

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st August 2011 in the Wallop Parish Hall at 8pm.

Present : Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn - Chairman
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr T Burden
Cllr Mr J Francis
Cllr Mr M Cochrane
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Mrs R Cartwright - NHW
Members of the Public - 4 and Mr Peter Bye from Grateley PC

Apologies : Cllr Mr G Cairns and Cllr Mr M Hunnibell

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Mr J Francis declared an interest in the Youth Football.
Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn declared an interest in Planning Applications 11/01271/FULLN and 11/01165/FULLN
Cllr Mr T Burden declared an interest in Planning Application 11/01528/FULLN
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth declared an interest in Planning Application 11/01165/FULLN

RESIGNATION

The Chairman was sorry to report that due to urgent family commitments Cllr Mrs H Bird has handed in her resignation. The Parish Council was sorry to hear this and wished to thank her for her contribution during her time on the Parish Council.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Mr J Francis.

URGENT ITEMS.

Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn, Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth, Cllr Mr M Cochrane, Cllr Mr T Burden and the Clerk met with Mr Ray Alborough - Highways and then Mr Bob Gregory - Planning on the 13th July at Test Valley Beech Hurst.

HIGHWAYS.

Mr Alborough confirmed that HCC had authorised the recent extensive traffic surveys, which have been completed and have been submitted along with the proposals discussed at subsequent meeting. If HCC grants approval to the scheme, the proposal will be sent to the Secretary of State for approval at governmental level.

Alterations to change the traffic priority will be undertaken at the Old Stockbridge/Wallop Road junction and major works will be undertaken at the junction onto the A343 at Kentsborough. This will be followed by extensive traffic calming and the reclassification of Station Road combined with the closure of Salisbury Lane to through traffic. Before this happens, a Public Meeting will be held to inform the village of the proposals; Grateley Parish Council will be invited to attend.

PLANNING.

The meeting with Mr B Gregory centred on the TVBC Strategic Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and the ramifications for Palestine and Grateley if the proposals put forward to

develop areas in the parish and near neighbourhood were agreed. A consultation period starting in the autumn will give the Parish Council and members of the public the opportunity to comment and put their views forward. Mr Gregory's advice was for the Parish Council to keep up to date and to be ready for the consultation process. The Chairman suggested that a Sub Committee be formed with two Parish Councillors and a member of the public from Over Wallop and Grateley Parishes. This was thought a good idea, Mr Peter Bye from Grateley PC also agreed. The Chairman reported that the OWPCC asked OWPC to consider the suggestion that a public address system be purchased for the village. This would be available to hire for local private events. The Parish Council was asked if they would consider contributing towards half the cost of a system.

The Parish Council discussed this at length and came to the conclusion that there was no need for a village PA system and therefore did not qualify for a grant under Sect 137. For the few annual events that are held in the village, it would be more cost effective to hire a system for each event. The Parish Council agreed that they were not in favour of contributing towards the cost of purchasing a PA system at this present economic time.

GRASS CUTTING

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council has received compliments on the condition of the Playing Field especially the grass cutting. The Clerk was asked to pass this on to Mat Casson at Test Valley Contract Services.

POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Mrs R Cartwright reported that in reaction to the press coverage in the Andover Advertiser about the closure of Stockbridge Police Station, an open meeting with the Police is to be held on Thursday 4th August in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Crime figures in Over and Nether Wallop are extremely low at the moment. Our new PCSO is 15062 David Trowbridge.

FINANCE

ADDITIONAL CHEQUE ISSUED IN JULY 2011

Just Outdoor Toys	Deposit with order	£3,752.50
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CHEQUES ISSUED IN AUGUST 2011. Proposed by Cllr Mr J Francis and seconded by Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£412.50
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£72.50
T.V.B.C.	Grounds Maintenance	£927.00
Metroplan	Stationary Parish Hall	£132.70
Whitefield Construction	Repairs to Church	£2748.00

(PC £473, Church £1817.00, VAT £458)

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After Above cheques have been deducted

Current Account	£ 1,708.95
Premier Interest	£ 3,780.67
	<u>£ 5,489.62</u>

VAT CLAIM SUBMITTED FOR £2,949.47

Second half of Precept £11,575 due in September

PLANNING

11/01557/CLEN - Certificate of lawfulness for existing use - The use of land for storage of

builders materials, tools and equipment - The Yard, Downs Lane, Over Wallop.
The Parish Council does not have the legal expertise to comment on this matter. NO COMMENT.

11/01271/FULLN - Erection of detached dwelling with detached double garage and shed and installation of sewage treatment plant (amended scheme) - Land adjacent Hillside, King lane, Over Wallop, Stockbridge.
Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn declared an interest. The Parish Council made NO COMMENT.

11/01603/FULLN - Erection of two storey side and rear extension to provide annex for elderly relatives - Broad View, Mount Carmel Road, Palestine.
The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

11/01704/TREEN - Fell 1 Horse-Chestnut - Pippins, King Lane, Over Wallop.
The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

11/01165/FULLN - Erection of bungalow at rear with access onto King Lane - Kingsway Stores, Pound Road, Over Wallop, Stockbridge.
Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn and Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth both declared an interest. The Parish Council made NO COMMENT.

11/01522/FULLN - Outdoor horse riding arena - Hurst Lodge, King Lane, Over Wallop.
The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

11/01528/FULLN - Erection of single storey front extension - Woodlands, Streetway Road.
Cllr Mr T Burden declared an interest. The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

The Clerk reported that the review of the Test Valley Access Plan (TVAP) Supplementary Planning Document contains the following:

Over Wallop Parish Council - investigate the reduction of the speed of traffic using Station Road and Salisbury Lane by providing traffic calming/management. Existing scheme. TVBC is undertaking study on behalf of HCC to investigate reclassification of B3084/C250 - Study ongoing.

The above responses to planning were proposed by Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Mr M Cochrane.

REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported that the recent Leisure Committee Meeting went very well and handed over to Cllr Mr J Francis to give a report on proceedings.

RABBIT CONTROL - Rabbits on the playing field are becoming a problem and a hazard and need controlling.

The Clerk reported that Hurstbourne Priors have a similar problem and have the rabbits exterminated once a year. The Clerk will get a quote from Eclipse Pest Control. The Parish Council will discuss this further before agreeing to carry out necessary pest control. It is vitally important that the council explore ways in which to rid the playing field of the rabbit problem without harming domestic animals.

FOOTBALL GOALS - Some repair is required before the start of the Football Season.

MUGA - Cllr Mr J Francis has been in contact with the MUGA contractor regarding the

broken Back Board and to report that the play surface has sunk around one of the posts. Both of these items are to be repaired by the contractor under warranty.

PAVILION - The old fridges have been disposed of and a new hard brush has been purchased.

PLAYING FIELD GATE - The Clerk reported that Barker and Geary have not been able to repair the gate as their welder has been on holiday, he is now back and the work should be done shortly.

LINE MARKING MACHINE - The Clerk was asked to chase up the order for the Line Marking Machine.

WALLOP YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAM - Cllr Mr J Francis gave the Clerk a copy of the Wallop Youth Football Teams Audited Accounts for the 2010/2011 Season, the Balance carried forward is £966.06. Cllr Mr Francis reported that new kit will be purchased this season as the team has outgrown its present strip.

Starting up a second team of 16 - 18 year olds is under discussion and Cllr Mr Francis hoped to more news to report for the next meeting.

C.C.T.V. - Cllr Mr J Francis produced a quote for Close Circuit Television for the Pavilion. The Parish Council discussed this and is seriously considering installing a system to monitor the area around the pavilion and car park.

PARISH HALL REPORT.

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that he is obtaining quotes to crown the beech tree in the car park as it is causing problems for the neighbours. The cost will be in the region of £500. The flower beds have been dug over and are ready for planting. The Awards for All grant is now complete. Bookings have varied over the summer period, but should increase in the autumn.

FOOTPATHS.

Cllr Mr M Cochrane reported that the nettles are starting to take over some of the footpaths but they are still walkable. The overgrown laurel trees by the stables in Palestine has been reported to Hampshire Rights of Way.

TRAFFIC.

The Chairman reported that cars are still travelling far too fast along Salisbury Lane and as reported earlier in the meeting, there is slow but satisfactory progress towards the 3 phase programme to calm speeding traffic in the village.

APPLETON CLOSE.

Cllrs Mr J Taylor Firth and Mr J Francis attended a site meeting. Building work is progressing on the development, the proposed hand over is on the 12th December 2011. The problems with the sewage appear to have been resolved as a new system has been installed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairman spoke about recent correspondence from Leiston-cum-Sizewell regarding a proposal that would empower local councils by seeking new planning guidance to major developers urging them, as a matter of planning procedure, to attend a council meeting to answer questions about their planning application if the council wishes to and provide

recourses to enable councils to assess their applications.
The Parish Council agreed to add their support to get this bill through Government.

Test Valley School have written to the Parish Council asking if they would be prepared to sponsor a prize at the Annual Presentation Evening on Thursday the 24th November 2011? The Parish Council were happy to sponsor two prizes totalling £50. It was suggested that Cllr Mr J Francis present one prize and Mr T Macey will be asked if he would like to present the second prize.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mrs R Cartwright reported that it has been reported in the Andover Advertiser that the Number 78, 77 and 87 Bus routes will be cut from October 2011, if this is correct it will leave Over Wallop without a bus service. The Clerk was asked to contact Stagecoach for conformation.

Mr Peter Portsmouth stated that if the Parish Council is considering rabbit control on the playing field that they do not use gas, this can kill dogs. The playing field is used by many residents to exercise their dogs.

The Parish Council was shocked to hear this and stated that they would not use gas. The Chairman asked Mr Portsmouth if he had any suggestions, to which he replied that ferrets would be the answer to the present pest problem. The Chairman asked if they could discuss this further in the near future.

It was reported that there were three cars parked in the playing field car park on Sunday. The Parish Council stated that once the gate is repaired, it will be locked. The new dragons' teeth now in place cars will prevent cars from gaining unauthorised access.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

12th September 2011 in the Parish Hall at 8pm.