

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th September 2010 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 8pm.

Present : Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs H Bird
Cllr Mr T Burden
Cllr Mr G Cairns
Cllr Mr M Cochrane
Cllr Mr J Francis
Cllr Mr M Hunnibell
Borough Councillor Mr T Hope
PC Simon Beecroft
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Members of the Public - 5

Apologies : Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn, Mrs R Cartwright NHW and County Cllr Mr A Gibson.

WELCOME. The acting Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - The acting Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr H Bird and seconded by Cllr M Cochrane.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

URGENT ITEMS.

Cllr T Burden - Reported that Mount Carmel Road in Palestine had again been ignored by Hampshire Highways. This was the third time road repairs in Palestine had stopped short of Mount Carmel Road. The Clerk was asked to contact Hampshire Highways to report this.

The Chairman - Reported that the council had been asked by TVBC to choose a name for the new development in Appleton Close. It had already indicated that 'Appleton Close' with consecutive numbering was the first choice and that 'Appleton Mews' was the second choice. After discussion it was accepted that 'Appleton Place' could be the third choice as an alternative to 'Appleton Mews'.

The Clerk - Reported that the two new notice boards had been installed - one on the barn by the War Memorial and the other one at the entrance to the playing field.

POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

PC Beecroft reported that there was a burglary in Pound Close in July; 4 persons were arrested and had been bailed in connection with the crime. He was pleased to report that otherwise it has been quiet in the Parish.

PLANNING.

10/01997/TREEN - Various Tree works - Kents Farm, Farley Street.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

10/01585/FULLN - Construction of vehicular access with gates, provision of off road parking area and alterations to existing access to form pedestrian access -

Yew

Tree Cottage, Station Road.

The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning

Application. A

turn around comment was made that there was no provision for vehicles to to exit the site in a forward motion.

10/01846/FULLN - Building works - Wallop Defence Systems Ltd.

The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning

Application.

10/01847/ADVN - Display of three flags on flagpoles - Wallop Defence Systems Ltd.

The Parish Council had No OBJECTIONS to this Planning

Application.

FINANCE - CHEQUES ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER 2010

Proposed by Cllr M Hunnibell and seconded by Cllr H Bird.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£412.50
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£63.70
Mr J Francis	Expenses Sports/Pavilion	£682.58
Test Valley School	Sponsor 2 Prizes	£50.00
Southern Electric	Street Lighting Energy	£870.42
Mr B Pearce	Notice Boards	£115.00
Andrew Clark	Coaching Fees	£92.00

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After Above cheques have been deducted

Current Account	£ 2,622.78
Premier Interest	<u>£ 18,776.41</u>
	£ 21,399.19

SPORTS PROGRAMME FUNDING (Not included in the above figures).

Opening Balance	£ 1,851.13
2010 Grant	<u>£ 3,000.00</u>
	= £ 4,851.13
Less Coaching Fees	-£92.00
Less Refreshments	<u>-£86.22</u>
Balance	= £4,672.91

MUGA FUNDING

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council received the £35,754.85 106 of grant money from Test Valley Council on the 24th August 2010. The second stage payment of £39,087.50 including VAT had been paid on the 25th August and the final instalment of £1,500 was due on completion. The Clerk has claimed back the VAT and this is back in the Bank Account.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received a £100 donation from the Vintage Gathering to go towards the upkeep of the Playing Field. A vote of thanks was recorded.

REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE

SPORTS - Cllr J Francis reported that the summer sports programme has gone well;

attendance was down on last year but those who attended seemed to enjoy themselves.

Cllr J Francis reported that the MUGA has been erected and looked impressive. Charles Lawrence Tennis Courts hope, weather permitting, to return within the next few weeks to mark out the play lines and finish off. The Football pitches have been moved and are being used. The Parish Council thought this excellent news.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL - Cllr G Cairns reported that there were two teams again this season - Under 9's and Under 11's. The first matches had been played and things are going well.

ADULT FOOTBALL - Cllr J Taylor Firth spoke about the meeting that had been held on 19th August with those running the two Wallop Wanderers teams. Unfortunately the club had had administrative problems and had insufficient funds available to pay their outstanding hire fees and the various other charges for the coming season. It had been agreed that the club would be given a chance to make a fresh start and the outstanding fees had been waived. The club has been told that future fees must be paid on time and that the council must be provided with fixtures lists. The clerk pointed out that the council had not yet received the fixtures list.

The council had mixed feeling on the decision to waver the outstanding fees. It was pointed out that amateur club costs, match fees and individual fees were usually standard and were known well in advance by clubs. The teams comprised adults and, providing that individual fees were collected promptly, there should be no difficulty with meeting the fees for the hire of the pavilion and maintenance of the pitch (about £100 per team per year). Concern was voiced that the council may well be in the same position this time next year if it did not make a stand on the issue of fee payment. This was noted.

FLOOD LIGHTING - Cllr Mr J Francis reported that he has received a quote for portable flood lighting of £2980. Other options are being looked into.

MUGA - The running of the MUGA was briefly discussed. The issue of whether the MUGA should be locked or left open received mixed feelings from councillors. A diary and booking system will need to be put in place and a system for getting the tennis nets and posts from the pavilion store will also need to be agreed. Cllr H Bird stated that she is home most days and would be willing to be a key holder. The council took note of the various points.

FENCING - A quote for fencing around the car park has been received from Barker and Geary to supply and install 42.8 m of 4 m high Duex 868 mesh fencing, green powder coated on galvanised posts at a cost of £5,500 plus VAT. The council thought this too high a cost and although it confirmed that the present fence around the car park did need tidying, it considered there was no need to install very high fencing. Other options will be looked at.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Cllr Mr T Hope spoke about the new Electoral Roll forms that had been delivered to every property in Test Valley and urged residents to read the instructions in detail. If the form is returned on line it could save TVBC in the region of £10,000. He also reminded the council that planning permission would be required for flood lighting on the MUGA.

Cllr Mr T Hope went on to state that a recent article in the Daily Mail had accused borough councillors of wasting £2,000 on a 'jolly' while cutting costs for other services. He wished to assure parishioners that that was not the case and the £2,000 had been spent on diversity training to make sure TVBC did things properly.

Cllr Mr T Hope discussed the issue of traffic flow and traffic calming in the parish particularly Salisbury Lane and Station Road. He stated that he has seen 4 scheme proposals for traffic calming in Station Road, but unfortunately he could not discuss this with the parish council at present due to confidentiality. Cllr Mr G Cairns asked if the parish council would have an input when the proposals were discussed as it represented the whole village and the views of the residents of both Salisbury Lane and Station Road need to be taken into consideration. Cllr Mr T Hope stated that the council would be able to comment when the matter circulated under the normal planning process.

PARISH HALL REPORT

Cllr J Taylor Firth reported that there had not been a hall management meeting since the last Parish Council meeting. The Awards for All grant has been paid into the bank and a portable stage has been bought and installed. The grant money would also be used to provide a 10' x 10' storage shed, some extra tables, various notice boards and a drop down screen for the meeting room. He also reported that 4 new groups are now using the hall and bookings were on the increase. The council took note of this good news.

REPORT FROM THE FOOTPATH OFFICERS.

Cllr M Cochrane reported that the footpaths in Palestine were overgrown. He was sure that they would be cut once the farmers had finished harvesting.

Cllr G Cairns reported that as far as he was aware all the Over Wallop footpaths are open and walkable.

REPORT FROM THE TRAFFIC GROUP.

Cllr M Hunnibell had no news to report. The Traffic Group are in contact with the Northern Farm developers and Mr Ray Alborough from Test Valley Highways.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr T Macey had forwarded a letter to the Parish Council from Coutts and Co Trustee Department regarding 'The Alan Evans Memorial Trust'. There is a possibility that funds may be available to improve facilities on the playing field.

POINTS FROM THE FLOOR.

The council was asked if it would support a prolonged temporary closure of Salisbury Lane so that data could be gathered on the effect this would have. The council stated that this has already happened when the new bridge was being installed: data had been gathered and the Traffic Group and Ray Alborough had the information.

Cllr Mr T Hope asked if the council intended to display in the hall various photographs that it owned or had recently been given. Cllr J Taylor Firth stated that the photograph of the Test Valley Tapestry had been put on display in the foyer in time for the hall opening in June and the other photographs were to be displayed once they had been reframed.

Mr T Macey stated that he thought the MUGA was an excellent facility for the village and he hoped that the council will leave it open for everyone to use as he feared that if it was locked it will not get used. The Parish Council noted his concern.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11th October 2010 in the Parish Hall at 8pm.

Cllr Mr M Cochrane gave his apologies for the October Meeting.

CLOSE OF THIS MEETING

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