

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 10th December 2018 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr M Glover – Chairman
Cllr Mr B Elliott
Cllr Mrs T Forrest
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 5

Apologies: Cllr Mr T Burden – Vice Chairman, County Councillor Mr A Gibson and Borough Councillor Mr T Hope.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no issues raised by the members of the public.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman signed the minutes of the November meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr B Elliott, seconded by Cllr T Forrest.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

LENGTHSMAN – The Clerk reported that the Lengthsman has continued removing ivy from the trees on the Alan Evans Memorial Ground, removal has been completed on three side of the field.

DOG BINS – Bins have been ordered but no installation date has been given by Test Valley Borough Council.

FINANCE

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED IN DECEMBER 2018

R.N. Waterman	Wages – December	465.00
Came and Company	Insurance	380.26
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	51.75
Flow Right	Allotment Track	2,316.00
Total Payments		<u>£3,213.01</u>

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above movements

Current Account	£ 17,073.20
Premier Interest	£ 10,041.91
Sports Account	£ 1,532.50
Allotments	£ 611.00
	<u>£29,258.61</u>

2019/2020 PRECEPT

The Clerk produced a balance sheet showing the Estimated Results for the Year 2018/2019 and the Budget for the Year 2019/2020, each item was explained.

The Parish Council agreed that there would be no increase in the Precept. The Precept for the Year 2019/2020 was set at £32,000. Proposed by Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Mr M Glover. All agreed.

2017/2018 AUDIT

The Clerk reported that PKF Littlejohn the Auditor has signed off the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year 2017/2018.

‘On the basis of our review sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.’

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority: None.

PLANNING

18/02979/TREEN – Oak - Reduce lowest lateral limb on the east side back to the fence line – 9 Printers Place, Orange Lane. – NO OBJECTION.

18/02571/FULLN – Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings, erection of 2 chalet bungalows and installation of sewage treatment plants – Moorfield, Peach Grove, Palestine
SUPPORT.

18/03048/TREEN – Various Tree works – Northern Farm, The Farmhouse, Station Road
NO OBJECTION.

18/03095/FULLN and 18/03096/LBWN – Conversion of barn to form ancillary accommodation – Vine Cottage, Orange Lane, Over Wallop – NO OBJECTION.

18/02959/TREEN – Various tree works. Beck Cottage, Station Road – NO OBJECTION.

LEISURE

- The Pavilion Sub Committee will meet on the 16th January 2019 to discuss how to proceed. Mr Chris Wilkins will be invited to attend to discuss a possible role as Caretaker/Groundsman.
- The booking forms for use of Pavilion and Facilities on the AEMG will be revised to cover insurance requirements.
- The swing shackles will be investigated as there are signs of wear, Cllr T Forrest asked for copy of the last Playground inspection.
- The Parish Council will carry out a walk around to review the trees and will ask Lee, the tree surgeon if would also attend.
- It was noted that the play lines on the Multi-Function Play Courts are fading.
- Cllr Mr B Elliott reported that there was dog mess in the Evans Close play area and the rubbish bin has not been emptied. Apart from these two issues the area looks clean and tidy. The Clerk will report this to TVBC. **Action: Clerk**

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR A GIBSON

Local Government Entities across the UK are waiting for the Funding equation that they receives annually in December outlining the funding for each area and hence the cuts required, but this year it has been delayed by the Brexit vote. Effectively we are working with increasing cuts in funding and the subsequent funding issues. As yet we cannot say with certainty what cuts will be necessary for 2019\2020

Buses. On the positive side, the cuts in concessionary bus services that have been mentioned in local newspaper articles, will not effect the Test Valley Central Division, as far as I am being told. There are cuts in the Basingstoke area but I am being told that they do not effect Longparish bus services.

Salt Bins. I would ask you all to check that salt bins have been filled in your villages and please contact me if there are any that still need to be filled up.

Pot Holes. Please continue to report potholes on the HCC portal and please let me know if reported potholes have not been completed so that I can escalate and ensure that the work is done. Also there is a highways report coming out this week and I will forward a copy to each Parish. This can also be seen online and outlines all the Highways work done each month.

Wallops Highways Project. On specific issues regarding the Wallops, the project involving Salisbury Lane, Station Road and Grateley has hit a problem which we are trying to resolve. To ensure transparency I am providing details of the issue from my briefing recently. Over Wallop has worked tirelessly to raise the E322k, from 106 funds, to meet the Highways estimate for the project, but Highways are now saying that the Project will cost E741K. While I understand that the Grateley corner is more complicated than first envisaged, this is a serious difference. Highways have also significantly increased their costs for the work in Salisbury Lane and Station Road which is not acceptable in my view.

My position, which I believe reflects the views of both Parishes, (please let me know if this is not the case) is that HCC committed to the Project in writing and in its entirety and I want it to go ahead as agreed at the Public meeting in the Wallops Village Hall. To this end I have escalated the issue to the Board of HCC and spoken to Caroline Nokes MP who is standing by to intervene on our behalf.

This may be resolved quickly but because I know Highways have financial issues, and money is tight, I have taken a robust position in support of the project.

I hope that the issue will be resolved quickly with a favourable outcome for the two Wallops Parish Councils but with the need for transparency I want you all to understand the situation.

Cllr Mrs T Forrest reminded Parish Councillors of emails received from Caroline Nokes and Andrew Gibson in the past. Statements also made at Parish Council meetings by Cllr Gibson regarding keeping the two projects separate, reporting also that the Over Wallop scheme would definitely go ahead. The initial involvement of Highways was brought about when road safety issues were reported in Salisbury Lane, this was not just about calming traffic in the village.

The Chairman felt that Traffic Calming Scheme could not be discussed further until the Parish Council had arranged a meeting with HCC. Cllr Mrs T Forrest asked the Chairman if she should arrange this, the Chairman agreed.

PARISH HALL

RIGHT OF WAY CLAIM – The Chairman reported that he has spoken to the Solicitors , he confirmed that a letter has been sent and was hoping it would help to resolve the current issue. Cllr Mrs T Forrest asked if the Wallop Parish Hall intend to pay the solicitor. Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth confirmed that the WPH account will be responsible for all solicitors costs.

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that the Parish Hall has been very busy. WiFi will be installed on the 14th December 2018. TVBC have confirmed that the grant application to help with building costs was successful.

ALLOTMENTS

The allotment track has been completed, the Contractor has been back to make a few tweaks. He managed to provide the materials at a very competitive price, the final costs

have therefore ended up cheaper than our original estimate, all agreed this was a good outcome. Cllr Mrs T Forrest reported that she has received an email from Richard Quick thanking the Parish Council for all they've done in the past year.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

- The Chairman reported that recent repair work to part of the railings in Station Road is disgraceful, the small area repaired looks terrible. A complaint will be lodged with Andy Harding at HCC Highways. **Action: Clerk**
- The Church have reported a crack in the Bell responsible for the chiming of the clock, an expensive repair is required. Quotes for its repair are being sought, raising funds are ongoing. A quote of £1,548 plus VAT has been received from Smith of Derby to remove the clock in preparation for the removal of the bell and to refit it when the bell has been repaired. The Parish Council agreed to pay this bill in a bid to support this project.

Proposed by Cllr Mr M Glover and seconded by Cllr Mr j Taylor Firth. All agreed. The Church will be informed. **Action: Cllr T Forrest.**

WAR MEMORIAL

The War Memorial Trust have not on this occasion awarded the grant and have indicated that a further grant application could be submitted in March 2019, this was briefly discussed. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council were unable to make a decision at this meeting regarding a way forward. A parish council meeting to discuss this will be arranged in the New Year.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs J Blakeman the Chairman of Grateley Parish Council introduced herself and stated that Grateley Parish Council had not been consulted at all over the proposals for the Old Stockbridge Road junction.

Mrs J Blakeman also reported that Over Wallop residents living in Streetway Road have been dumping garden rubbish on the Grateley Parish side of the road, this she felt was classed as Fly Tipping.

The Chairman reported that this had been raised at an Over Wallop Parish Council meeting and has been reported to TVBC.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

11th February 2019 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.