sponsor a prize at the annual presentation evening. The Parish Council agreed that they would sponsor two prizes.

### **POINTS FROM THE FLOOR**

It was reported that there is a loose manhole cover opposite the turning to the Married Quarters on the Old Stockbridge Road. This will be reported to Highways.

Gritting in Palestine was raised; this will be discussed once the gritting maps have been received.

Mr T Macey reported that he has noticed that there is white lining paint all over the concrete by the pavilion and all over the door handle, this does not give a good impression and he felt more care should be taken. The Parish Council agreed. Mr Macey suggested that ordinary line marking solution is used as it is a fraction of the cost of the current paint being used.

**NOTICE BOARD** - Cllr Gates reported that Clegg and Booking have agreed that a notice board can be placed at the garage in Kentsborough. The Clerk will forward the

measurements to Cllr Gates.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 in the Parish Hall at 8pm