

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1st May 2024 at 7.00pm 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
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 3

Apologies: Cllr Mr I Cleife, 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.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR D DREW AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR S MACDONALD.

The Chairman reported that she will put County Councillor Mr D Drew's report on the Hub.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the April meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mr C Anstis and seconded by Cllr Mr C Sanger.

FINANCE.

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED IN APRIL AND MAY 2024

INCOME.

Bank Interest	£396.58
CAF Grant	£13,890.51
VAT Refund	£7,015.39
½ Precept	£21,000.00
Total =	<u>£42,302.48</u>

EXPENDITURE.

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>

Cheques Issued:		£
Auto Speed Watch	Speed Cameras	1,178.00
Total =		<u>£1,178.00</u>

PAVILION PROJECT.

TVBC Building Control Fee	1,636.00
Millway Builders	51,889.20
Total =	<u>£53,525.20</u>

Total Expenditure = **£56,001.57**

Bank Account Balances

After above movements

Current Account = £	23,875.51
Premier Interest = £	307,510.32
Allotments = £	976.46
	<u>£332,362.29</u>

Breakdown of Funds held:

Working Balance = £24,889.01

Reserves:

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
Palestine – Play Area GPC	= £ 5,000.00
	<u>=£ 20,706.29</u>

Pavilion Project = £285,790.53

TOTAL FUNDS HELD = £331,385.83

Allotments = £ 976.46

= £332,362.29

PLANNING.

23/01264/FULLN – Erection of sheep storage barn on the agricultural land associated with plot one of extant permission 23/01264/FULLN – Marwood, Farley Street, Nether Wallop, Stockbridge Hampshire, SO20 8QE – OBJECTION not in the settlement boundary under the Over Wallop NDP Guidelines and it has not been demonstrated that this building is essential in the countryside.

ALLOTMENTS.

Cllr Mr M Goodman reported that a new Allotment Committee has been formed and they have been working on updating the Allotment Constitution. Cllr Mr M Goodman hoped that this is good news, and the running of the allotments can move forward. The Parish Council thought it critical that the Allotments are registered in the Parish Council's name, and this will again be investigated.

Mrs T Forrest thought this a waste of time as a constitution had been put together several years ago in conjunction with the Allotment Society. This was noted.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday the 6th of June 2024 at 7.00pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

www.overwallopparishcouncil.org.uk

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 1st May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

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WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Mr C Sanger proposed Cllr Mrs K Dixon as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mr S MacDonald. There were no other nominations. All agreed and Cllr Mrs K Dixon was elected Chairman.

VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr Mrs K Dixon proposed Cllr Mr C Sanger as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mr C Anstis. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Mr C Sanger was elected Vice Chairman.

CHAIRMANS REPORT.

Introduction

Over Wallop Parish Council's 2023/24 annual report is the Parish Council's opportunity to update you all about our activities and progress in the last year as well as acknowledge the help and support coming from all parts of the Parish.

The Council's purpose is to maintain and improve provision of facilities and services in the Parish to the benefit of you, the parishioners. Many of you have continued to support this work this year, volunteering and giving up precious time to all of our benefit. Thank you.

Richard Waterman, our clerk, is the backbone of the council. He solves problems, manages our funds and gives wise counsel. Thank you, Richard.

We welcomed Stewart MacDonald onto the Parish Council in June and Mark Goodman in December. Each has already contributed an enormous amount as you will hear from their updates. Thank you both. We still have one vacancy for Palestine and one for Over Wallop on the Parish Council

The Precept for Over Wallop remains at £42,000.

Stewart MacDonald: Traffic, NDP, Phone Box, Communications and Resilience – Report Below.

Chris Sanger: Neighbourhood Watch, Fibre to the Home, VAT advice and speed signs – Report below.

Pavilion

We have raised £637,000 from grant fundraising to build the new Community Pavilion. We re-tendered for the building contractor at the end of 2023 and appointed Millway who are based in Over Wallop. Building work is going well and we expect the roof to go

on next week. We continue to apply for grants to extend the car park, provide solar panels, upgrade the electricity and water supplies and ensure that the security systems are in place to prevent break-ins, of which there have been 5 this year to date. We expect the building to be complete in the Autumn and look forward to the Parish making the most of what will be a fantastic new facility. We will use the spoil from the extension to the car park to create a wildflower mound on the far side of the MUGA – wildflowers are a condition of the planning and should create a beautiful focus on the AEMG without getting in the way of any sport or event.

Thank you to Michael Crowe who has turned up at 2pm for a grants meeting every Monday for over two years.

War Memorial

The War Memorial was cleaned and the shelter coat renewed in time for the Remembrance Day service. We continue to monitor its condition to ensure its proper maintenance.

Wallops Parish Hall

The Parishes Hall is managed immaculately by Elisabeth Roseveare and Councillor Anstis. Thank you. Bookings for the year have been encouraging and started with a post match/50th birthday party for a Fijian rugby team. They all had a brilliant time albeit we had to retain their deposit and charge an extra £100 for clearing up! A wedding reception was held at the hall and all went very smoothly. We lost the Skittles remote car racing regular events which on the positive side gave us more room in the storage cupboard. This was more than made up for by the dog training continuing their sessions during the summer by changing their regular day from Monday to Tuesday. We lost Footloose Seniors which was more than compensated for by a new dance teacher taking the Tuesday evening slot, increasing to two hours and holding classes during the school holidays as well. Joga yoga increased to two sessions a week. The Gardening Club has re-started after a number of years although they alternate with Nether Wallop parish hall and sometimes in private gardens. A small singing group offshoot of WASPS is now using the small hall on a weekly basis. There have been a couple of carpet/rug sales and a good number of private functions including two wakes and many parties. Many users have commented on what a lovely welcoming space the hall is; we have to say a big thank you to Alison Elliott for all her hard work, often at unsociable times between events. The car park has been hired out a couple of times at the weekend when there are no events taking place. New tables were purchased at the request of the Drawing Club but the number of workshops has increased. M G Cavill & Co installed solar panels free of charge which hasn't made much of an impact on the electricity bills as most electricity is used in the evenings. MGC has quoted £7,500 each to install two batteries. CCTV was installed by Gair at the end of April which ensures we can invoice correctly and keep an eye on things remotely. Gair also installed the Hive system which has made a considerable difference to being able to monitor the temperature in the halls and set it a week in advance remotely. Income for the year to 31/03/2024 was £12,017 up from £10,599 the previous year. Expenditure for the year to 31/03/2024 was £11,509 down from £14,621. This resulted in a surplus of £508 for the year to 31/03/2024 against a deficit the previous year of £4,022.

Allotments

Mark Goodman: Allotments and WPH committee – Report below.

AEMG

Hampshire United, our resident football club now has 2 pitches and is making full use of the area for the young boys and girls of the area and are doing a wonderful job. The cricket team is represented on the Sports Working Party alongside Hampshire United

and they are working on a proposal for the Parish Council to consider how the new facility will be run and managed as well as a schedule of costs to encompass regular users and one-off events. We are undertaking a review of similar facilities' costs in the vicinity to inform this decision and welcome participation from all existing users including, for example, the Vintage Show. We must cover our costs whilst continuing to offer a great service and unlocking the potential of the AEMG with the Pavilion. The Wallops Parish Hall remains a model for how to manage the project.

Trees

We continue to manage the trees on the Alan Evans Memorial Ground. Due to the existing vacancies, ex Councillor John Taylor Firth commissioned the last survey and has overseen the subsequent work. Some large trees have had to be felled as they were diseased and have reached the end of their lifespan. We will continue to plant replacements where there is space and manage the trees to ensure, so far as is possible, parishioners' safety alongside compliance with our insurers for Public Liability.

Coronation Party

The Coronation party was a huge success run by yet more volunteers and gave an opportunity for the Parish to meet and celebrate, play, chat and eat together on a joyful day. It also raised over £600 for the Pavilion project which was a great result. On the subject of the Coronation we have been given a portrait of the King to hang in one of our public spaces so the Parish Council will discuss and maybe it could go in the new Community Pavilion or the Church Hall.

Planning

We now assess each planning application in line with the draft NDP which we hope will be the made NDP this time tomorrow. We do not comment on tree applications other than to request parishioners plant at least two saplings for each tree felled. This will be raised to three in line with the NDP once adopted.

We have considered 51 planning applications in the last 12 months. 25 of those were trees. Of the remaining 26, we supported 19, had no objection or no comment to 3 and objected to 4, principally because development was proposed outside the settlement boundary which is against NDP policy.

Footpaths

Hampshire County Council has still not advised whether they will be cutting the footpaths as they have done every year. We put our request in at the end of 2023 to ensure that we could be high up the list but we are still waiting to hear. We did not use our £1000 Lengthsman budget last year and so we have placed an order with them to start cutting at the end of May and if Hampshire does allow for a cut, we will ask them to manage the secondary routes.

Marion Short has done a comprehensive report on the state of our footpaths. She is liaising with Hampshire and the Lengthsman and our footpaths have never been in better hands. Thank you, Marion.

Neighbours

We continue to work with our lovely neighbours in Nether Wallop, discussing traffic calming measures and looking for other ways to work together. The new gardening club, whilst nothing to do with the Parish Council, is a great example of this.

Cllr Goodman and I had a constructive session at the Army Air Centre in early Spring. The headline for us was that they are operating on a 10-15 year timescale and so the helicopters are with us for the medium term at least.

I'm pleased to confirm that we have made a pledge, soon to be honored, of a £5,000 grant to Grateley Parish Council as a contribution to their new play area which will directly benefit our parishioners in Palestine.

Thank you.

CLLR MR S MACDONALD'S REPORT.

- **Number 1: Neighbourhood Development Plan.**
- For those of you less familiar, NDPs are the mechanism by which local communities are given a real say on future development in their area.
- Not just in terms of numbers but also where development should be located and what it should look like.
- The other key benefit for the parish of NDPs is that once "made" the Parish Council receives a larger share of developer contributions which can then be re-invested into local projects or initiatives.
- I am delighted to report that, after 3 years of hard work and dedication by a small group of volunteers, the NDP went to referendum today.
- If you haven't yet voted, then please do go to the Church Hall and vote.
- The votes will be counted tomorrow morning and we will issue an update on the HUB very shortly thereafter.
- **Number 2: Traffic and 20mph**
- The NDP, which I just spoke about, and the surveys we conducted to inform it highlighted traffic volume and traffic speed as the two most significant concerns of residents in the parish.
- The Parish Council has long lobbied Hampshire County Council to implement measures to reduce not just the speed of traffic but the volume using Over Wallop as a cut through.
- In the summer of last year, Hampshire finally implemented a "lines and signs" scheme including at the A343 end of Salisbury Lane and at the junction with the Old Stockbridge Road at Grateley.
- Last month, HH undertook a new traffic survey which we were then able to compare with the previous survey in 2022
- The results:
 - Traffic volume on Salisbury Lane is up 5% since 2022
 - Traffic volume on Station Road is up 15%
 - Mean speeds on Salisbury Lane are down 4 mph
 - Mean speeds on Station Road are down between 0 and 3 mph, depending on the location on Station Road
- Whilst not a surprise, it is disappointing that the lines and signs have not made a more significant impact.
- On the positive side, I am delighted to report that HCC recently changed their position on 20mph. Without going into detail, in the last few weeks HCC have started to accept applications from parish councils who wish 20mph to be implemented.
- Importantly, Over Wallop were the first applicant so I am hopeful we will hear soon. It is however also important to highlight that the full cost of implementation, likely to be in the order of £10,000 will need to be funded by the parish council through grant funding, community fundraising, etc.
- **Number 3: Telephone Box**
- The Telephone box is in urgent need of repair.
- Parish Council reluctantly took the decision to close the telephone box which was being used as a community library or book swap due on the grounds of safety.

- I'm pleased to report that we have sought quotes and applied for a number of grants to fund the renovation.
- We should hear the outcome of our grant applications in the next few weeks.
- **Number 4: Resilience**
- Attended TVBC Resilience Forum last Saturday.
- Draft plan in place but needs refinement.
- Implementation very much linked to Pavilion project which may be our best Resilience Hub – to be confirmed.
- Next steps: seek grant funding for emergency supplies (blankets, hot water bottles, bottled water, food etc.) and, in time, a generator.

Looking forward focus will be:

- Ensure TVBC compliance with NDP.
- 20mph approval and fund raising.
- Telephone box restoration project.
- Progress resilience plan

Also keen to focus on

- Improved communication with parish – already do a lot but could do more – website, notice boards, etc.
- Improved play facilities for children and young adults

CLLR MR C SANGER'S REPORT:

- The Over Wallop Neighbourhood Watch Scheme now has 22 members covering the majority of the Village. Communication with the Police has improved, and regular up-dates are being received from the Police. There are grants available to help with Neighbourhood Watch and these are being investigated.
- Fibre to the Home – The voucher scheme reported early last year has been put on hold. 'City Fibre' are taking on work to improve Broadband and have been contacted.
- Auto Speed Watch Cameras will be purchased so the Parish Council can keep their own data on speeding through the village. At present the Police will not commit to enforce the data received from the cameras. The Parish Council is engaging with Hampshire Highways regarding the issue of speeding.
- We are still waiting for the advice for reclaiming the VAT on the Pavilion Project.

CLLR MR M GOODMAN'S REPORT.

Cllr Mr M Goodman reported that a new Allotment Committee has been formed and they have been working on updating the Allotment Constitution. There is a renewed positivity in moving forward.

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

The Parish Clerk reported on the Financial Year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2024.

RECEIPTS	£
Precept	42,000.00
Bank Interest	1,128.01
SEB Refund	189.54
Parish Hall – Insurance Contribution	850.00
Sports Field Lettings	1,058.00
VAT Refund	7,345.99
Pavilion Project Funding	352,609.49
Allotments	185.00

Cricket Square and Nets Funding	15,422.00
Fund Raising	456.40
Grants / Kings Coronation and Bench	1,428.51
Church grass cutting of Glebe field	630.00
	<u>423,302.94</u>

PAYMENTS

Administration and Web Site	1,329.80
Staffing Costs	6,720.00
Audit Charges	1,065.00
Subscriptions	60.00
Insurance	3,212.72
Village Hall Hire	118.00
Flashing Speed Signs – 2 Years	1,162.16
Street Lighting	6,169.04
Storage	120.00
Cricket Square and Nets Project	15,422.00
Pavilion – Repairs and Running Costs	4,543.24
Sports Field - Grass/Maint Trees	9,703.77
Allotments	29.99

Section 137 Payments -

Kings Coronation Party	755.47
Kings Coronation Bench	938.34

War Memorial Cleaning	1,090.00
Village Maintenance/Footpaths	5,155.02
VAT on Payments	10,628.51
Pavilion Project	29,774.97
	<u>98,315.03</u>

Opening Balance 1 st April 2023	20,443.06
Plus Income	423,302.94
	<u>443,746.00</u>

Less Expenditure	98,315.03
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345,430.97

Adoption of Accounts for the Year 2023/2024 proposed by Cllr C Sanger, seconded by Cllr M Goodman

CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH BDO LLP.

There were no Conflict of Interest with the external Auditor, BDO LLP recorded.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2023/2024

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2023/2024 ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statement.

The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mr C Sanger and seconded by Cllr Mr M Goodman. All agreed.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2023/2024

The Annual Accounting Statement 2023/2024 was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mr C Sanger and seconded by Cllr Mr M Goodman. All agreed.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr John Taylor Firth spoke about the traffic calming scheme and understood that there was still £100,000 in the budget being held by Hampshire County Council. He felt that after years of discussion the traffic calming scheme that was installed was very disappointing. The Parish Council have been told by Hampshire County Council that all the traffic calming money has been spent, much it is thought on numerous surveys and the issue of the proposed turning circles in Salisbury Lane when it was planned to shut the lane to through traffic. This is being investigated.

Mrs Pepe Keightley asked for more information on the Auto Speed Cameras. Cllr Mr S Sanger explained why they are needed and how they worked. Mrs Keightley stated that she was against all the additional signs, flashing signs and cameras. It spoils the village and in her mind is not needed.

Mrs Tricia Forrest spoke about the Alan Evans Memorial Ground and the Cricket Pavilion. She raised the following points:

- The Alan Evans Memorial Ground and Pavilion was given to the village Cricket Team by the Evans Family in the 1950's.
- The main stipulation was that it was for the Cricket Team and to secure the Cricket Pitch. It was never intended for hire for parties and weddings!
- Mrs Forrest did not believe the latest Hampshire traffic count data
- The football pitches used by non-village teams have encroached on the Cricket out field and this is not acceptable and a risk to users of the Cricket Pitch. This was noted and had not been raised by the AEMG Working Party.
- Have the Parish Council considered the costings for the running of the new Pavilion, and have they made sure that the hire charges will cover the running costs? The Parish Council are currently looking at the costings, working with the AEMG Working Party.
- Concerns that the correct Health and Safety Risk assessments have not been observed during recent tree works. This was noted.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.