

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th January 2016 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn – Chairman
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr T Burden – Palestine
Cllr Mr B Elliot
Cllr Mr M Glover
Cllr Mr G Gates
Cllr Mr C
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mr T Hope
Members of the Public – 13

Apologies: Cllr Mr G Cairns and County Councillor Mr A Gibson.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr Burden declared an interest in planning application 15/03001/FULLN

Cllr Gates declared an interest in planning application 15/03174/LBWN

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Burden.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Chairman introduced Mr Carl Roberts. Cllr Taylor Firth proposed co-opted seconded by Cllr Gates. All agreed. Mr Roberts signed the Declaration of Office. The Chairman welcomed him onto the Parish Council.

URGENT ITEMS

HIGHWAYS – The Chairman reported that she received further letters from parishioners regarding the proposed traffic calming. She read a letter from James Moore, Highways which confirmed that there will be public consultation on their proposals for traffic calming in both parishes. Parishioners will have the opportunity to comment at the consultation.

EVANS CLOSE VERGES – The Chairman reported that a parishioner complained about the poor state of the verges in Evans Close and Pound Road caused by vehicle damage by parking and driving over them. The Parish Council discussed this; it was suggested that removal of the roundabout would be preferable to the present layout, with the provision of additional car parking spaces in both Evans Close and Pound Road. The Chairman will write to Cllr Gibson to ask for his support on this issue.

Cllr Burden reported that when Highways dug out the ditches along Old Stockbridge Road they did not dig out the parallel ditch that takes away the water, therefore the road is flooded again after heavy rainfall. Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the flooding on the Grateley Road at the corner of Castle Farm turning has been done by a local farmer.

FLOOD LIGHT BATTERIES – The parish council received a TVBC grant for portable floodlight batteries. Cllr Taylor Firth will now order them.

STREET LIGHTS – There are several streetlights not working in the village, these have been reported to SEB. The Clerk is putting together a map showing the positions of the streetlights, this should make it easier to identify the position of faulty streetlights.

PLANNING

The Chairman read a statement about protocol when considering planning applications. The Localism Act 2011 abolished the Code of Conduct. However, a parish council is obliged to stand by a formally adopted Code and observe the highest standards, particularly in the consideration of planning applications. The parish council adheres to this code.

The council must acknowledge objections when an application is under discussion, but councillors must only form their comments on what is actually before them. A parish council has very little power, it can only make comments on applications which are then submitted to the planners.

A parish council may allow pre-application presentations for the benefit of the parishioners for informative purposes. Councillors may not make comments at this stage nor express views about the potential application. It has never been the practice of Over Wallop Parish Council to allow presentations or comments on an actual planning application on the day that it is before the council for deliberation

POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Outbuilding thefts are on the increase.

FINANCE

Proposed by Cllr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr T Burden.

CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN JANUARY 2016

		£
R.N. Waterman	Wages - November	423.00
Aviva	Insurance	302.54
Just outdoor Toys	Swing Seats	224.99
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	31.75
Mr C Wilkins	Line marking	302.54
SSE	Street Lighting	285.16
SSE Contracting	Street Lighting	247.34
Total Payments		£1,817.32

MONEY DUE IN

Cricket Club Loan £750
Football - November and December

MONEY RECEIVED

TVBC - Grant towards Batteries £333.00

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above payments have been deducted
Current Account £ 1,068.74 - Working Cash Balance
Premier Interest £13,034.63
£14,103.37

2016/2017 PRECEPT

The Clerk produced a balance sheet showing the estimated results for the year 2015/2016 and the budget for the year 2016/2017. Each item was discussed.

An 'in camera' meeting was held on the 9th November after the Parish Council meeting to discuss projects to be undertaken in the 2016/2017 financial year. The following projects were highlighted showing the amount to be included in the precept budget.

Additional Footpath Cutting £2,000

Sports Events - Promotion of Sports and Coaching £2,000

Bench for Palestine £500

Pavilion Replacement Fund £5,000

Street Lighting Replacement Fund £1,000

Clerk to get a pay increase of £500

The Over Wallop parish Council Precept for the Year 2016/2017 was set at £32,000. Proposed by Cllr T Burden, seconded by Cllr G Gates. All agreed.

SECT 106 MONEY

The Clerk reported that he investigated the Sect 106 Money set aside for Play Space and Recreation in Over Wallop – this will be confirmed with TVBC.

Play Space £41,648.49

Informal Recreation £4,473.26 - Clerk to check for clarification on use!

Sports Ground - Pavilion - £75,000

Recreation Ground Play Space £1,430.85

PLANNING

15/03001/FULLN – New dwelling on land at Roseander and associated external works to include new sewage treatment plant – Roseander, Mount Hermon Road, Palestine – **SUPPORT.**

15/02932/OBLN – Modification of Planning Obligation on 14/02739/OUTN – Part 4 – Land North West of Evans Close – **SUPPORT**

15/03114/LBWN & 15/03112/FULLN – Retention of replacement timber board below thatch; rebuilding of central chimney stack while adding three courses of bricks, 4 pots and 4 bird guards; replacement pot on secondary chimney stack at west end – Rose Cottage, Station Road, Over Wallop – **SUPPORT**

15/03174/LBWN – Refurbishment of farmhouse including replacement windows, reinstated doorway, new replacement doors, new landing and bathroom. Internal and external decorations. New thatch ridge – Church Farm, Station Road, Over Wallop – **SUPPORT**

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Local Borough Plan will be adopted on the 27th January and will become policy until 2029. Very little will change for Over Wallop. Cllr Hope was pleased to report that he was able to give grants to the Pre School and the Parish Council from his Councillor's Community Budget.

LEISURE REPORT

FOOTBALL – The Clerk reported that the football team have been sent the bills for the November and December Hire. Cllr Taylor Firth reported that there has not been a problem with litter since the issue was reported at the last meeting. He reported that a Stockbridge Youth Team has expressed an interest in using the pitch on a Saturday. This will be investigated before committing.

EVANS CLOSE – A site meeting with Clive Hutchinson will be held to discuss additional maintenance work on the Evans Close playing field.

SPORTS GRANT FROM HCC – No news to report.

PARISH HALL

The Parish Hall Management Committee Meeting will be held on the 18th January 2016. The flooding of the car park is being investigated. Debbie Francis has resigned due to other work commitments and Mrs Elliot may take over the position.

FOOTPATHS - The footpaths are all walkable but muddy.

PALESTINE – Nothing to report.

KENTSBOROUGH – Nothing to report.

POUND ROAD - Cllr Elliot had reported the issues earlier in the meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Parish Council was asked if Station Road residents will be included in the consultation for the closure of Salisbury Lane. The Chairman confirmed that HCC will contact every resident in Station Road.

Blocked ditches in King Lane and the breaking up of the road surface surrounding manhole covers in Old Stockbridge Road were reported.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received regarding dog fouling around the play equipment on the playing field. The Parish Council felt this was unacceptable and would look into fencing in the play area. Dog Fouling signs have been installed, it was suggested that there should be a possible banning of dogs from the Playing Field.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES OF THE 2016 MEETINGS

8th February, 14th March, 11th April, 16th May, 13th June, 11th July,
8th/15th August –to be confirmed, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November,
12th December.

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