

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th December 2008 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 8pm.

Present : Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn - Chairman
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs P Quick
Cllr Mr A Macey
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Mrs R Cartwright - Neighbourhood Watch
Members of the Public - 10

Apologies : Cllr Mr I Cleife, Cllr Mr T Burden, Borough Councillor Mr T Hope and County Councillor Mr Woodall.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 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 Quick.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders. Three letters of interest have been received for the two vacancies on the Parish Council. Mr M Cochrane, Mr Guy Tennant Cairns and Mr Simon Mansbridge.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had two vacancies, these were advertised in the village shop, the Notice Boards and at Palestine. Test Valley Borough Council has informed the Clerk that these vacancies can be filled by co-option.

It had been agreed with Test valley Borough Council that Mr M Cochrane from Palestine could be co-opted onto the Parish Council to represent Over Wallop when there was a vacancy. Mr Cochrane was co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill one of the vacancies. Mr Cochrane signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was given the Financial Statement to fill in.

The Clerk invited Mr Guy Tennant Cairns and Mr Simon Mansbridge to address the meeting to present why they wished to join the Parish Council. Mr Tennant Cairns and Mr Mansbridge addressed the meeting. the Clerk thanked them for their presentations. A secret vote was held, the Clerk asked the Parish Councillors to put a cross in the box adjacent to the candidates name on the voting papers he had provided.

Mr Guy Tennant Cairns received the majority and was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Mr Guy Tennant Cairns signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was given the Financial Statement to fill in.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Cochrane and Mr Tennant Cairns onto the Parish Council and thanked Mr Mansbridge for his interest.

URGENT ITEMS

SHOP - Cllr Mr Taylor Firth informed the Parish Council that the shop wish to purchase some new equipment. The Parish Council will receive further information in due course.

HIGHWAY MATTERS - Cllr Mr Burden had reported that Highways have not dug out the road gullies in Street Way Road. The Clerk was asked to remind them of this annual maintenance task. The Road Sweeper cleaned the road through Palestine on an icy morning, unfortunately spraying cold water onto the frozen road, and polishing the ice. The Clerk was also asked to raise this with Highways suggesting that the road was not cleaned when freezing temperatures are expected.

106 AGREEMENTS - The Chairman wished to clarify the position with the 106 Agreements associated with the two developments in the parish, Printer's Place and Northern Farm Barns.

Section 106 money is provided for the benefit of the residents of a new development within the village. Therefore, the Printer's Place money will be for the benefit of the new residents within the community. To this effect, the Parish Council asked if it could go towards traffic calming measures on the entrance to Over Wallop down King Lane. This would protect the children waiting for the school bus at that part of the village where drivers often enter at dangerous and inconsiderate speeds.

The Council have already agreed with the agent and developers of Northern Farm Barns that an integral part of the development will be traffic calming at the entrance to protect cars entering and departing the development when complete. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council has worked hard to bring a sense of urgency and awareness with Test Valley Borough Council to the increasing traffic problems in the village.

GRAFFITI - The Clerk reported that he has contacted the Graffiti clean up team at Test Valley Borough Council about the various incidents that have occurred in the village.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Mrs Cartwright stated that the information she had been given and reported at the previous meeting regarding damage to equipment was incorrect and apologized for any distress caused. This was noted.

Mrs Cartwright reported that Ashley White, the Test Valley Community Officer and the new PCSO are keen to work with the village. There have been several reported incidents of damage in the village, these have been reported to the Police; an open meeting with the Police is planned for early in the new year to discuss various issues.

Cllr Mr Taylor Firth reported that a Quad Bike has been stolen from a farm, the bike was locked in a container. This has been reported to the Police.

PLANNING.

TVN.08/02368/FULLN - Erection of replacement dwelling and alterations to access. Field View, Peach Grove, Palestine.
The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

TVN.08/02679/FULLN - Erection of extensions to side and rear and erection of a garage. Curlew, Park Drove, Over Wallop.
The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

TVN.0802846/FULLN - Provision of two dormer windows and raising of the roof to provide 2 bedrooms and a bathroom and an enlarged porch.

Hazeldene,

Danebury Road, Middle Wallop, Stockbridge.
The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

TRAFFIC CALMING ISSUES.

The Chairman reported that the site meeting with Mr Ray Alborough took place on the 5th December 2008. There was a walk through the areas in the village where improvements could be implemented - areas covered included :- road surfaces, white lining, footpaths, signing and junctions. There were no decisions made, Mr Alborough has taken this information and will report back to the Parish Council in due course.

The Clerk provided the Parish Council with the costing for Flashing Speed Signs prior to the meeting. The Clerk reported that the most economic way to purchase the speed signs is to go into partnership with three other Parish Councils. To purchase two Flashing Speed signs, possible costs for additional posts (existing posts are used in most cases), brackets and first years maintenance costs each parish is budgeting £2000. Following years the expenditure should be the maintenance costs approximately £350 for each parish. Each Parish will have the Speed Signs for two weeks every 6 weeks.

Shipton Bellinger, Penton Grafton and Grateley have all committed to purchase speed signs and have invited Over Wallop to join them. The Parish Council discussed this and agreed that Flashing Speed Signs would be an asset to the parish and agreed to proceed. Proposed by Cllr Mr T Macey and seconded by Cllr Mrs Quick.

FINANCE.

The Clerk gave an up-date on the Parish Council's Bank Balances. Cheques issued in December 2008 :

Richard Waterman	Wages and Expenses	
£453.76		
Paul Jones & Co	Repair work to Pavilion and Recreation Ground	£293.25

REPORT FROM LEISURE COMMITTEE.

Cllr Mr Macey reported that Paul Jones has cleaned and mended the gutters on the pavilion, filled in the pot holes and dug out the side path from the pavilion to the car park and laid new stone at a cost of £293.25.

Cllr Mr Macey reported that Wiltshire and Willey have quoted £350 to provide 5 outside lights on the pavilion with a PIR, there will also be an isolating switch in the pavilion. The lights will have wire cages and will be placed one at each corner and one in the gable. The Parish Council all agreed that outside lights are a necessity and to agreed to proceed with the work.

Wiltshire and Willey will also be asked to move the light switch for the store room and to carry out an electrical test on the pavilion.

Cllr Mr Macey reported that Paul Jones has quoted £680 + VAT to take down the partition wall in the storage area of the pavilion, make good the floor and walls and reinforce the roof beams. The Parish Council discussed this and all agreed to proceed with this quote.

Football Team - Cllr Mr Macey reported that Mr Lister has had a good response on player numbers - all the children are from the Wallops and joining the Testway League next year is

being considered. There is a very enthusiastic team of volunteers. A set of goal posts have been purchased and Mr Lister is looking into the cost of a football strip and some training equipment. The first training session will be held on the 4th January 2009

Allotments - Cllr Mr Macey reported that Mr Portsmouth does a lot of work keeping the rats under control on the Allotments and proposed that the Parish Council make a donation of £40 towards his costs. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Quick and all agreed.

Cllr Mr Macey reported that Allotments are very successful and that more space is needed, clearing the back section of the Allotments has begun, but it now needs the roots to be taken out by a digger. Paul Jones has quoted £673 + VAT to do the work. This was discussed and all agreed to proceed, the Allotments are an important village amenity and additional plots are in demand.

Community Development Programme - The Chairman gave an up-date on the grants that have been awarded to the Parish Council. The way forward was discussed and Cllr Mr Macey agreed to take over the running of the Community Development Programme.

REPORT FROM THE HALL COMMITTEE.

The Chairman reported that more heating oil will need to be ordered as the tank is very low; it is thought that the heating oil is being taken; this will need to be closely monitored and discussed with the Police. Locking the oil tank was discussed; Mrs Cartwright said she will send out a statement via the NHW on the points discussed.

FOOTPATHS.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council needs a new Footpath Officer. After some discussion Cllr Mr Cochrane offered to look after the footpaths in Palestine and Cllr Mr Cairns offered to look after the footpaths in Over Wallop. The Chairman thanked them both for offering to do the job, dividing the job seemed the ideal solution. The Chairman will contact the previous Footpath Officer for the village footpath maps.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from Wallop Primary School PTA asking if the Parish Council would consider making a grant to the school. The Schools aim is to raise between £5,000 and £7,000 each year to assist with transport for school trips and extra resources that will benefit the whole school. This request was discussed, Cllr Mr Macey proposed that a grant of £300 be given to Wallop Primary School in the next financial year, and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Quick. All agreed.

A letter has been received from The Wallop Vintage Gathering asking if they could please use the sports field on Sunday 30th August 2009 for their annual event. The Parish Council all agreed.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr Mansbridge raised the issue of the salt bin in Streetway Road, this is empty as it has been used by Residents of Locke Close. The Council road gritter does not visit this road and issue that will be taken up with the Borough Councillor Mr Hope and County Councillor Mr Woodall.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

12th January 2009 in the Wallop Parish Hall at 8pm.