

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 6th of April 2023 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

Present: Cllr K Dixon - Chairman
Cllr C Sanger – Vice Chairman
Cllr J Taylor Firth
Cllr I Cleife
Cllr C Anstis
Cllr D Boardman
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr D Drew
Members of the Public - 3

Apologies: Cllr C Smith, Borough Councillors Mrs M Flood, Mr D Coole and Mr I Jeffrey.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Mr D Boardman declared an interest in planning application 23/00734/TREEN.

PALESTINE WARD VACANCY.

There is still a vacancy on the Parish Council. It was noted that no one from Palestine submitted nomination papers for the May Elections.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR I JEFFREY.

Cllr Mr I Jeffrey had sent the latest Mid Test Matters, and this has been distributed to the Parish Councillors and is available to view on the Hub.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the March meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr I Cleife and seconded by Cllr J Taylor Firth.

CHAIRMAN'S UP-DATE.

The Chairman reported on the following issues:

- The Chairman has spoken to Caroline Nokes MP to ask advice on how to raise the £150,000 shortfall for the Pavilion project and has received some support. She also requested help from Ms Nokes for proactive traffic calming in Over Wallop. Mr Fox from the Over Wallop Cricket Team is investigating funding from the ECB. The Chairman felt that a fresh approach is needed to raise the remaining funds and is exploring options.
- The collapsible bollard has not yet arrived and is due for delivery any day. A final site meeting will be held with the contractor once the bollard arrives.
- The bird boxes have been installed on the AEMG.
- Traffic Calming – Signs indicating a road closure to start work on the Traffic Calming were put up by HCC Highways. However, the date has been and gone and work did not start. Hampshire will update a new start date. There is also no further news on the 20mph speed limit scheme. It has been confirmed that HCC do not yet have a policy on this issue.
- The telephone box needs to be emptied so that work can begin on the refurbishment once the weather improves.
- King's Coronation -
 1. A grant of £500 has been confirmed from Test Valley Borough Council.
 2. The Parish Council is contributing £500 from the Community Fund.

3. A very kind parishioner has agreed to fund the purchase of celebration mugs for the children.
4. Cllr Mr I Cleife reported that further cash donations have been received from the Parish.
5. It has been suggested that a Coronation Bench is placed on the AEMG. This has been investigated. Borough Councillor Mr I Jeffrey has offered a 2/3 grant of £928.51 towards the cost.

FINANCE. CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED IN MARCH AND APRIL 2023

EXPENDITURE.

Standing Orders:

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| R.N. Waterman | Wages | 560.00 |
| Came and Company | Insurance | 311.81 |
| TVBC | Grass Cutting | 185.95 |
| SBPC | Storage | 10.00 |
| R.N. Waterman | Expenses and Website | 14.00 |
| VIXIT | Grounds Maintenance | 198.00 |
| | | Total = <u>£1,279.76</u> |

Cheques Issued:

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| Michelle Shill | Website Fee 2022/23 | 301.50 |
| SSE | Street Lighting | 719.46 |
| SMW | Tree Survey | 2,073.43 |
| Bluestone Planning | NDP | 4,833.60 |
| | | Total = <u>£7,927.99</u> |

Total Expenditure = **£9,207.75**

Bank Account Balances

After above movements

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| Current Account | = £ 9,814.38 |
| Premier Interest | = £10,041.91 |
| Allotments | = £ 675.95 |
| | <u>£20,532.24</u> |

Breakdown of Funds held:

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| Working Balance | = £ 1,418.32 |
| War Memorial | = £ 453.68 |

Reserves:

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| General Reserves | = £ 12,000.00 |
| Street light Replacement Fund | = £ 1,000.00 |
| Over Wallop Community Fund | = £ 1,496.00 |
| Pavilion Project | = £ 2,270.00 |
| NDP (PC Contribution) | = £ 718.29 |
| Parish Hall | = £ 500.00 |
| | =£ <u>17,984.29</u> |

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| TOTAL FUNDS HELD | = £19,856.29 |
| Allotments | = £ 675.95 |
| | =£<u>20,532.24</u> |

PLANNING

23/00734/TREEN – Reduce 3 Willows and Fell one Sycamore – Yew Tree Cottage, Station Road, Over Wallop. SUPPORT (Request to plant two Trees).
Cllr D Boardman declared an interest and made no comment.

23/00938/TPON – Trim Beech trees, Pound Road – SUPPORT.

23/00863/TREEN – Fell six Trees – Lilac Cottage, King Lane. SUPPORT (Request to plant 12 Trees)

The Parish Council confirmed that the request to plant replacement trees does not necessarily relate to the address of the applicant and could be planted elsewhere in the Parish with agreement from a landowner (one site identified was the Evans Close Recreation Ground). The Parish Council discussed asking for evidence that replacement trees have been planted.

23/00422/FULLN – Demolition of house and barn and erection of 2 houses and stable block – Marwood. It was felt that this is over development of the site and a loss of views. Following on from the last meeting the final decision was to OBJECT.

Two further planning applications were received on the day of the meeting and will be discussed at the May meeting.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR D DREW.

Cllr Mr D Drew reported on the following issues:

- Hampshire County Council has received a further £6 Million from Government to tackle the potholes on the county's roads. The plan is to use the additional funding to make the roads safe by filling in the potholes rather than major repairs.
- Hampshire County Council has awarded £¾ Million in grants over the last financial year.
- The Hampshire Music Service.
- Events being held over the Easter Break.

MAY 2023 BOROUGH AND PARISH ELECTIONS.

The Clerk confirmed that Over Wallop will not have a Parish Council Election. 4 Parish Council Nomination Papers were received by Electoral Services. The Parish Council is quorate and has 3 Over Wallop vacancies. There were no nominations for the one Councillor for the Palestine Ward.

Cllr C Sanger proposed that the Parish Council change the number of Councillors to be quorate from 4 to 3 until the Parish Council are back to full complement. This was agreed and will be voted on at the May meeting.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR C SANGER – Reported that the improvements to Neighbourhood Watch in the Village are progressing. Cllr Mr C Sanger is exploring how the Speed Watch Equipment can be used to greater effect. He had no up-date to report on Fibre to the Home.

CLLR MR C ANSTIS – Reported that the Parish Hall is running smoothly. A heating engineer has looked at the recent problems experienced with the heating, and it is hope that they have now been resolved. There has been a steady stream of enquires for the hire of the hall.

CLLR MR I CLEIFE – Gave a report in the use of the Pavilion for the forthcoming season and the need to up-date the kitchen. Prices for new white goods were given to the Parish Councillors. All agreed to proceed with the purchase of the white goods.

CLLR MR J TAYLOR FIRTH – Reported that the recent Tree Survey identified an additional 8 trees that require work. The work to the additional 8 trees will be added to the current planned work at an additional cost of £950. The Parish Council agreed to proceed.

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that he has instructed Clive Hutchinson to proceed with his annual maintenance contract for grass cutting.

CLLR MR D BOARDMAN – Spoke at length about the AEMG giving a comprehensive report on maintenance, new caretaker, sports use, grass cutting, play area and pavilion:

Caretaker – Chris Wilkins has agreed to take on the role of Pavilion Caretaker and a comprehensive job description has been drawn up. Chris Wilkins will undertake a deep clean before the start of the cricket season.

Maintenance – A working party from the football and cricket teams are going to undertake sorting out the pavilion, moving a lot of the equipment into the storeroom.

Play Area – Three options were looked at for enlarging the play area on the AEMG. A multi-function piece of equipment that will cater for all ages was agreed. This will be placed in the Northwest corner of the field. 106 Developer Money will fund this project.

Grass Cutting – Mat Casson from TVBC will be sent a list of cricket fixtures so that the grass cutting can be scheduled more efficiently. Mark Lovell is also being consulted and at the moment is contracted to do 5 additional cuts.

An in depth look at the AEMG grass cutting will be undertaken to see what areas could be left to go wild to help the environment.

The Parish Council were very happy with Cllr Mr D Boardman's comprehensive report and agreed with all the proposals.

CORRESPONDENCE

The road signs in Palestine have been raised and have been reported to the relevant authorities.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr Peter Hope enquired if there are plans to clean the War Memorial. It is looking very black. Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth will speak to Wells Cathedral Stonemasons.

Mr Peter Hope congratulated the Parish Council on all the hard work they do for the village; it is much appreciated.

Mr Fox urged residents to report speeding incidents to the Police and HCC.
Mr Fox reported that Marl Lovell has used a roller on the cricket outfield which greatly improves the surface.

PARISH COUNCIL.

The Chairman reported that the following Parish Councillors have decided not to stand at again and wished to thank:

Cllr Mr Courtney Smith for his deep knowledge and sensible advice while serving on the Parish Council. Courtney has undertaken a lot of work in the background.

Cllr Mr David Boardman for all the work he has done setting up the sports on the AEMG. His organisation skills will be missed. The Chairman was pleased to report that David has pledged to continue with his work on the AEMG and will assist Cllr Mr I Cleife.

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth.

John has served on the Parish Council since 2006 and had done a vast amount of extraordinary work for Over Wallop. Projects he has been involved with include the refurbishment and running of The Wallops Parish Hall, the refurbishment of the War Memorial, the trees on the AEMG as well as being Chairman of the Parish Council. John will be greatly missed, and we all wish him well in his retirement. It has been a privilege to work with him.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

4th of May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

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