

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th of June 2024 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

Present: Cllr K Dixon – Chairman
Cllr Mr C Sanger – Vice Chairman
Cllr C Anstis
Cllr S MacDonald – Parish and Borough Councillor.
Cllr Mr M Goodman
Cllr Mr I Cleife
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 6

Apologies: County Councillor Mr D Drew and Borough Councillors Mrs M Flood and Mrs S Hasselmann.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.

The Parish Council still has two vacancies, one in Over Wallop and one in Palestine.

The Chairman was sorry to report that Cllr Mr C Anstis will be leaving the Parish Council at the end of the financial year in March 2025. Christian and Elisabeth will also leave the Wallops Parish Hall at the end of March 2025.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR D DREW.

County Councillor Mr D Drew had sent his report prior to the meeting. The Chairman will put it on the Hub.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR S MACDONALD.

Borough Councillor Mr S MacDonald had sent Mid Test Valley Matters prior to the meeting. The Chairman will put it on the Hub.

Cllr Mr S Macdonald reported that Cllr Mr Ian Jefferies has been sworn in as the new TVBC Mayor. The recently formed Community Workshops are thriving and gaining momentum. At a recent meeting, grants were discussed, and Parish Councils are urged to apply to the Rural Prosperity Fund for any projects that require funding.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the May meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr M Goodman and seconded by Cllr S MacDonald.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

- Hampshire County Council has analysed the Traffic Count data and has concluded that the Traffic Calming Scheme in Over Wallop has succeeded in its objective to reduce speeds although volumes have risen again. Hampshire County Council have recommended that no further action is taken. The Parish Council were deeply disappointed with this comment and will speak to the Leader of the County Council. The Parish Council will continue to fight to get the speed and volume of vehicles travelling through the village reduced.

Cllr Mr S MacDonald reported that Hampshire County Council have accepted the application for a 20MPH Speed limit in parts of Over Wallop.

- Hampshire County Council has informed the Parish Council that they will no longer be carrying out the cutting of 3 of the priority footpaths due to budget cuts. The Chairman and Mrs M Short are looking at how best to get the footpaths cut using the limited resources of the Lengthsman. The Chairman reported that she will still chase the Community PayBack Team to come to the Parish.
- 90% of the Parish voted to pass the NDP. The Chairman wished to thank again the NDP Team for all the work they have done.

FINANCE.

Financial Report June 2024

INCOME.

| | |
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| Bank Interest | £354.90 |
| CIL Grant | £35,166.25 |
| VAT Refund | £23,556.25 |
| Total = | <u>£59,557.25</u> |

EXPENDITURE.

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| Standing Orders: | | £ |
| R.N. Waterman | Wages | 560.00 |
| Came and Company | Insurance | 335.69 |
| TVBC | Grass Cutting | 180.68 |
| SBPC | Storage | 10.00 |
| R.N. Waterman | Expenses and Website | 14.00 |
| VIXIT | Grounds Maintenance | 198.00 |
| | Total = | <u>£1,298.37</u> |

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| Cheques Issued: | | £ |
| G Lark | Tree Works | 3,500.00 |
| SSE | Street Lighting | 433.28 |
| SSE | Pavilion Electricity | 139.06 |
| Enerveo | Street Light Maintenance | 167.23 |
| M Shill | Website Administration | 214.00 |
| P Reynolds | Audit | 895.00 |
| Play Safety Ltd | Play Area Inspection | 196.80 |
| SSE | Street Lights | 388.85 |
| Enerveo | Street Lights Maintenance | 167.23 |
| | Total = | <u>£5,887.45</u> |

PAVILION PROJECT.

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| CFW | Architects Fees | 1,200.00 |
| Millway Builders | | 134,627.89 |
| | Total = | <u>£135,827.89</u> |

Total Expenditure = **£142,013.71**

Bank Account Balances

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| After above movements | |
| Current Account | = £ 16,689.69 |
| Premier Interest | = £ 230,760.83 |
| Allotments | = £ 976.46 |
| | <u>£248,426.98</u> |

Breakdown of Funds held:

Working Balance = £18,427.94

Reserves:

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| General Reserves | = £ 12,000.00 |
| Street light Replacement Fund | = £ 1,000.00 |
| Over Wallop Community Fund | = £ 1,496.00 |
| NDP (PC Contribution) | = £ 710.29 |
| Parish Hall | = £ 500.00 |

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| Palestine – Play Area GPC | = £ 5,000.00 |
| | =£ 20,706.29 |
| Pavilion Project | = £208,316.29 |
| TOTAL FUNDS HELD | = £247,450.52 |
| Allotments | = £ 976.46 |
| | = £248,426.98 |

Proposed by Cllr C Sanger and seconded by Cllr I Cleife.

PLANNING.

The Parish Council policy to make no comment on tree applications applied to the following except to request that three new trees are planted for each one felled in line with the Over Wallop Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan:

24/01259/TREEN – Fell Magnolia Tree – Piccadilly Cottage, Station Road, Over Wallop. NO COMMENT.

24/01067/FULLN – Replace South boundary wall – Northern Farm, Station Road, Over Wallop. NO COMMENT.

24/01279/LBWN – Internal and external alterations including repairs to roof carpentry, internal plasterwork, cob walling, external render and remedial work to thatch roof covering – Rose Cottage, Station Road, Over Wallop. SUPPORT.

PAVILION PROJECT.

The Chairman gave an up-date on the Pavilion Project:

- 2 more grant applications have been submitted to cover unforeseen expenses including a security system and up-grading the Electricity and Water supply.
- A risk assessment has been carried out for when SSE start work on installing the new electricity supply. The footpath behind the Pavilion will be close for the duration of the work.
- The roof is now on the building.
- The Working Party are looking at the running costs for the new Pavilion and the fees for hire.
- The Parish continues to support the project.
- A Tawny Owl has taken up residence in one of the Owl Boxes which is exciting news.
- Mr Mark Cavill has very generously offered to install a complete photovoltaic system including panels, software and a battery, free of charge. The Parish Council thanked him publicly for his donation.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

CLLR MR I CLEIFE - Cllr I Cleife reported that he is working hard in the background to get the report on costings for the Pavilion completed for the July meeting.

CLLR M GOODMAN – Reported that the Allotment Constitution is being up-dated by the new Committee and will be presented to the Parish Council for comment, this is a positive forward. The Parish Council commented that there must be recognition on the constitution that the land was given to the Parish in the charge of Over Wallop Parish Council.

Cllr M Goodman reported that the Wallops Parish Hall AGM went very well, and he has been charged with looking at the electrical specifications.

CLLR C ANSTIS – Reported that the Parish Hall is running smoothly. Maintenance on the outside of the Hall is being looked at.

CLLR S MACDONALD – Wished to thank the volunteers on the NDP Team for the sterling work they have done in getting this document completed and adopted.

Telephone Box - Funding for the refurbishment of the telephone box has been successful and a grant for 75% of the cost has been secured.

Resilience Plan – SSE are shortly opening their grant scheme but are no longer funding generators and have moved their attention to providing Solar Panels and Batteries.

Website – Rejuvenating the Parish Council Website is being looked at and quotes are being obtained from providers. Parishioners will be asked to contribute ideas and experience.

PLAY AREA – Schemes to improve the Play Area Facilities on the AEMG are to be looked at.

CLLR C SANGER – Reported that the firm investigating the Parish Council's VAT have now received all the information they required, and he hoped to have a report at the July Meeting.

CLLR K DIXON – Stated that the Parish Council are holding an 'in-camera' meeting following this meeting to discuss the quotes for the Pavilion Security System.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An anonymous letter has been received regarding the Parish Council placing a notice board on the wooden Community Notice Board. The Parish Council cannot respond to anonymous letters but the Chairman has committed to checking and tidying the noticeboard weekly.

The Chairman read out the following letter received from Mrs Trica Forrest following the May meeting:

I would like to clarify my comments at that meeting, making it easier for others to understand.

AEMG and Pavilion

In 1957 Alan Evans and his sister Henrietta drew up a tenancy agreement (initially for 3 years), between themselves and The Over Wallop Cricket Club.

The agreement was for the Cricket Ground and The Allotments, stating that the ground should be used for cricket, other sports also, as long as they didn't damage the ground for playing cricket. There were conditions and a rent of

one shilling per annum. If the allotments were no longer needed, they were to be turned into a playing field to be used in conjunction with the cricket ground.

As we all know Henrietta Evans gifted the land, woodland and allotments to the parish council in memory of her brother, for the perpetual use as a Sports and Recreation Ground, there were conditions.

I think we as a parish should respect the memory of Alan Evans, considering he did so much for the village. He loved cricket and wanted the field to be primarily used for it to be played. The football pitch encroaching on the cricket outfield, should be moved. I'm not sure why your risk assessments don't show just that!

The task of repositioning football pitches, was handed over to the parish councillor responsible for AEMG, when I resigned in May 2019.

Alan Evans very clearly stated that only a sports pavilion and nothing else should be built on the ground. The ground that locals for many years have fondly called The Cricky, still do!

Could I ask that the current parish councillors familiarise themselves with the history of Over Wallop before making decisions on our behalf.

Allotments

The time that was wasted was all the time I put in when I helped to regenerate BAG. I spent hours of my own time, as did Richard Quick and others. A parish councillor should have been assigned at all times, Being a parish councillor is not sitting round a table once a month.....

The Chairman thanked Mrs Tricia Forrest for her letter, which was distributed to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. The Parish Council acknowledged the invaluable time and effort that Mrs T Forrest put in to the allotments during her time as a Parish Councillor, which has served so well for over five years and provided a backbone for the new Allotments Committee to refresh the constitution.

The Chairman agreed with Mrs T Forrest that history is important and emphasised the role that explaining the AEMG's history has played in recent grant applications and the support that the Parish has shown for the pavilion project.

The Chairman has spoken to the cricket team and they have confirmed that the football pitch does not impede onto the cricket outfield.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The Chairman confirmed that the ownership of a tree on the edge of the AEMG raised by Mrs T Forrest at the previous meeting has been resolved. The Chairman confirmed that the tree does belong to the Parish Council and not the Old Rectory.

Plans for the rejuvenation of the website was discussed and an offer of help was offered. It was suggested that an on-line booking system could be included for the Pavilion and hire of the AEMG.

Mrs T Forrest requested information on the VAT Specialist that the Parish Council has engaged.

Cllr S Sanger confirmed it was RSM and this is being undertaken as a condition for the Levelling Up Grant for the Pavilion Project. RSM are undertaking the work for a low fee of £3,500.

Mrs T Forrest requested a detailed breakdown of the costs Hampshire County Council spent on the Traffic Calming so that the Parish could see where the money was spent. Cllr Mr S MacDonald stated that he had the information as he put in a Freedom of Information Request to HCC some time ago and he would be happy to share it.

Mr Fox spoke about the brighter lights that have been installed at the George Inn. It was suggested that Mr Fox speak directly to the landlords Pinchbecks, who may not be aware that the lights are causing a problem for residents.

Mr Fox reported that the Cricket Club is holding a fundraising Event on the 22nd June 2024 at the White Hart and all are very welcome. The event is to promote the use of the AEMG for everyone.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

4th July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

www.overwallopparishcouncil.org.uk