

## **Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllr K Dixon – Chairman  
Cllr J Taylor Firth – Vice Chairman  
Cllr M Glover  
Cllr B Elliott  
Cllr T Burden  
Cllr V Barnard  
Cllr D Boardman  
Cllr C Smith  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

Members of the Public – 8

Apologies: Borough and County Councillors.

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

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

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

The June and July Minutes were signed as a true record.

June Minutes proposed by Cllr J Taylor Firth and Seconded by Cllr B Elliott.

July Minutes proposed by Cllr V Barnard and Seconded by Cllr J Taylor Firth.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

**STREETLIGHTS** – The Clerk reported that he has received the quote from SSE Contracting for the replacement of the concrete streetlights in Pound Road. The total cost including groundworks is £6,261.72. The Parish Council agreed to proceed and the Clerk will confirm the order with SSE Contracting.

**HIGHWAYS** – The Chairman had no further news to report on the Traffic Calming Scheme.

The Clerk reported that Highways have reported that they are waiting for a part for the Flashing Speed Sign on the A343.

**ALLOTMENTS** – The Clerk read out a report from Mr Richard Quick on an initial proposal for a rain water collection system at the allotments. Points raised:

- Originally a bore hole had been considered but a member of the Working Group, who is a Senior Specialist – Climate Change Adaption at National England had concerns that an un-metered access to groundwater via a borehole would increase local abstraction with possible detriment of the Wallop Brook.
- There may be grants available for such projects as rainwater collection at allotments.

The Parish Council briefly discussed the supply of water to the allotments. Cllr M Glover and Cllr B Elliott both have experience on boreholes and could not see a problem. Cllr Mr Glover will liaise with the Allotment Committee.

## **FINANCE.**

### **CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED IN AUGUST 2019**

R.N. Waterman	Wages – August	465.00
Came and Company	Insurance	190.14
TVBC	Building Regs Parish Hall Extension	702.06
HCC	Supplies Parish Hall	122.98
DJ Harris	Pavilion Shower	1,344.00
The Wallops Shop	Grant	5,646.00
Penton Grafton PC	Share of FSS Maintenance	115.31
Pest Control Services	Wasps Nest	48.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b><u>£8,633.49</u></b>

### **Bank Account Balances**

After above movements

Current Account = £19,732.94

Premier Interest = £10,041.91

Allotments = £ 762.04

**£30,536.89**

Proposed by Cllr D Boardman and Seconded by Cllr B Elliott.

## **PLANNING.**

19/01728/LBWN and 1901727/FULLN – Repair and extend barn to create a car port – Kings Farmhouse, Station Road – SUPPORT.

19/01755/LBWN and 19/01754/FULLN – restore and repair granary for use as home office – Kings Farmhouse, Station Road – SUPPORT.

19/01841/FULLN – erection of detached timber car barn and storage, remodel driveway to allow for turning and reposition access with new boundary fence and entrance gate – 1 Suddern Farm Cottages, Rose Cottage, Salisbury Lane.

This Planning application was received on the day of the meeting and will be looked at by the Councillors and comment made via email.

19/01695/HRWN – Environment Act 1995 – Hedgerow Regulations 1997 - Notice of Hedgerow removal – Removal of 34 metres of hedgerow on northern boundary and 38 metres on western boundary – Land Next to Victory House and The Old Dairy, Orange Lane, Over Wallop – NO COMMENT.

PLANNING APPEAL – A planning appeal for Adanak has been rejected by the Secretary of State.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – The Chairman reported that Sarah Hughes from TVBC will give a presentation at the September Meeting on a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

## **ADMINISTRATION – Cllr V Barnard.**

Cllr V Barnard reported that the final draft of the constitution will be presented to the Parish Council at the September meeting. Cllr Glover agreed to give hard copies of all correspondence and matters for consideration to Cllr Burden.

Cllr V Barnard reported that she has downloaded the NALC Standing Orders and suggested that the items not relevant to Over Wallop are taken out, a copy will be sent to the Councillors for discussion at the September meeting.

## **LENGTHSMAN.**

The Clerk will organise for Jason the Lengthsman to meet with Cllr C Smith to discuss the work to be done in the parish.

### **WALLOPS VILLAGE SHOP – Cllr D Boardman.**

- The Coop Bank Account has been approved – this will reduce bank charges.
- Volunteers doing 3 shift per week, if they stay for a full year a projected annualised saving of £8K pa.
- The new Freezers have arrived – better presentation, significantly reduced running costs are forecast.
- Turnover is up 8% year to date v last year.
- The fundraising target has been met.
- The shop needs more volunteers, products and better merchandising.
- Reviewing Capital Grant opportunities for: New IT equipment, new fabric for sunshade outside shop and improved energy efficient A/C for shop.

The Wallop Shop Management Committee thanked the Parish Council for their generous grant.

### **PARISH HALL- Cllr J Taylor Firth.**

Cllr J Taylor Firth reported that the extension is progressing well, the roof is due to be fitted next. A planning application for a non material amendment has been submitted for an external door. Several of the Parish Councillors raised concerns that an external door would lose valuable storage space and that was the main issue of building the extension. Cllr J Taylor Firth assured the Councillors that this would not be a problem.

The Electrician is due to carry out the electrics and will move the external PIR for the lighting at the same time.

Cllr J Taylor Firth reported that the Hall has a new Mother and Toddler Group starting in the Autumn. The Parish Hall currently has a bank balance of £23,000.

### **FOOTPATHS**

Cllr M Glover reported that a Parishioner had reported some work recently carried out on Orange Lane to Hampshire Rights of Way. Hampshire Rights of Way paid a visit and confirmed that they were happy with the work done and there was not a problem.

### **LEISURE – Cllr D Boardman.**

#### **PAVILION.**

1. Waiting for a quote for replacement of external wastewater drainage pipe (which mysteriously disappeared).
2. The padlock on the gate, again, as code was changed by someone between a Thursday and the following Tuesday.
3. A meeting of the Pavilion Working Group was held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at the pavilion.
  1. Productive with representation from the Parish Council, Cricket Club and Football.
  2. Target date for build/rebuild start date is September 2020
  3. The Working Group intend to visit other purpose-built pavilions.
  4. The next Working Group Meeting will be held in August.

#### **GRASS CUTTING.**

1. Test Valley Borough Council are doing a good job.
2. The additional grass cutting carried out by Mark Lovell will be looked at for next season as it was felt that additional cuts at the beginning of the year would be a better use of his services.

TREES – A date for the walk around with the Tree Surveyor and the Parish Council has not yet been confirmed.

TENNIS – Cllr D Boardman is working with Mr Larry Nelson to sort out the schedule for the tennis coaching. There is only one request for the older age group session.

### **PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS.**

CLLR B ELLIOTT – Reported that the Evans Close Play Area has been inspected and that there are no issues to report.

Cllr B Elliott reported that he has now stopped picking up the litter on the Evans Close Play Area and Field as he is fighting a losing battle. A wasps' nest near the Play Area was dealt with by Southern Pest Control Services. Test Valley Borough Council were contacted but never returned the call: a very disappointing service.

Cllr B Elliott reported that the hedges surrounding the car park in Pound Road have got very overgrown. The Clerk stated that this was the responsibility of Aster and residents should report this to their Neighbourhood Manager at Aster.

CLLR J TAYLOR FIRTH – Reported that Test Valley Borough Council will confirm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 if the grant application for the War Memorial has been approved.

Cllr M Glover asked what the shortfall will be if the TVBC grant is successful. Cllr J Taylor Firth stated that the shortfall will be between £5,000 and £6,000.

Cllr M Glover stated that the Parish Councillors have not received a copy of the War Memorials Trust Grant Offer, he felt that as the Parish Council were responsible for the War Memorial and would have to honour any financial commitment if things went wrong. It is imperative that all the Parish Councillors are kept up to date with all correspondence regarding the funding of the project. The Parish Council had agreed to follow the War Memorial Trusts recommendations and he believed that they will not fund the pillars.

The Chairman asked Cllr J Taylor Firth to email the Parish Councillors a full copy of the War Memorial Trust Grant offer.

CLLR M GLOVER – Asked why the Parish Hall Licence Agreement signed at the July Meeting had not been distributed to the Parish Councillors? Cllr M Glover asked for confirmation that the Licence does not mention the number of Councillors on the Parish Hall Management Committee.

The Chairman asked Cllr J Taylor Firth to distribute the Parish Hall Licence to the Councillors and the Clerk was asked to put it on the Agenda for the September meeting for discussion.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr Tony Macey reported that Highways have left all the signs on the road verges after the recent work. The Clerk reported that this practice has been highlighted in several parishes and reported to County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks who has asked Highways to chase their contractors

A Parishioner reported that several of the footpaths are overgrown and are difficult to walk. This was noted. As mentioned earlier in the meeting Cllr C Smith will be meeting with the Lengthsman.

Mr Peter Hope stated that the SALT Group regularly carry out litter picking in the village and he was sure they would be happy to include Evans Close. The SALT organiser should be contacted to request this.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm