

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16th May 2016 in the Wallops 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 G Cairns
Cllr Mr B Elliott
Cllr Mr M Glover
Cllr Mr C Roberts
Cllr Mr G Gates
Borough Councillor Mr T Hope
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 7

Apologies: County Councillor Mr A Gibson.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn declared an interest in Planning Application 16/00996/TREEN.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN – Cllr Cairns proposed Cllr Murray-Twinn as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr G Gates. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Murray-Twinn was elected Chairman.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Cllr Cairns proposed Cllr Taylor Firth as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Elliott. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Taylor Firth was elected Vice Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I would like to thank John and Richard for their support and for the sharing of the now huge workload involved in running the parish council. John puts in a huge number of hours in the running and business development of the Parish Hall. My thanks go to Tony Burden for his continuing work for the community in Palestine and for his wise advice. Tony Hope, as ever, is a support and wise counsellor. I am aware of the difficulty of juggling full time work with being a parish councillor. I therefore thank members of the parish council for their continued commitment to Over Wallop and Palestine.

The fight to bring traffic calming into Station Road continues, as well as the long term problem of the abuse of Salisbury Lane by impatient through traffic. Complaints about the problem caused by the narrow corner on the exit of Over Wallop and damage to property await a satisfactory resolution. The speed of traffic along Station Road and outside roadside properties also waits for solutions from Highways. We do our best to address the many complaints from all sectors

of the village, alas, we can only pass these on to the relevant authorities in the hope that they will be listened to.

The new crossroads continue to be a source of complaint by residents. The poor drainage causes flooding and inconvenience to residents. There are still serious questions about sight lines on exit from the crossroad from OW. I can only hope that the Highways presentation to the community about future solutions meets general approval. As ever, my view is that little notice is taken of parish council knowledge and expertise.

The new development at Evans Close is progressing at speed. We have a good working relationship with Bargate and the construction foreman. I was delighted to hear of the care taken to limit inconvenience to nearby residents whilst work proceeds.

The parish council continues to maintain the pavilion and the beautiful playing field and surrounding woodland. We are now in the process of getting plans and costs for a new pavilion on the playing field. Once we receive the drawings and costs, we can apply for pre-application advice. We can also begin the quest for grant funding for a wonderful new building for the whole community. I would like to thank Aaron Smith, Fowlers Architects, for his help and valuable advice. Once again, Tony Burden has very kindly offered his time and expertise to help price the project.

Thanks to Sect 106 money, we have enough accumulated to install an interesting and exciting play area at Evans Close to give children and young ones of all ages some fun combined with fitness. The parish council is in the process of exploration of cost and equipment with a number of companies. Once these are submitted, the parish council will go through the tender process in order to select the scheme which matches our vision the best.

In honour of Her Majesty the Queen, we had a "Clean for the Queen" day in which a large number of people participated, with huge humour and enthusiasm. This was so successful that I feel that we should repeat this in autumn, with a view to making it a regular feature in our calendar. The parish council is donating money to the Church Fete so that we can have a wonderful village celebration in honour of Her Majesty.

This has been a very busy year. We now have a bus shelter at Kentsborough and are exploring the possibility of installing two more in Pound Road and Evans Close. The parish council will soon have its own website with links to the wider Wallops community. This is very much a work in progress with a fresh new look, no advertising and information for residents and visitors to the site. Thank you to Michelle Shill for her work and expertise.

The whole purpose of a parish council is to represent and help the community. I do hope that we have shown our parishioners our commitment to them.

FINANCE

Due to a computer error the Clerk will give the end of year financial report at the June Meeting.

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 Roberts.

URGENT ITEMS

PRE-SCHOOL – The Chairman attended a meeting with the Under 5s team. They requested a further grant to help with advertising and promotion of the group.. The Parish Council agreed to give the Under 5s a grant of £250.

HIGHWAYS – The Highways consultation on Traffic Calming is to take place on the 4th July 2016 from 2pm – 7pm. The Parish Council has been told that the whole Highways Team will be present.

Highways have been informed on several occasions about the increasing problem with flooding at the cross roads. Nether Wallop have looked at the site lines at the cross roads (raised at the previous meeting) and have reported that they cannot see a problem.

EVANS CLOSE PLAY AREA – Three playground companies have visited the site and are in the process of providing quotes and designs.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There has been a spate of thefts from Farms in the area.

FINANCE.

CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN May 2016

		£
R.N. Waterman	Wages - May	465.00
Aviva	Insurance	183.19
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	35.75
Southern Water	Pavilion Water	48.98
Queensbury Shelters	Bus Shelter	2,760.00
H.C.C.	Parish Hall Supplies	108.00
Penton Grafton Cottage Charity	Refund	90.00
Iredell Services	Play Court Cleaning	400.00
Mrs L Murray-Twinn	Refund Plans for pavilion	65.00
Wallop Under 5's	Grant	250.00
Over Wallop PCC	Donation towards Queens Birthday Party	300.00

Total Payments £4,705.92

VAT to be reclaimed £867.06

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above payments have been deducted

Current Account £ 9,421.88- Working Cash Balance

Premier Interest £10,034.63

£19,456.51

PLANNING

16/00971/RDCAN – Demolition of existing bungalow – The Bungalow, Orange Lane
NO OBJECTION.

16/00954/FULLN – Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two detached four bedroom dwellings – The Bungalow, Orange Lane. The Parish Council discussed this planning application at length and voted 7 to 1 to OBJECT on the grounds that it is overdevelopment of the site, the Parish Council would prefer to see one replacement dwelling built.

16/00900/FULLN – Erection of single storey side extension and front extensions to provide additional accommodation for elderly family member – Wheatstone, Streetway Road, Palestine – SUPPORT.

16/00749/LBWN – Refurbishment of farmhouse including replacement windows, reinstated doorway, replacement doors, new landing and bathroom; internal and external decorations and new thatch ridge – Church Farm, Station Road – SUPPORT.

16/00986/FULLN – Construction of agricultural barn (amended scheme) – Church Farm, Station Road – SUPPORT

16/01103/TPON – Fell 3 Horse Chestnut and 1 Birch – Land to North West of Chapel House, Farley Street, Nether Wallop – SUPPORT with the comment that the Parish Council would like to see a programme of sensitive re-planting as this is Conservation Area.

16/00996/TREEN – Crown reduction of Beech and Canopy thinning of five branches of Walnut and crown lift – Chalk Bank, King Lane – NO OBJECTION. The Chairman had declared an interest and made no comment.

16/00881/TREEN – Reduce Ash to frame removing up to 5m from extremities of crown – The Forge, Station Road – SUPPORT.

16/00760/TREEN – Fell Ash in front garden – Lower Close, Station Road. – NO OBJECTION.

LEISURE REPORT

The Chairman reported that Fowlers Architects have revised the plans for the new pavilion to lower the build cost.

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the football season is coming to an end. RBL finished top of their league and are to be promoted. OWFC finished the middle of their league. The Youth Training group on a Thursday night have not yet registered their team. A Leisure meeting is to be organised to discuss the way forward with the football. Cllr Taylor Firth stated that he would like to hand over the Playing Field and Pavilion to another member of the Parish Council.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR A GIBSON

Cllr Gibson provided a report on HCC this included information on the cuts to be made in re-cycling and the closure of the Mobile Libraries.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR T HOPE

Cllr Hope stated that it has been a year since the elections. TVBC has purchased the magistrates' court site. Unlike some Borough Councils TVBC are still collecting rubbish fortnightly. 2 Care Homes are to be built on the Old Andover Air Field site and the Planning Department is now fully staffed after a lengthy period of staff shortages. Cllr Hope spoke about possible changes in the ward boundaries.

PARISH HALL

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that work is underway to try and sort out the flooding in the car park. The Parish Hall accounts are in the process of being audited.

FOOTPATHS - The footpaths are all walkable but still muddy. Cllr Cairns reported that a parishioner had reported a tree across the bridleway at Driftway; this has been cleared.

PALESTINE – Nothing to report.

KENTSBOROUGH – Cllr Gates was pleased to report that the bus shelter has been erected and being used. Cllr Gates asked if a bin could be placed by the bus shelter and offered to empty it. The Clerk will get quotes for the next meeting.

POUND ROAD – Cllr Elliott reported that the pothole issue is ongoing, no sooner is one repaired than another one appears. He reported that a large cherry tree in Pound Road that has always had a spectacular display of blossom has died, it is such a shame.

Bus Shelters in Pound Road were discussed, for the Parish Council to apply for the grant there must be a public consultation to show that there is a need. Cllr B Elliott will speak to residents.

PRINTERS' PLACE – Cllr Roberts reported that the problem with dog fouling seems to have been sorted for the time being.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – There were no issues raised.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES OF THE 2016 MEETINGS

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