

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 1st December 2022 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

Present: Cllr K Dixon - Chairman
Cllr C Sanger – Vice Chairman
Cllr J Taylor Firth
Cllr I Cleife
Cllr D Boardman
Cllr C Smith
Cllr C Anstis
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr D Drew
Borough Councillor Mr I Jeffrey
Members of the Public - 4

Apologies: Borough Councillors Mr D Coole and Mrs M Flood.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

CO-OPTION OF MR CHRISTIAN ANSTIS.

Cllr K Dixon proposed that Mr Christian Anstis is co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the vacancy for Over Wallop. This was seconded by Cllr J Taylor Firth. All agreed. Mr Christian Anstis signed the Declaration of Office. The Chairman welcomed Cllr C Anstis onto the Parish Council.

PALESTINE WARD VACANCY.

The Chairman reported that she had been contacted by 5 residents of Palestine who have shown an interest in joining the Parish Council as a collective. The Local Council Governing Rules do not allow this. The Chairman has suggested that the plan for a group of 5 to make comment and report back to the Parish Council is both welcome and workable. In order to be able to participate fully and vote, one person should be nominated as the elected representative for the Palestine Ward on Over Wallop Parish Council. The Chairman had invited the group to attend the meeting.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR I JEFFREY.

Cllr Mr I Jeffrey gave an up-date on the contents of the latest Mid Test Matters publication. A copy will be forwarded to the Parish Councillors in due course and will be put on the Hub.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR D DREW.

Cllr Mr D Drew reported on the following issues:

- The HCC Minerals and Waste Plan – now available to make comment on.
- Grit Bins – HCC Highways are taking requests to top up the Grit Bins with salt.
- HCC have invested in a new fleet of green vehicles and are actively looking at greener ways of carrying out recycling and Highways maintenance.
- A budget of £7 Million has been set aside to help with vulnerable households during the cost-of-living crisis. Free activities and food for vulnerable children will be available over the Christmas period.
- County Finances are in a bad state and Hampshire County Council have warned the Government that they will be financially bankrupt within 2 years if help with funding is not provided.

- The revised Over Wallop Traffic Calming Scheme is out for tender and it is hoped that work will start in the second quarter of 2023.
- A further meeting of the 20mph Speed Limit Committee is to be held to fine tune the criteria. Cllr Mr Drew stated that he is optimistic that we will see progress on this issue.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the November meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr I Cleife.

PROPOSAL TABLED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING.

The Chairman proposed that The Parish Council will not meet in January 2023 and will resume on the 2nd of February 2023. This was seconded by Cllr C Sanger. All agreed.

CHAIRMAN'S UP-DATE.

The Chairman reported on the following issues:

- The Pavilion Project has been awarded £25,000 from the Community Asset Fund. Applications for full funding have been submitted. The Parish will now need to fund raise to enable the kitting out of the new pavilion. The Chairman is keeping Millway Builders informed of progress. She wished to manage expectations that if one of the grant applications is refused the fundraising will run into 2023, delaying the start of the Pavilion rebuild. The Chairman thanked Mr Crowe and Mr Fox for their support and hard work.
- The Parish Council laid a wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Day. The Royal British Legion organised the service immaculately and the Chairman thanked them.
- NDP – Work is starting on the two reports required by TVBC.
- The Telephone Box Library is run by the WI and is owned by the Parish Council. A planned refurbishment of the box is to be undertaken with the help of a grant from Cllr Mr D Drew. The WI will empty the Telephone Box so that work can begin in the spring.
- There has been a spate of burglaries in the Village. Residents are being asked to be vigilant. It was agreed that additional Neighbourhood Watch Signs will be purchased, and CCTV is being considered.
- The Community Payback Team have made contact regarding possible help with maintenance in the village from those doing community service. It was thought that work on the Alan Evans Memorial Ground, on footpaths and railings might be suitable and will be investigated.
- Holding a community event to welcome new residents to the village has been suggested.
- The King's Coronation will be put on the agenda for the February Meeting.

FINANCE.

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED IN DECEMBER 2022.

Standing Orders:

R.N. Waterman	Wages	500.00
Came and Company	Insurance	311.81
TVBC	Grass Cutting	162.34
SBPC	Storage	10.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses and Website	14.00
VIXIT	Grounds Maintenance	165.00
	Total =	<u>£1,163.15</u>

Cheques Issued:

A & S Weed Services	MUGA	170.00
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R.N. Waterman	Office Expenses	57.04
ENERVO	New Street Lights	1,540.66
Mrs K Dixon	Zoom Subscription Meetings	172.68
Bluestone Planning	NDP (£3942. VAT £788.40)	4,730.40
	Total =	<u>£6,701.73</u>

= £7,864.88

Bank Account Balances

After above movements

Current Account = £20,803.17

Premier Interest = £10,041.91

Allotments = £ 675.95

£31,521.03

Breakdown of Funds held:

Working Balance = £ 8,180.19

War Memorial = £ 453.68

NDP = £ 4,058.00

Reserves:

General Reserves = £ 12,000.00

Street light Replacement Fund = £ 1,000.00

Over Wallop Community Fund = £ 1,496.00

Pavilion Project = £ 2,387.00

NDP (PC Contribution) = £ 770.29

Parish Hall = £ 500.00

= £ 18,153.29

TOTAL FUNDS HELD = £30,845.16

Allotments = £ 675.95

= £31,521.11

Proposed by Cllr C Sanger and seconded by Cllr J Taylor Firth.

2023/2024 PRECEPT.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council will not be increasing the Precept for the Year 2023/2024 and it will stay at £42,000.

The Parish Council will hold an in camera meeting following the Parish Council meeting to discuss the budget and contracts. A full report will be given at the February meeting.

PLANNING

The Over Wallop Draft NDP was consulted for guidance when making comments on the following planning applications: where necessary the relevant policy was read out.

22/03042/TREEN | T3 - Portuguese Laurel - Fell | Beck Cottage Station Road Middle Wallop Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 8HN (testvalley.gov.uk)
SUPPORT – The Chairman has spoken to the applicant and they will plant 3 replacement trees.

Land On The West Side Of Park Drove Park Drove Over Wallop Hampshire
Ref. No: 22/03086/VARN | Received: Thu 24 Nov 2022 | Validated: Wed 30 Nov 2022 | Status: Current

Insufficient time had been available for the Parish Council to consider this proposal. Comments in line with the draft NDP and Local Plan will be emailed by the Parish Council to the Chairman and the Clerk will respond to Test Valley.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR I CLEIFE – Reported that work on preparing the football pitches is going well. A mower found in the store will get a full service and refurbishment. TVBC will be asked to cut the grass again as it is still growing.

CLLR C SMITH – Reported that he and the Chairman are meeting with Wendy Gallop on the 7th of January 2023 to discuss the Allotments.

CLLR MR D BOARDMAN – Spoke about the need to get some work carried out on the existing pavilion if the project is delayed by one year. The hot water system needs addressing, the kitchen facilities need up-dating. A new fridge/freezer, dishwasher and employing a cleaner need to be addressed. Cllr D Boardman will get quotes for the next meeting.

CLLR J TAYLOR FIRTH – Reported that SWT will carry out the tree survey on the AEMG in January 2023. The tender for the tree work will be sent out and the work booked for March 2023.

Cllr J Taylor Firth reported that Cllr Christian Anstis will be taking over the management of the Hall and will also take over the accounts. A program of maintenance is ongoing including work on the car park and outside landscaping.

The Chairman wished to thank Cllr J Taylor Firth for all the hard work he has done for the Parish Hall since he took over in 2008. All Agreed.

CLLR C ANSTIS – Had nothing to report and stated that he was looking forward to the challenge of taking over the Parish Hall and becoming a Parish Councillor.

CLLR C SANGER – Gave a brief up-date on Fibre to the Home.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Issues raised included:

- Fund raising for the pavilion project.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

2nd February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

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