

## **Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllr K Dixon – Chairman  
Cllr J Taylor Firth – Vice Chairman  
Cllr T Burden  
Cllr V Barnard  
Cllr D Boardman  
Cllr C Smith  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
County Councillor Mr A Gibson  
Borough Councillor Mr I Jeffrey  
Members of the Public – 7

Apologies: Cllr M Glover

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

### **MR T HOPE.**

The Chairman reported the sad news that Mr Tony Hope died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019. Tony Hope was a huge force in Over Wallop over a 50 year period. Tony had a fine singing voice and supported the Church as a Lay Reader and Minister, was Parish Council Chairman, a Borough Councillor, Mayor of Test Valley and worked tirelessly for the Royal British Legion.

Tony was also passionate about helping the youngsters of the village to get houses.

The Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council wished to extend deep sympathy to Tony's wife and family.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

### **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.**

The Parish Clerk reported that he had informed TVBC of Cllr B Elliott's resignation. The official notice of a vacancy has been posted on the Village Notice Boards. TVBC will inform the Clerk in due course if the Parish Council can co-opt to fill the vacancy.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR A GIBSON.**

Cllr Mr A Gibson reported that the state of the roads in Hampshire are deteriorating and repairs are not being done to a good standard, he felt that Hampshire County Council are giving the impression that saving money comes before safety. There is a split of opinion in Hampshire over the decision not to cut the verges.

Cllr Mr A Gibson reported that he has been exchanging emails with the Commandant of Middle Wallop over the helicopters flying over Palestine. The Chairman confirmed the Commandant will be attending the November Parish Council Meeting.

Mr Flippance handed the Parish Clerk a list of times and dates helicopters have over flown properties in Palestine during September 2019.

Mr Flippance asked Cllr Mr A Gibson if he could please find out what the Hampshire Highways policy is on white lines, many of the white lines have disappeared from the rural roads.

## **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR I JEFFERY**

Cllr Mr I Jeffrey spoke about the new TVBC Climate Emergency Policy. Cllr Mr I Jeffrey is leading a group to look at TVBC being Carbon Neutral. A six-month time scale has been set to put proposals forward. The Parish Councils in TVBC will be consulted.

Cllr Mr I Jeffrey reported that the TVBC leaf clearing program is due to start.

Cllr Mr I Jeffrey has forwarded the latest Test Valley Matters to the Councillors.

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Chairman signed the September Minutes as a true record. Proposed by Cllr J Taylor Firth and Seconded by Cllr D Boardman.

## **FINANCE.**

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

R.N. Waterman	Wages – October	465.00
Came and Company	Insurance	190.20
Paul Jones and Co	Parish Hall Extension	7,368.00
Allen Plumbing and Heating	Pavilion	144.00
Inter County Survey	Pavilion Drawings	495.00
Southern Electric	Street Lighting	386.00
SSE Contract Services	Street Lighting	176.77
Mr C Wilkins	Allotment Grass Cutting	51.00
Richard Waterman	½ Year Expenses and Office Allowance	78.50
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>£9,354.47</u></b>

### **INCOME:**

Vintage Gathering Donation	£100.00
TVBC ½ Precept	£16,000.00
	<b><u>£16,100.00</u></b>

### **Bank Account Balances**

After above movements

Current Account = £24,421.83

Premier Interest = £10,041.91

Allotments = £ 762.04

**£35,225.78**

### **VAT Refund submitted for £5,202.19**

### **PLANNING.**

19/02264/TREEN – Fell 1 Sycamore Tree – Overbrook House, Station Road.

NO OBJECTION.

19/02285/FULLN and 19/02286/LBWN – Replace existing garage with larger garage and replace two rear windows and rear door – Roumain Cottage, Station Road. – SUPPORT.

19/02269/TREEN - Reduce 9 Hornbeam up to 1m, crown raise Ash to give 1.5m clearance over neighbouring shed – Northern Farmhouse, Station Road – NO OBJECTION

19/01662/FULLN – Erection of stable and store on land at rear – Walnut Tree House, Station Road. – NO OBJECTION

Cllr V Barnard declared an interest and made no comment.

19/02325/FULLN – Installation of a replacement equipment kiosk – Water Booster Station Kiosk, Claydown Lane, Over Wallop – SUPPORT.

19/02291/FULLN – Demolition of agricultural building (current permission to convert) together with adjacent agricultural building and erection of a four-bed dwelling and detached garage, new access road and creation of woodland – Wallop Road Barn, Wallop Road, Grateley, Andover. – SUPPORT.

The Chairman hoped to re-schedule the presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan for the November or December meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATION.**

STANDING ORDERS - Cllr V Barnard stated that she had distributed the revised Standing Orders to the Parish Council and had received further comments/suggestions. Further discussion took place. Cllr Barnard noted the points raised and will produce a further document for the Parish Council to view with the view to adopt the Standing Orders at the November meeting.

HALC (Hampshire Association of Local Councils) – The Clerk is waiting for the quote to re-join the association and a prospectus of benefits available.

TVAPTC CONFERENCE – The Chairman reported that the conference was very good and highlighted many issues. Points covered included:

- Neighbourhood Plans
- Emergency Resilience Plan
- Standards
- Environment
- Community Projects

The Chairman felt that Over Wallop Parish Council are strong in some areas and could work on others in the future.

### **PARISH HALL.**

CONSTITUTION – The Chairman stated that the makeup of the Parish Hall Committee needed to be resolved.

It was noted that the Parish Hall Management Committee are responsible for the day-to-day running of the Parish Hall. Any structural issues must come back to the Over Wallop and Nether Wallop Parish Councils. Over Wallop Parish Council Chairman holds the casting vote.

The Chairman proposed that:

'Over Wallop Parish Council is content with the current makeup of the Parish Hall Management Committee.'

Cllr T Burden stated that he and Cllr M Glover disagree but will not oppose any decision the Parish Council makes. The Vote was 5 in agreement and 1 abstention.

EXTENSION – Cllr J Taylor Firth reported that the Parish Hall store extension has been completed. Tables and 50 chairs have been put in the store. The final certificate from Building Control has not yet been received.

### **WAR MEMORIAL.**

The Chairman stated that she had received an email from a parishioner regarding the War Memorial project and has carried out extensive research to enable a considered reply, in order to inform the March 2019 undertaking to consider how to proceed following the outcome of the WMT grant application:

- The pillars are part of the War Memorial and do come under the War Memorial Trust's definition.

- The War Memorial Trust said the replacement of the pillars was a pragmatic solution. The grant offer did not include the pillars but gave permission for them to be replaced at OWPC's own cost. The WMT stated that they could not be certain that the names were all correct although it was noted that they gave the maximum possible grant of £30,000 as opposed to their average grant of under £5,000. Planning and conservation authorities have supported the replacement.
- The ethics of replacing the crumbling pillars – extensive research at the Victoria and Albert Museum and with an independent stone restoration expert has highlighted that it is common and best practice to replace where restoration is not possible.
- It is important that great care and respect is taken when removing the existing pillars and important that they are moved to a secure site where they can still be viewed. The views of the Parish will be sought.
- Consultation – Two separate consultations took place with every reasonable effort to include the whole village. Those that did attend gave 100% support to the project.
- Extensive research has been done into the names on the pillars.
- Planning Permission and Listed Approval have been received.

The grant from the TVBC Infrastructure Fund will be confirmed in early December 2019. The Parish Council will discuss how much of a contribution they make to the project to reflect ownership, commitment and unintentional past damage.

Cllr T Burden stated that the Architect needs to be tied down to a fixed contract price and the project must be micromanaged. All agreed.

The Chairman asked if the Parish Council agreed to proceed with the full project and funding. All agreed to proceed.

#### **LEISURE – Cllr D Boardman.**

PAVILION – Drawings of the existing layout have been completed, this will allow for a detailed study of what can be fitted into the space to maximise the building and enable a true costing of building works needed to refurbish.

Investigation into the funding streams are being looked at. Cllr D Boardman hoped to have more news for the November meeting.

TREES – The Parish Council have walked around with the Tree Surveyor and have received a full survey report. A further survey will be done in 18 months.

- Immediate work is required on three trees with a total of 6 on the list needing to be removed.
- It is intended to clear the footpaths and lift branches – this work can be done by the Lengthsman – a job request list has been submitted by the Clerk.
- Trees requiring raised crowns have been identified that overhang Salisbury Lane.
- The Utilities Companies are responsible for keeping wires clear and will be contacted for their input.
- The Clerk stated that there was no need to go out for tender for the work as the Parish Council have an approved contractor list for tree works in Over Wallop.

#### **PALESTINE – Cllr Mr T Burden**

Cllr Mr T Burden reported that the post for one of the 30mph signs is still missing. The Clerk was asked to remind Highways as it is some time since this was reported.

Cllr T Burden reported that there is still a problem with residents fly-tipping their garden waste in the hedgerows. The Clerk will speak to TVBC as they were going to do a leaflet drop in the summer.

### **WALLOP SHOP – Cllr Mr D Boardman**

Cllr D Boardman reported that the new equipment is working well. Several fund-raising events are planned. The computer system is being looked at with the view of up-dating. A new Outside Blind has been fitted and the shop is running at a profit after its recent problems.

### **TRAFFIC CALMING – Chairman**

The Chairman reported that she and Cllr J Taylor Firth had been to a meeting with Jakub at Hampshire Highways. The Traffic Calming Trial is now expected to start in March 2020, there is no scope to extend or alter the trial. It will be suggested to Highways that best days of the week for the traffic survey are Tuesday and Friday from 6am.

### **PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.**

CHAIRMAN – Reported that Cllr T Burden has offered to take over the Play Area inspections and is meeting with Mr Bob Elliott for a handover.

CLLR J TAYLOR FIRTH – Reported that the Bus Stop at Kentsboro has been re-tarmacked.

There has been a burglary in Over Wallop.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr Flippance reported that several residents in Palestine have removed hedges on the opposite side to their properties to improve their views. This was noted.

Mrs T Forrest stated that the Parish Council are responsible for replacing trees that come down on the Alan Evans Memorial Ground. Do the Parish Council have any plans to do this? The Chairman stated that they do.

Mrs T Forrest stated that the Parish Council did not discuss the Parish Hall financial risk. Over Wallop Parish Council take all the risk as any projects and the insurance are paid through the council accounts.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

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

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm