Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th September 2012 in the Wallops 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 P Benger Cllr Mr G Gates Cllr Mr J Francis

Cllr Mr P Bye - Grateley Parish Council

Mrs R Cartwright - NHW

Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk

Members of the Public - 6

Apologies: Cllr Mr M Glover, Borough Cllr Mr T Hope and County Cllr Mr A Gibson.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

Mr Geoff Gates signed the Declaration of Office and was co-opted onto the Parish Council. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Gates onto the Parish Council and noted that the all areas of the Parish are now represented.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS. No declarations of interest were recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Taylor Firth signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Benger and seconded by Cllr Burden.

URGENT ITEMS

NEW CODE OF CONDUCT - The Parish Council all agreed to adopt the new Code of Conduct as recommended by the Borough Council Monitoring Officer.

LENGTHSMAN SCHEME - This is still being investigated. The Parish Council discussed footpath cutting; Mr C Wilkins has been employed this year to cut a few of the inner parish footpaths and did a good job. It was not clear if the if Lengthman' scheme would cover the cost footpath cutting. The Clerk will speak to Peter Watson at Hampshire Rights of Way to see if Footpaths are included in the scheme.

HIGHWAYS - the Clerk has invited Mr Ray Alborough to the October Parish Council meeting to give an up-date on Highways issues. AFTER NOTE: Mr Alborough sends his apologies but can not make the October Meeting, but will attend the November one.

ROAD SIGNS - Cllr Benger reported that the Zion Road sign has been knocked over. Cllr Mr T Burden reported that he still has the Mount Hermon Road sign in his yard. Cllr Mr J Francis reported that the Appleton sign also needs attention.

The Clerk will report all three signs to Highways.

POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mrs Cartwright reported that there were been two noisy parties that resulted in the Police being called. Cllr Benger asked what constituted a noisy party. Mrs R Cartwright stated that noise after 1pm in the open - The Environmental Health Department should be called if this is the case as they operate a 24 hour service.

FINANCE

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council have received a generous donation towards the Playing Field from Mr T Macey's Vintage Gathering.

CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER 2012

District Audit Audit of Accounts

£342.00

Mrs D FrancisCleaning and Caretaking 2012£2000.00Thornton Tree Services LtdChurch Trees£6000.00Mr J FrancisExpenses – Key Cutting£22.50Simon TillingLine Marking £84, Paint £85.32£169.32

R.N. Waterman Wages

£423.00

R.N. Waterman Expenses

£143.70

Mr G Cairns Tennis Rackets, Advert, Service of Chainsaw £102.30

Tennis Coaching Summer Holidays £180.00

INCOME.

Hire of Field Fees £70.00 VAT Refund £1700.00

Donation towards tree work £5000.00

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above payments have been deducted

Opening Balance £20,121.70

Plus Income £ 6,770.00 Less Expenditure £ 9,100.52

£17,791.18

Current Account £11,265.14 Premier Interest £ 6,526.04

£ 17,791.18

The payments were proposed by Cllr Taylor Firth, seconded by Cllr Benger and were approved unanimously.

The Clerk reported that District Audit have signed off the Parish Council Accounts and have made no comments. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for all his hard work.

PLANNING

12/01800/FULLN - Single storey extension to form larger dinning room, incorporating removal of flat roof and construction of mono pitched roof - Wedderlea, Over Wallop. The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

12/01873/FULLN - Change of use from agricultural to ancillary accommodation to the farm house; Internal alterations and replace existing lean to structure with smaller open sided lean to structure - Stables, Northern Farm, Station Road.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

12/01870/FULLN - Extension to provide enlarged family room, boot room and link - Farmhouse, Northern Farm, Station Road.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

12/0172/FULLN - Erection of two storey rear extension to provide kitchen/breakfast room, utility with bedroom and en-suite over - Park Farm House, park Drove, Over Wallop. The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

PRINTERS PLACE – A parishioner expressed concern about ground clearance at Printers' Place. The Parish Clerk investigated and confirmed that Octave Homes are fulfilling their obligation to landscape the open space before handing over to MeadFleet.

REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE

TENNIS - The Chairman wished to thank Cllr Cairns for an excellent summer programme of Tennis, the coaching was a great success. Cllr Cairns stated that he was very pleased with the result, the coaching was good value. Cllr Cairns hoped to repeat the event next summer. The Parish Council all agreed that it was a great success and should be repeated.

FOOTBALL - Cllr Francis reported that the Chestnut Tree Football Team have signed up for this season and will be hiring the pitch at £35 a match. The fee will be paid in advance of each game; their fixtures' list has been added to the website. A deposit has also been paid for the keys to the field and pavilion.

Wallop Youth Football lost their manager/trainer Mark Beckingham due to work commitments. The training will be taken over by Debbie Francis, training is going well, and Rachael Lister will be the new manager.

The youth footballers will need a bigger pitch and bigger goals, which requires turning the pitch by 90 degrees, removing the current goals and installing new goals. The new goals will be paid for by the clubs sponsor JK Factors Ltd, but the cost of installing the goals is either going to be paid for by the club with a possible contribution from the parish council to cover the cost of installation. The Parish Council will require details of costs before making a decision.

EVANS CLOSE - The benches discussed earlier in the year will cost :-

2 steel benches £475 + VAT, Galvanising of the benches if required £231.00 + VAT, dig holes and install the benches with concrete £350 + VAT.

Cllr Francis stated that Martyn Dean will correct the problem with the leaning goal post at the same time as installing the benches.

The Parish Council felt that additional quotes for ready made benches should be sought. The Chairman stated that the goal posts needed to be corrected as soon as possible, the Parish Council paid for them to be installed and expects them to be made good. It would be appreciated if this was done. Cllr Mr Francis will speak to Martyn Dean.

GRASS CUTTING - Cllr Francis reported that the grass cutting on the field has not been so good this year and he has received comments from the users.

The Chairman stated that there have been a few problems with cutting the Glebe Field this year and she hoped that these have now been solved. It was agreed that a list of cutting dates be given to the PCC Treasurer. The TVBC grass cutters had to suspend cutting

during the summer due to the unusually heavy amount of rainfall that saturated the playing field.

PAVILION - Cllr Francis reported that there is a leaking tap in the pavilion and he will replace the washer.

The Chairman reported that she has been invited to have coffee with the Aviation Centre Commandant, to discuss closer links between the military families and the village The parish Council thought this encouraging.

PARISH HALL REPORT.

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the Hall's carpets and windows have been cleaned and the hedge has been cut. Autumn bookings have started, these include 3 weddings. Cllr Taylor Firth thanked Debbie Francis for all her hard work. The Chairman thanked Cllr Taylor Firth and the Caretaker for their hard work in maintaining the high standards in the hall.

FOOTPATHS

PALESTINE - Cllr Benger stated that nothing had changed in Palestine. Since the last minutes were published there are offers in the pipeline to help clear Olive Grove. Initial thoughts are to clear it so it's passable by foot.

OVER WALLOP - Cllr Cairns stated that as far as he was aware all the Over Wallop Footpaths are clear and walkable. The Chairman will check if Esterline have carried out the work they said they would do around their gates.

PALESTINE

Cllr Burden reported that the fencing has at long last been erected around the TPO Tree.

POINTS FROM THE FLOOR

It was reported that electric gates have been placed at the entrance to Pottery Farm; this is causing access problems for neighbouring properties. The Chairman stated that this was a case for solicitors not the Parish Council.

Mr T Macey thanked the Parish Council for the use of the playing field for the Vintage Gathering which had another successful year. Mr Macey hoped that the car parking next year will be in an adjoining field. The event is getting bigger each year; one consequence is the pavilion septic tank did not cope with the volume this year. Portable toilets may be the required next year.

Mr T Macey raised the amount of rubbish in the hedge by the Cricket Team, which includes grass cuttings, soil and an old bench. The Chairman stated that this will be brought up at the next Leisure Committee meeting.

Mr Flippance reported that he had walked up Palestine Road and half way up by Lark House. It is barely passable due to the laurel hedge that has been planted. The Parish Council discussed this and it was noted that this hedge is planted on the highway and was raised at the time with the enforcement officer.

The Clerk was asked to report this to Highways and the TVBC Enforcement Officer.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 8th October 2012 in the Parish Hall at 8pm.