

**Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn – Chairman  
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth  
Cllr Mr T Burden – Palestine  
Cllr Mr B Elliott  
Cllr Mr M Glover  
Cllr Mr G Gates  
Cllr Mr C Roberts  
County Councillor Mr A Gibson  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
PCSO Catherine Bonter  
Members of the Public – 6

Apologies: Cllr Mr G Cairns and Borough Councillor Mr T Hope.

**WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest recorded

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

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

**URGENT ITEMS**

**HIGHWAYS** – The Chairman reported that Highways confirmed that they intend to hold a consultation meeting in April at the Parish Hall. Highways will leaflet drop every house in the parish, put an article in the parish magazine and local paper as well as placing posters on the village notice boards.

The Chairman met the Highways engineers on site to look at the state of the verges in Evans close and Pound Road. Highways will not be repairing the verges, as in their view, they pose no danger. There is no money in the budget to provide off-road parking. Highways said they will re-seed the verges. The Parish Council were disappointed with Highways' response, it was suggested that some of the Sect 106 agreement for highways could be diverted to address this problem.

**STREET LIGHTS** – Unfortunately since the last meeting there have been several reports of street lights not working, these have been reported to SSE. There is obviously a major problem with the streetlights in certain areas of the parish. The Clerk will contact SEB to ask for quotes to replace each type of street light in the parish, a decision can then be taken on how to proceed.

**POUND ROAD, PLANNING** – The Chairman attended a meeting with residents and a planning consultant working on behalf of Aster. A site in Pound Road has been identified as suitable for potential development for one dwelling. Aster are in the process of assessing potential windfall sites within existing developments in Test Valley for future planning permission.

CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN – To celebrate Her Majesty’s Birthday there is a national Clean for the Queen. The Parish Council thought this a good idea and an event will be organised for a Saturday in April. After Note: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016 10am start at the War Memorial.

WEB SITE – The Parish Council discussed the web site and agreed to proceed with their own. The Clerk reported that Michelle Schill quoted £460 to set up the web site and £65 a year to administer the site.

Cllr Taylor Firth expressed concern over the closure of the current Wallop website, he felt that it should be kept running alongside the planned individual new web sites. The Parish Council could not see the problem as most information could be transferred to the new website with hyperlinks. It was agreed to proceed with the new website. The Clerk will request a draft Web Site for the Parish Councillors to view before making the final decision.

### **POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

PCSO Catherine Bonter reported on the crime figures for February these included 4 thefts – non dwelling, 1 criminal damage and a handbag theft from a vehicle parked in a drive at Kentsborough. PCSO Catherine Bonter reported that there is a Rural Policing Event on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at Stockbridge Town Hall between 6pm and 8pm.

### **FINANCE**

#### **Cheques issued in March 2016**

R.N. Waterman	Wages – March	£423.00
Aviva	Insurance	£183.19
M Townsend	Footpath cutting	£500.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£70.00
Smith of Derby	Church Clock maintenance	£626.00
Mr B Pearce	Swing	£30.00
TVBC	Grass cutting and line marking	£567.89
A and B Services	Pavilion plumbing	£292.80
Wallop Parish Hall	Hire of hall for meetings	£105.00
SBPC	Broadband and telephone	£50.00
PGPC	Hire of Office	£80.00
		<b><u>£2,927.88</u></b>

#### **MONEY RECEIVED**

Church towards clock £372  
Football Fees £97.50  
VAT to be reclaimed £439.28

#### **BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES**

Current Account £ 1,217.35  
Deposit Account £10,034.63  
**£11,251.98**

#### **PLANNING.**

16/00613/TREEN – Remove 4 x Unknown Species – 1 Springfield Terrace, Station Road, Over Wallop – SUPPORT.

## **LEISURE REPORT**

The Chairman reported that Fowlers Architects agreed to draw up the plans for the new pavilion, the Parish Council will pay for the drawings to be produced. Cllr Burden offered to do the costings. Once this has been done fund raising can start. The Chairman has put a request in the Parish News for volunteers to help with the funding committee.

The Clerk reported that he received a quote of £400 to pressure wash and scrub the play courts from a professional Sports Area Cleaner. The Parish Council thought this a good price and agreed to proceed.

## **CLLR MR A GIBSON**

County Councillor Gibson confirmed that a grant of £3000 will be paid to the Parish Council for the Children's Summer Sports Programme.

Hampshire County Council have increased their part of the Council Tax by 3.99% to meet their commitments. The Council are taking measures to cut costs and will need to make further cuts over the coming years. Cllr Gibson stated that contrary to rumour, the main libraries in Hampshire will not be closing, there are plans to stop the mobile libraries, however it is planned to expand the home delivery service.

**PARISH HALL** - No report for this meeting

**FOOTPATHS** - The footpaths are all walkable but muddy. The Chairman stated that she is very impressed with the recent cutting back and clearance done by Matt Townsend.

**PALESTINE** – Nothing to report.

**KENTSBOROUGH** – Nothing to report.

**POUND ROAD** - Issues were discussed earlier in the meeting.

**PRINTERS PLACE** – Cllr C Roberts reported that the field by Printers Place is being used by dog walkers and there is now a problem with dog fouling. It was noted that dog walkers are parking their cars in field entrances in Driftway Drove.

## **HIGHWAY ISSUES**

It was reported that the hedge adjacent to the White Hart is now growing into the road and is seriously reducing the width.

Some hedges are overgrown in Orange Lane and causing obstructions to vehicles.

The Clerk was asked to report this to Highways.

It was mentioned that King Lane is very muddy in the area of the new chicken sheds. This was noted.

## **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr A Macey raised the issue of the Street Lights and asked if the Parish Council could go to other companies for quotes for their replacement or were they tied to SEB? The Clerk will enquire.

Mr Flippance reported that there was a large tanker blocking Mount Carmel road earlier. Cllr Mr Glover stated that the tanker was off loading organic matter into the field and that he had been up on several occasions to make sure that there was no obstruction.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATES OF THE 2016 MEETINGS**

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

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