

OVER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting 8th September 2008

- 274/08 Present: Cllrs. Burden, Cleife, Macey, Murray-Twinn, Pickering, Quick, Taylor Firth, County Cllr. Woodhall, Ruth Cartwright and 17 members of the public
- 275/08 Apologies: Borough Cllr. Hope and Cllr. Glover
- 276/08 Minutes of Meeting 11 August 2008: The minutes of meeting 11th August were signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr. Cleife, seconded Cllr Quick.
- 277/08 Declarations of Interest: Planning application for Station View Farm: Cllr Murray-Twinn had employed the architect Createur on a personal project in the past and Cllr Burden declared an interest in the planning application for The Annexe, Shalom.
- 278/08 Urgent Items: The Parish Council had granted permission for a marquee to be placed on the recreation field. Part of the car park fence had been damaged by vehicles servicing the marquee and some vehicles had driven across the football field and the cricket pitch. Whilst most of the grass will recover, the damage to the fence and some of the badly damaged areas of grass will have to be repaired. Photographs have been taken of the damage and the clerk will write to the parishioners who held the event.
- 279/08 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch: The marquee was vandalised when it was erected. There is an increase of fuel theft, but it should be noted that if parishioners put padlocks on their tanks, they should tell their insurance company as they may invalidate their policy. Two suspicious vans were seen driving through the village and their number plates have been noted by the Police. The Community Police Support Officers are talking to the young and this seems to be working.
- 280/08 Planning –
08/02032/FULLN. Erection of dwelling and installation of sewerage works at The Annexe, Shalom, Orange Grove, Palestine. Cllr Burden excused himself from the room. All in agreement for support. Proposed by Cllr Cleife and seconded by Cllr. Macey
- 08/02167/FULLN. Erection of single storey rear extension at Woodcote, Pound Road. All in agreement to support. Proposed by Cllr Cleife and seconded by Cllr. Macey
- 08/01744/OUTN. Outline application at Station View Farm, Streetway Road, Palestine. Erection of 11 x 3 bedroom properties, 4 x 4/5 bedroom properties, 3 x 3 bed low cost properties, 6 one bedroom flats, a community hall and the provision of a playing field and car parking. Objection. See notes below:
Cllr. Murray-Twinn pointed out that the development at Appleton Close for a 10 affordable homes was going ahead and 3 more affordable houses have been allocated at Printers Place. There are 3 halls within the vicinity of Grateley and Over Wallop; therefore there is no need for an additional hall. There is no indication that the low cost houses will be truly low cost as the council does not know the true cost of constructing these units. There is a history of past refusals for this site. The chairman asked each councillor for their comments on the application.
Cllr Macey: Supported the application and was glad to see a development of small houses.
Cllr Quick: Opposed to the development. This is a very large development in the countryside. It is subject to countryside policy and there must be a justifiable need for property. The housing survey

prepared for the application was not a fully representative survey as parishioners in Palestine had not included. She questioned why the previous applications withdrawn. The development was large for the rural site, although a hall would be nice for the area if it went ahead.

Cllr Burden: Opposed the application. The houses are not marked as affordable houses as they are not registered with a housing association. There was no need for another hall as the parish council already has to subsidise the Wallops Parish Hall. The Grateley Village Hall also has to be subsidised.

Cllr Taylor Firth: Opposed the application. Whilst he would welcome a small development he considered that there was no need for another hall. The proposed hall is far too big (595 sq/m) more than a third larger than the Wallops Parish Hall (310 sq/m). It would cost a considerable amount of money to build (probably over £500K). The 'dilapidated' barns are currently in use as agricultural buildings as storage, so are not completely dilapidated as stated on the application.

Cllr Pickering: Opposed the application. What is low cost housing? This needs definition as low cost is not the same as affordable. There is an unusual clause in the application that stated that if the playing field is not used, it can return to agricultural land. If houses are built the land should not be able to return to agricultural use at any time. He liked the small houses, but objected to the plans as they are currently proposed.

Cllr Cleife: Opposed the application. Having taken into consideration the Appleton Close development and the houses at Printers' Place he felt that the parish did not need more houses that may well remain unoccupied. The Parish does not need another hall.

Cllr Murray-Twinn: Against such a large development. It is against the VDS. She expressed concern about the proposed affordable housing. She supports low cost and affordable housing, but big houses are not needed and the smaller units are certainly not affordable. The Parish does not need another hall, especially with all the work put in for the Big Lottery grant for the refurbishment of the Parishes current hall. The proposed hall is large and is just not justifiable. A small development would sit well, but the scale of this development is too large.

For the development: 1. Against: 6. Proposed by Cllr.Cleife and seconded by Cllr Taylor Firth.

281/08 Finance: 4 Cheques for signature. Proposer Cllr Cleife, Seconded Cllr. Quick.

1124 Clerk salary and Expenses – September £435.53

1125 Southern Water £28.29

1126 TVBC for dog bin replacement and litter bin £135.13

1127 Robert Grist for the line marking at the sports events £200.00.

The Parish Council has received very generous donations from some parishioners to go towards the Community Development Programme. Mr Macey from the Vintage Gathering donated £100. Cheques and cash to the sum of £366.46 has so far been received. A big thank you for everyone who has donated to this worthy programme. The clerk advised the council that the War Memorial Trust have agreed to fund £1200 towards the cost of repairing the War Memorial. This represents a 50% grant of the total cost. The Parish Council's bill will amount to £1200. It was agreed by all councillors that the work should go ahead and that we should properly budget each year to clean the memorial and to have it tidied regularly. Cllr Pickering asked if we had contacted the camp for a grant? The clerk will write to Col. Alex Tucker.

Benches: The clerk discussed the quotes for benches. Wooden and steel were discussed. It was agreed that due to vandalism, the Council should look only at steel. The prices vary and it was agreed that the Council should ask Martyn Dean, the blacksmith, for a cost of 1 bench as this was the cheapest quote.

282/08 Report from the Leisure Committee: Cllr Macey reported that a very successful Vintage Day was held in August. An electrical test needs to be done at the pavilion and the committee is still waiting for builders to quote some for additional work. Cllr. Macey will chase this up.

The 2 days of potted sports in August had been a success. Many parishioners helped to clean the pavilion. The Chairman would like to thank all who helped on the day. Asda kindly provided the refreshments. Able and Cole generously donated two cases of organic fruit which the children enjoyed. The CDP is planning further inter-village 5 a-side competitions advertised through the local schools. This will be both for young and older children. Workshops for adults and older children are planned in the near future. The dates for these workshops will be advertised on posters within the village. The aim is to provide some quality entertainment within the village, using the pavilion, and in future, the refurbished Parish Hall. TVBC are offering sports training opportunities for children and young people. The Police have donated £300 towards next two events. This will be used to provide prizes, certificates and refreshments. We have applied to HPFA for £3000 to help this project. The refurbished hall will also provide a suitable venue for the indoor sporting and leisure activities. The Parish Council is exploring means in which it can provide a young people's centre for meeting by making improvements to the pavilion for this purpose.

The clerk advised that TVBC had been instructed to quote for a replacement swing seat at Evans Close following the ROSPA inspection. It was agreed that TVBC could carry out the work at a cost of £130 plus VAT.

283/08 Report from Hall Committee: The Stage 2 application has been completed and submitted. John Taylor Firth, Pepe Keightley and Sarah Day had put in incredible amounts of work, and the Parish Council wishes to thank them. The cost for the complete refurbishment has risen to £338,000; the Big Lottery Fund is offering £240,000, so further sources of funding must be found. HCC and TVBC will be approached for help in funding. If there is a shortfall after grants, there will have to be an adjustment to original plans. Should Stage 2 approval be granted there are 14 weeks to get the design properly written up and to confirm the extra funding. The decision will not be heard from the Big Lottery Fund before February/March.

284/08 Update on Streetway Road: The clerk read a letter from Pat West who had confirmed that the yellow lines would be in place along Streetway Road by the end of September. The additional car park is also going ahead. Cllr Burden has a query on the yellow lines as it was originally thought that there would be single yellow marking on the house side of the road due to the business that operate in the vicinity. The clerk agreed to check this.

285/08 Correspondence: E-mail letter from George Franks about the traffic calming issues within the village. Mr Franks would like to remind the council that there are greater issues than just closing Salisbury Lane. The Chairman has responded by to say that the parish are looking at total traffic calming within the village; this would include Station Road as well as Salisbury Lane. The Council agreed that this is a problem that goes beyond the village and needs to be addressed accordingly. A parishioner thanked the councillors for clearing some of the hedges at Evans Close. Cllr Pickering has received a letter regarding a footpath, and asked for it to be included on the next agenda.

286/08 Date of next meeting 13th October 8pm.

287/08 Public points from the floor: Cllr Woodhall confirmed that the traffic calming needs to be in the whole village, not just Salisbury Lane. A traffic survey has been done and the results will be interesting when they are released by TVBC. He has County funds of £300 that the parish council can apply for towards the cost of the seat in Evans Close. The clerk will contact his office to get the form.

Cllr Burden asked Cllr. Woodhall why the soakaways and culverts at Old Stockbridge Road had still not been cleared. The road is suffering from the flooding and is dangerous to drivers unfamiliar with the road. The soakaways need clearing and dug out. Cllr. Woodhall noted that this has not yet been done and he will have a word with the area surveyor.

Cllr Woodhall noted that a parishioner had a question on the correct definition of affordable housing and low cost housing. He confirmed that affordable houses are bought by housing associations and remain affordable for the life of the house. These houses are subsidised by the association, some will be shared ownership, and some will be rented. Low cost housing is similar to affordable housing but one has to prove a need. They are offered to parishioners and people in neighbouring parishes.

A parishioner asked if consideration could be given to cyclists when the proposed traffic calming changes are made. The traffic is too fast and dangerous for cyclists and walkers of the roads. Could bicycle racks please be looked at within Grateley Station?

With the planning application for the Megashed, there will be a meeting to discuss this further; are we as a parish council invited? Cllr Quick advised that the subject is now beyond the parish councils and it will be heard at Borough level.

Ragwort is everywhere. This is poisonous to animals and it must be pulled up and taken away. It needs to be dug up. Can we put a notice up regarding this?

Meeting closed 9.20pm

Sandra Holloway- Clerk