

OVER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
08th January 2007

001/07 Present: Cllrs. Burden, Glover, Keightley, Macey, Taylor-Firth and Quick, 5 members of the public and Will McManus, Andover Advertiser. County Councillor Woodhall joined the meeting half way through.

002/07 Apologies: Cllrs. Cleife and Hewlett

003/07 Minutes: The minutes for December were approved. Proposed Cllr. Quick, Seconded Cllr. Taylor-Firth.

004/07 Urgent Items:

The clerk reported that the parking situation in Pound Road by the village shop is still unresolved, and that she would chase Testway Housing and Hampshire Highways to get replies from the letters sent out in December.

The meeting was opened to the public to make comments on the planning application 06/03578/RESN BAS printers site. The plans are almost the same as previous plans. The highways authority refused to allow access from King Lane, which has now been amended to have the access point from Horshells Drove and Orange Lane with a change of priority for traffic on Orange Lane. The roofline has also been altered slightly on the house situated on Orange Lane. The public wished to oppose the application on the grounds of density and not conforming to the VDS as documented before. There was also concern about the highways decision over the access off King Lane. No clear reasons were given as to why this access was refused. There is still feeling within the village that the Old School House should be preserved as it holds great history within the village. It was noted however, that the planners at TVBC do not consider it worth obtaining listing building status. This is still a cramped, unwelcome development of houses using an un-adopted road. It is also a concern that the planning department or councillors deciding the application do not seem to take any notice of what the parishioners feel about this application. The clerk will write a letter of objection. The plans will be made available to the public at St. Peters hall Saturday 13 January. Application objected to by all present councillors, proposed Cllr. Keightley, seconded Cllr. Macey.

The general council meeting then resumed.

005/07 Police matters and Neighbourhood Watch Update:

It is generally quiet within the village; the only reported incidents are small disturbances by youths. Ruth Cartwright advised the council that the levels of policing from 29 January will reduce in the area, it is a sad sign of the times that there are not enough police resources to cover the county, and that most of the resources will be deployed in the high crime areas. This potentially means that police response times will increase. Ruth is trying to organize a neighbourhood watch meeting with the Sergeant from Stockbridge attending to hear the views raised. The question is now how far can someone go to protect themselves from crime? Ruth will report back after the meeting.

006/07 Planning:

Current Plans:

06/03602/TREEN Lower Close, Station Road, Over Wallop. Trim back branches overhanging the Poplars by 3 meters and raise height of branches to 4 meters above ground. No objection.

06/03643/TREEN The Sundial House, Station Road, Over Wallop. Fell 1 Sycamore and remove Leylandii hedge. No Objection.

07/00028/LBWN. Piccadilly Cottage, Station Road, Over Wallop. Remove existing door on elevation and enlarge opening to facilitate triple doors together with internal alterations. No Objection.

06/03481/FULLN. Townsend Manor Farm, Station Road, Over Wallop. Erection of agricultural building for livestock and store straw with associated hard standing and construction of landscaped mound on part of OS parcel 5700. There was a problem finding where this would be built as it was not marked on the plans; besides stating it would stand in the south east when, as pointed out by Mr Mansbridge who fortunately was present, it was intended to stand in the south west part of his land. No Objection.

07/00005/FULLN. Weedon Vale, Streetway Road, Palestine. Erection of 4 bedroom dwelling with detached garage with home/games room over. No Objection

All plans proposed by Cllr Burden, seconded by Cllr. Taylor-Firth.

007/07 Finance:

There were 6 current cheques for signature:

997	P Reynolds. Audit	£210.00
998	S Electric energy account	£220.35
999	S Electric – pavilion	£ 24.07
1000	SEC maintenance	£195.37
1001	Sandra Holloway Salary	£280.00.
1002	Sandra Holloway Expenses	£27.18

A finance meeting was held Monday 3 January and the precept was discussed at length. The estimated income and expenditure for the next financial year was handed out to all councillors. The projects agreed were Evans Close play park (money already secured), the Pavilion needs some urgent repair work. The doors need replacing, the kitchen work tops will be fitted properly and an under sink water heater fitted for tea making. Some electrical fittings in the pavilion storage shed will be moved and the councillors will consider removing the dividing wall in the shed after seeing how much it will cost.

The pavilion car park will be partially tarmaced so that a recycling centre can be put there and funding will be reserved to keep the War memorial clean.

The finance committee also agreed to the clerk having a pay increase. The last pay increase for the clerk was in 2002. The scale used was that in line with the NALC guidelines for part time clerks. It was agreed to increase the salary to £4600 from 1 April 2007 with yearly increases in line with inflation and hours worked.

Proposed Cllr. Taylor-Firth, Seconded Cllr. Quick.

County Councillor Mr Woodhall reported on the news at County level. The budget is currently being set for the next financial year. He urged the parish to look after its highways and asked for the leaves to be cleared away from the drains as they clog up the soak-aways and cause localised flooding. He will take up the issue with the shop parking

on our behalf. The clerk agreed to forward responses from Testway Housing and Hampshire Highways. The station car park was mentioned and the clerk advised that the correspondence was dealt with by the clerk at Grateley as the station falls within that parish. With regards to the traffic calming issues and responses received from TVBC, the clerk advised that they have confirmed to the council in an e-mail to the clerk that a speed limit sign has been allocated to Station Road. She believes however, that they are mistaken and that they do mean Salisbury Lane. She will confirm with TVBC that this is the case.

Cllr Woodhall confirmed that he would attend the APM set for Monday 23 April

008/07 Playground and sports field:

The play park grant application forms will be placed with TVBC this month.

009/07 Parish Hall Update

There is a strong desire from Nether Wallop Parish to put the project into the hands of a developer, but Cllr Keightley has researched this and has grave concerns about this. It seemed unlikely to fulfill section 106 of Town and Country Planning Act, besides the developer would be interested in maximizing profit and the village would lose control over where and what kind of hall they would get. There is also no guarantee that a developer would find an acceptable alternative site to the current site, which is in the perfect position for both villages. Cllr Keightley will research grants available to refurbish the existing hall and will report back after the next hall meeting scheduled for Monday 15 January.

010/07 Correspondence:

Hampshire County Council have an Action Team for Test Valley consultative meeting scheduled for 6th February. Cllr Keightley will attend.

011/07 Public points from floor:

There was a request that the Army Air Corp should be invited to give a presentation at the APM. A list of street names was passed to the clerk which are without road name signs in Palestine. She agreed to contact Hampshire CC.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at .9.40pm. Sandra Holloway – Clerk
Next meeting Monday 12 February 8pm.