

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th September 2009 in the Wallop Parish Hall at 8pm.

Present : Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs P Quick
Cllr Mr T Burden
Cllr Mr M Cochrane
Cllr Mr J Francis
Cllr Mr M Hunnibell
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
PC Simon Beecroft
Members of the Public - 7

Apologies : Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn (Chairman), Cllr Mr G Cairns, Borough Cllr Mr T Hope, County Cllr Mr A Gibson and Mrs R Cartwright (NHW).

WELCOME. Cllr Taylor Firth, acting as 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 Burden and seconded by Cllr Cochrane.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr Quick declared an interest in Planning as an employee of the TVBC Southern Area Planning Department. It was noted however that Cllr Quick was not involved with any applications that came before the parish council as these were handled by the Northern Area office.

URGENT ITEMS.

PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION – The Chairman reported that on investigation there was no limit to the number of co-opted Councillors that could sit on the Parish Council and the document had been amended as a result. The Parish Council all agreed to adopt the revised Parish Council Constitution. Proposed by Cllr Hunnibell and seconded by Cllr Cochrane.

PLANNING.

09/01618/FULLN - Erection of orangey - Ringwold House, Farley Street, Nether Wallop.
The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

09/01643/TREEN - Remove 1 Walnut Tree - Freemantle, King Lane, Over Wallop.
The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had the following in the bank :-
Current Account : £ 16,341.42
Deposit Account : £ 18,770.28 (£10,000 reserved for the Parish Hall Refurbishment)
Total : £ 35,112.20

AUDIT. The Clerk reported that District Audit have issued the Audit Certificate for the year ending 31st March 2009 and have not raised any issues.

CHEQUES ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER 2009.

Proposed by Cllr Hunnibell and seconded by Cllr Quick.

Wiltshire and Willey	Pavilion Electrics	£4651.47
Audit Commission	Audit Fee	£ 327.75
Southern Water	Pavilion Water Charges	£ 65.20
Mr J Francis	Summer Sports Expenses	£ 135.77
Richard Waterman	Wages	£ 402.50
SEB	Pavilion Electricity	£ 34.98
Mrs J Francis	Pavilion Caretaking Wages	£ 162.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£ 44.40
Wallop Primary School	Grant	£ 300.00

EVANS CLOSE.

The recent events in the Evans Close play area were discussed. The contents of the rubbish bin had been emptied over the area but TVBC had acted quickly by sending out a clear-up team with the result that the play area was open again for use the same day. Residents are still unwilling to report incidents for fear of reprisals.

It was reported that the path from Evans Close to Kingsway Cottages was in a very poor condition and needed attention. This was noted.

PARKING IN POUND ROAD.

The Clerk reported that the house numbers that were reported at the July meeting were incorrect and that he had included them in the parish magazine extract of the draft minutes. Some residents had been upset by this, the draft minutes had been amended and an apology would be placed in the next magazine.

Testway Housing had looked at the parking problem and had agreed to make the area in question a 'Residents Only' car park. Bays will be marked and signs erected.

APPLETON CLOSE.

The Clerk reported that Testway Housing were considering the provision of additional car parking in the area of Appleton Close and Evans Close. Mr Chris Buchanan from Hyde Housing hopes to attend the October Parish Council meeting with the final drawings for the site.

REPORT FROM LEISURE COMMITTEE.

SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAMME. Cllr Francis was pleased to report that the Summer Sports Programme had been a great success with 30 plus children attending each event. He expressed his thanks to everyone who helped, especially PCSO Michael Alder. He hoped that the event could be repeated next year and that something could be organised for the half term holidays. The Clerk agreed to prepare a financial statement for the next meeting so that the council could see what has been spent from the HPFA and police grants. Cllr Francis also thanked Mr Tony Macey for his help with the summer programme.

WALLOP YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB. The WYFC had played their first friendly match with great enthusiasm but, unfortunately, were defeated.

PLAYING FIELD GATE. The Clerk reported that he had received tree quotes for the playing field gate and these were discussed. It was agreed that Barker and Geary from Kings Somborne should be asked to install the gate at a cost of £611.80. Proposed by Cllr Quick and seconded by Cllr Burden.

PARISH HALL.

Cllr Taylor Firth updated the council on the Parish Hall refurbishment project. Since the last meeting community fund raising had risen to £12,400 and the total raised for the whole project now stood at £311,000. The Big Lottery Fund had been asked to accept the revised plans and the tender report and we were waiting for approval to proceed with the building work.

It is hoped that work will start on the 12th October 2009 and finish in April 2010. The hall will close on the 5th October. The Parish Council will meet in Over Wallop Church Hall. Cllr Taylor Firth reported that there would be a Parish Hall Management Committee Meeting on the 24th September 2009 that would be open to the public.

PARISH HALL CONSTITUTION AND LICENCE AGREEMENT

The Parish Hall Constitution had been distributed to all the Parish Councillors and needed to be signed by both Over and Nether Wallop Parish Councils. The Parish Council agreed that the Chairman should sign the Parish Hall Constitution on their behalf. Proposed by Cllr Quick and seconded by Cllr Hunnibell.

The Parish Council all agreed to acknowledge the Parish Hall licence agreement that defined the status and duties of the Parish Hall Management Committee. Nether Wallop Parish Council have also to agree to the document before it is adopted.

FOOTPATHS.

Cllr Cochrane reported that the hedge cutting in Palestine has started and that the footpaths were usually cut soon after this.

FOOTPATH No 3, OVER WALLOP. Hampshire County Council Regulatory Committee, using their powers under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, had approved a definitive map modification order to correct the line of Over Wallop Footpath No3. It was noted that this was a paper exercise and that the route of the footpath on the ground would not change.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Parish Council has been asked to comment on TVBC Hackney Carriage licensing. Some 35 licences are in operation. The note will be circulated to councillors for their comments.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR A GIBSON'S REPORT.

The Clerk gave the councillors a copy of Cllr Gibson's report.

POLICE REPORT.

PC Simon Beecroft reported that he is now back as the beat manager looking after Over Wallop after his time in Andover. Another PCSO will be joining the Stockbridge team within the next five weeks. The operation of the mobile police station is being considered and it may well be manned by the PCSOs in the future.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Macey asked if there was any news on the flashing speed signs. The Clerk reported that there had been an administrative delay because HCC had to carry out risk assessments on all the sites in the various villages in the scheme. It is hoped that they will be in place soon.

Mr Macey congratulated the Parish Council for organizing the excellent summer sports programme. He also thought that the grass cutting was the best it has ever been and it was nice to see the whole field being used. The Parish Council agreed that the contractors from TVBC are doing an excellent job.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

Cllr Taylor Firth thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

12th October 2009 in the **CHURCH HALL**, Over Wallop at 8pm.