

## **Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn - Chairman  
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman  
Cllr Mr B Elliot  
Cllr Mr G Gates  
Cllr Mr G Cairns  
Cllr Mr T Burden - Palestine Councillor  
Mr Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk  
County Cllr Mr A Gibson  
Cllr Mr P Bye - Chairman Grateley Parish Council  
Mrs R Cartwright - NHW  
PCSO Catherine Bonter  
Members of the Public - 8

Apologies: Cllr Mr M Glover, Cllr Mr J Francis and Borough Councillor Mr T Hope

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

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

The Chairman declared her involvement with Wallop Good Neighbours.

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

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

### **URGENT ITEMS**

**PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR** - The Chairman wrote to Cllr Mr A Gibson requesting him to look favourably on giving a grant towards purchasing a Defibrillator for the Parish.

Cllr Burden reported that Grateley Parish Council managed to fund the purchase of a second Defibrillator through the generosity of parishioners. Cllr Burden hopes to rally residents to make donations for a unit in Palestine. The Clerk was asked to put the Defibrillator on the Agenda for the April Meeting.

**TREES** - Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the work to fell the trees on the sports field should start mid April.

**WALLOPS PRE-SCHOOL** - The Chairman invited Mrs Hayward, Wallops Pre-School Manager, to address the meeting.

She thanked the Chairman and stated that the pre-school tirelessly fund raise to improve the outcomes for two year olds. It is important to give them a stable and constant environment to develop their skills before moving onto the Infant School. Fundraising will help to improve the outside area and provide resources for teaching aids. At present the pre-school is governed by parents which is not ideal as they move on once the child moves up to the infant school. Changing the way the pre-school is governed is being explored. Mrs Hayward asked if the Parish Council would be willing to give a grant to the pre-school to help secure its ongoing development.

The Parish Council discussed this and all agreed to give a Grant of £200. Proposed by Cllr Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Cairns. Mrs Hayward thanked the Parish Council for their generous grant.

## **POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.**

PCSO CATHERINE BONTER - Reported that there has been an increase in non-dwelling burglaries in the area. People are still leaving sat navs, phones and bags on display in their vehicles making easy pickings for thieves. The recent wet weather has seen a decrease in poaching. Door to door cold calling is also becoming a problem, No Calling Zones could be set up in areas that are being targeted on a regular basis. Any suspicious activities should be reported on the 101 telephone number.

Mrs Ruth Cartwright stated that she is happy to send out by email the Neighbourhood Watch reports to any one who would like a copy.

## **FINANCE**

### **CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN MARCH 2014**

|                       |                                  |                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| R N Waterman          | Wages (SO)                       | 423.00           |
| Aviva                 | Insurance (DD)                   | 188.37           |
| Wallops Parish Hall   | Hire of Meeting Room             | 75.00            |
| CPRE                  | Subscription                     | 29.00            |
| R N Waterman          | End of Year Expenses             | 71.55            |
| TVBC                  | Final settlement of Road Closure | 290.88           |
| Wallops Pre-School    | Grant                            | 200.00           |
| <b>Total Payments</b> |                                  | <b>£1,277.80</b> |

## **INCOME**

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| GPC Share of Dog Bin | £ 156.50                |
| VAT Refund           | £1,055.14               |
|                      | <b><u>£1,211.64</u></b> |

## **BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.**

After above payments have been deducted

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Current Account  | £ 1,067.46        |
| Premier Interest | £ 3,000.00        |
|                  | <u>£ 4,067.46</u> |

## **PLANNING**

There were no new planning application to discuss.

LAND NORTH WEST OF EVANS CLOSE - Fowler Architects delivered letters to residents informing them of a Public Exhibition on their proposals for the land north west of Evans Close. This will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 from 4- 7pm.

POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - The Chairman reported that she had been approached by a developer wishing to hold a meeting to discuss a potential development on land adjacent to Pound Road, access would be along King Lane Cottages. The Chairman stated that after taking advice she had declined a meeting and had informed the developer that they would be welcome to come to a Parish Council meeting to give a presentation in Public, on the understanding that the Parish Council would make no comment until a planning application is submitted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST ISSUE - The Chairman reported that she received an email from a resident of Streetway Road regarding the no declaration of interest recorded by Cllr

Burden in November 2012 relating to the proposed development at Quarley Hill View, Streetway Road. The email notes that Cllr Burden is now building the property.

The Chairman reported that she reviewed the minutes when the planning application was discussed and can confirm the Cllr Burden did not declare an interest and did leave the room every time this planning application had been discussed, as he was a friend of the applicant. The Chairman stated that this issue had been raised at the time with the borough Solicitor and that the parish Council had copies of correspondence confirming that the correct procedure had been followed.

Cllr Burden stated that he had been approached by the applicant in November 2012 to quote to build the dwelling, but due to a lead time of 18 months he declined and did not quote, so had not declared an interest but felt that it was inappropriate to be in the room when the parish Council discussed the planning application. The applicant was granted planning permission and 1 year later again approached him for a quote, to date no developer has been given the job.

Cllr Burden stated that he has now been asked to quote to build Cllr Glovers house that got planning permission last year.

REVISED BOROUGH PLAN - The Parish Council have sent in their comments on the Revised Borough Plan. More Flexibility on the Parish Envelope has been asked for to allow some additional development in Over Wallop and Palestine. The Parish Council's full comments can be viewed on the Test Valley Borough Council Web Site.

### **LEISURE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Chairman reported that a letter has been received from a resident complaining about the litter left after a football match and the bad language used during some matches by the players.

Cllr Francis had sent in the following report :- With regards to complaint, many thanks for pointing out the problems, if problems are not reported then there is nothing we can do to rectify the issues. I have spoken to the football team manager and explained that a parishioner has picked up rubbish following various football games at the playing fields and specifically from the touch line.

Ken sends his apologies for this and has explained that he was not at this Sundays game but normally leaves the pitch and the field in clean and tidy state, he will have a chat with his vice and insure that this does not happen again.

As far as the bad language is concerned it is a little difficult to point the finger at home or away players from Sunday but has again explained that the referee has the power to stop bad language on the pitch if it is loud and not simply mumbled as a sign of frustration, Ken will in future speak to the referee before each home game as the position of the pitch means that the players can be heard from some distance, in fact probably from most of the village on a Sunday morning.

As I understand there is only one more home game to play this season so the problem will actually resolve itself but we will keep an eye on the situation.

Litter is picked up from the MUGU when cleaning takes place but unfortunately the MUGU is not policed continuously so it is a problem that has been on going, that fact that we do not have a bin at the MUGA means that those Individuals who drop the litter appear to be too lazy to walk to the bins or take the litter away with them.

Maybe it would be possible to have a bin supplied and placed nearer to the MUGA.

The pavilion is being left clean and tidy and the paint which we used to pay for is now being paid for by the football team which is a credit to Ken as he is now on top of the running of the club as far as subs and management of the team.

Thanks to Mark Glover for trimming the hedges and undergrowth around the field today, I understand that Mark has not been able to mow all of the hedge line due to the position of the trees but this has helped significantly and I will take some images over the weekend and forward on.

The child's play area, we have a small problem with one of the balance poles which has become loose and I will fix this at the weekend.

I need to clean the gutters again hopefully for the last time this year and with the cupboard in place and the evenings becoming lighter all of the equipment can be locked away for the summer season.

Having spoken to Keith Smith from Grateley Parish Council, Keith has explained that he would be speaking to the council at the last parish meeting to inform them that we have spoken about having a couple of test sessions to bring the children of the Wallops and Grateley together for football, 5 a side or basketball to raise the interest in the summer sports programme, Keith has had issues with his email programme so we are speaking via the telephone at the moment and will keep you informed of development and possible date for the tester sessions.

I have spoken to Peter from the camp and the use of the Rub for football and cricket is still definitely available to use but we are trying to arrange a meeting with one of the PT instructor about the use of the gym equipment I have emailed Mr Richards and I am waiting for a reply.

**CRICKET TEAM** - Mr Cullen, the Chairman of Over Wallop Cricket Club addressed the meeting. Mr Cullen reported that the Cricket Club despite finishing in a good position last season have not been promoted to the next league due to the state of the facilities. The Hampshire County Cricket League have penalised the Cricket Team for the state of the Pitch, the goals posts encroach on the outfield and are a safety hazard, the pavilion is not fit for purpose, one of the showers is not working and due to the clearing of the tables and chairs from the store room there are now outside furniture for the Cricket Club to use. The Cricket Club are also struggling for funds.

The Chairman stated that if these things are not reported to the Parish Council they can not act, the Parish Council were unaware of the problems and suggested that a Lesiure Committee Meeting is held. The Chairman also pointed out that when the replacement of the Pavilion has been discussed in the past, Mr Cullen has registered a firm objection to replacing the pavilion.

### **PARISH HALL REPORT**

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the redecoration programme has started.

### **FOOTPATHS REPORT**

Cllr Cairns reported that he has three trees to deal with that have fallen across the footpaths. He hoped to sort these out soon.

### **PALESTINE**

Cllr Burden spoke about the problem of dog fouling and suggested that additional 'Dog Fouling' signs are erected. The TVBC Dog warden will be contacted once times have been established for the professional dog walkers visiting the parish, who it is thought are the

main culprits. A letter has been received from a Palestine resident asking if a dog bin could be placed at the other end Palestine as there is one at the junction with Streetway Road. This will be considered if the problem is not resolved.

### **KENTSBOROUGH**

Cllr Gates reported that a concerned resident has enquired about the smoke coming from Wallop Industries. The Chairman stated that this has been checked and is within the permitted levels set by the Environment Agency.

### **POUND ROAD**

Cllr Elliot raised the issue of potholes.

### **CLLR MR A GIBSON**

Cllr Mr a Gibson reported that 129 houses have been flooded in Hampshire, 70 families have had to move out. Hampshire County Council have identified that better water management is needed in the County. This winter there have been many power cuts and the Electricity Company are being asked why cables are not laid underground. The roads are in an awful state and causing many problems. Highways have a huge task in from of them to repair the roads.

Cllr Gibson reported that he has visited Pound Road and has raised the issue of repairs with Highways. Repairs to Station road were also discussed. Cllr Gibson spoke at length about his dissatisfaction with the Highways contractor Amey.

Cllr Gibson reported that he had to underwrite bunding work in Stockbridge using his £10,000 developed budget so did not think he would be able to assist with the funding of the Defibrillator from that source of funding. However he would try to obtain funding from other sources.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The ongoing problems with the Appleton Close Sewage Treatment Plant were raised. The smell is horrendous and making life unbearable for residents. The Chairman offered to meet with residents and liaise with the various authorities. The situation is unacceptable and this need to be sorted out, lists of works have been raised but have not been carried out. The Chairman will also alert our MP of the situation.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

14<sup>TH</sup> April 2014 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm