

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

Present: Cllr K Dixon – Chairman
Cllr Mr C Sanger – Vice Chairman
Cllr C Anstis
Cllr S MacDonald – Parish and Borough Councillor.
Cllr Mr M Goodman
Cllr Mr I Cleife
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr D Drew
Members of the Public – 3

Apologies: Borough Councillors Mrs M Flood and Mrs S Hasselmann.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.

The Parish Council still has two vacancies, one in Over Wallop and one in Palestine.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR D DREW.

County Councillor Mr D Drew had sent his report prior to the meeting. The Chairman will put it on the Hub.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR S MACDONALD.

Borough Councillor Mr S MacDonald had sent the Mid Test Valley Matters prior to the meeting. The Chairman has put it on the Hub.

Cllr Mr S MacDonald reported that the Test Valley Draft Borough Plan has been released for consultation. Fine Acres Rise is now within the settlement boundary and the AEMG and Evans Close Playing Field have been taken out of the settlement boundary. Cllr Mr S MacDonald reported that at a recent Resilience Forum the issue of Southern Water over pumping raw sewage direct into the River Test was discussed. Test Valley Borough Council is concerned and is consulting with relevant agencies and local groups.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the December meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr C Sanger and seconded by Cllr M Goodman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

- The scheduled tree work on the AEMG in compliance with the SWT tree survey has been managed by Mr John Taylor Firth. A concerned parishioner has sent an email to the Parish Council, worried about the safety of a tree and asking for the tree survey to be made public. The Chairman confirmed that the tree survey is indeed publicly available, on the Test Valley Planning portal. The clerk will reply asking for clarification on the exact location of the tree.
- The Chairman was disappointed that anonymous notices have been stapled to trees on the AEMG urging residents to attend the Parish Council meeting to ask for another tree survey and question how wood is disposed of. The Parish Council is open and responsive to questions and always happy to explain processes, but

cannot do so if parishioners ask anonymously. Disposal of wood is undertaken in the most cost effective and safe way available.

- Hampshire County Council have again been asked for a Traffic Count date and have not yet confirmed.
- The Parish Council agreed that the Zoom Subscription will be terminated after this meeting. The Parish Council will take advantage of the free 40-minute coverage that is available and will monitor the future need.
- The Romsey Ramblers will be carrying out an Audit of Over Wallop Footpaths. Marion Short will liaise with them.
- The Chairman and Cllr M Goodman met with the Commandant of Middle Wallop Army Air Centre. The Army has a 10 to 15 Year Plan for Middle Wallop and has no plans to develop the Airfield. The meeting was very positive.

FINANCE.

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2024

INCOME.

Bank Interest £109.94

EXPENDITURE.

Standing Orders:		£
R.N. Waterman	Wages	560.00
Came and Company	Insurance	335.69
TVBC	Grass Cutting	185.95
SBPC	Storage	10.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses and Website	14.00
VIXIT	Grounds Maintenance	198.00
Total =		<u>£1,303.64</u>

Cheques Issued:		£
Chris Wilkins	Pavilion Cleaning/Litter/PA	257.53
CFW	Architects Fees	1,387.20
Wallops Parish Hall	Hire Fee 2023/2024	88.00
Penton Grafton PC	Fairground office hire 2023/2024	120.00
SSE	Street Lighting	882.95
Wendy Gallop	Allotment Expenses	29.99
Energieo	Street Lighting	334.46
Total =		<u>£3,100.13</u>

PAVILION PROJECT.

SOS Storage	Container	4,919.76
Total =		<u>£4,919.76</u>

Total Expenditure = **£9,323.53**

Bank Account Balances

After above movements

Current Account = £ 7,913.05

Premier Interest = £ 358,237.95

Allotments = £ 976.46

£367,127.46

Breakdown of Funds held:

Working Balance = £ 8,521.97

Reserves:

General Reserves = £ 12,000.00

Street light Replacement Fund = £ 1,000.00

Over Wallop Community Fund = £ 1,496.00

Pavilion Project = £336,914.74

NDP (PC Contribution)	= £ 718.29
Parish Hall	= £ 500.00
Palestine – Play Area GPC	= £ 5,000.00
	<u>=£357,629.03</u>

TOTAL FUNDS HELD	= £366,151.00
Allotments	= £ 976.46
	<u>= £367,127.46</u>

Proposed by Cllr Mr S MacDonald and seconded by Cllr Mr C Sanger.

PLANNING.

The Parish Council policy to make no comment on tree applications applied to the following:

24/00395/TREEN – Fell 1 Whitebeam – Rose Cottage, Station Road Over Wallop.

24/00372/TREEN – Fell Sycamore – AEMG, Salisbury Lane, Over Wallop.

24/00337/TREEN – Silver Birch - Prune Crown and upper branches by up to 3m – Apple Tree Cottage, King Lane, Over Wallop.

24/00509/TREES – Work to Beech Trees near Wallop Brook – Broadland, Station Road Over Wallop.

The Chairman had sent a draft 'replacement tree planting' letter for applicants, to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting for comment.

24/00354/FULLN – Construction of detached timber 3 bay garage with upper floor – Hurst Lodge, King Lane, Over Wallop. SUPPORT.

24/00350/VARN – Variation of condition 02 (Approved Plans of 21/01181/FULLN (demolition and replacement of Pavilion) Sports Field, Salisbury Lane, Over Wallop. SUPPORT.

PAVILION PROJECT.

The Chairman gave an up-date on the Pavilion Project:

- The old pavilion has been demolished and removed from the site.
- All parishioners have been updated on the work via the Hub, including an apology to Salisbury Lane and Station Road parishioners affected by site traffic or noise.
- The Parish Council's Solicitor is working on the Charge required by the Levelling Up Fund and will also register the AEMG with the Land Registry in the Parish Council's name.
- Both the water and electricity supplies will need to be upgraded; this will be an additional cost which has not been budgeted.
- An additional CAF Grant will be applied for the interior fitting out.
- It has been disappointing that there have been three break-ins in the last month, two before the pavilion was demolished and an attempt to steal a digger and break into the ISO Containers.
- Monthly meetings are planned with the Architect, Millway Builders and the Parish Council during the build.
- Millway Builders will be undertaking some weekend work and will inform the Parish Council.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

CLLR C ANSTIS – Reported that the Parish Hall is running smoothly and there has been a steady stream of enquiries to hire the hall.

CLLR S SANGER – Reported that he has commissioned the VAT report for the Pavilion. Neighbourhood Watch is going well and continuing to grow in numbers.

Cllr S Sanger reported that he will discuss progressing the speed camera project with Nether Wallop.

Cllr S Sanger reported that he had no news to report on 'Fibre to the Home' but confirmed that Over Wallop are still on the 'Fast Track' for 2025.

CLLR S MACDONALD – Reported that the NDP will go to referendum on the 2nd of May 2024. An leaflet explaining the essence of the NDP has been produced and will be distributed.

Cllr S MacDonald reported that a notice to advertise the Draft Village Resilience Plan has been agreed. There is a Resilience Forum on the 20th of April 2024.

Cllr S MacDonald reported that apparently the Over Wallop Telephone Box is a rare model. Estimates for refurbishment range between £3,000 and £6,000. Cllr Mr S MacDonald and the Chairman will get together to look at grant funding.

CLLR MR I CLEIFE – Reported that the storage container was delivered and is now in use. Cllr Mr I Cleife relayed the problems incurred when the container was delivered, and the damage caused to the field. The container company has been contacted regarding compensation for the damage as it was the fault of their delivery driver.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR D DREW

Cllr Mr D Drew reported that he had no news on when the Traffic Count would take place and will contact HCC again.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairman reported that she has received the following correspondence:

- 3-4 emails congratulating the Parish Council on starting on the new Pavilion Project.
- A letter of concern on the erosion of the bank in King Lane – HCC have been contacted for their views and to confirm ownership.
- A letter from Over Wallop Cricket Club requesting additional grass cutting during the Cricket Season.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The following items were raised:

- Army Air Centre Flying. The Chairman reported that this was briefly discussed at the recent meeting with the Commandant. AACen are aware of the complicated route to reach Salisbury Plain and try to be mindful of disturbance to residents. Part of the training involves 50% Low Flying and 50% Night Flying.
- Traffic Calming on Station Road at the pinch point. Cars are still speeding especially in the early morning; the noise is a problem. Could the traffic count also monitor the noise decibel level? Cllr Mr D Drew will speak to HCC to see if this is possible.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

4th of April 2024 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

www.overwallopparishcouncil.org.uk