

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th December 2009 in St Peter's Church Hall at 8pm.

Present : Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn - Chairman
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs P Quick
Cllr Mr T Burden
Cllr Mr G Cairns
Cllr Mr J Francis
Cllr Mr M Cochrane
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Mrs R Cartwright - NHW
Members of the Public - 5

Apologies : Cllr Mr M Hunnibell, County Councillor Andrew Gibson and Borough Councillor Mr T Hope.

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.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr P Quick declared an interest in Planning as an employee of the TVBC South Planning Department.

URGENT ITEMS.

Cllr Mr T Burden reported that there are some very large pot holes in Mount Carmel Road. The Clerk was asked to report these to Highways.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council have had an extremely busy year. The Summer Sports Programme has been a tremendous success and thanked Cllrs Cairns, Francis and their team of volunteers. The Cricket Club have also been extremely generous with their time and commitment in helping the youngsters in the village. The Pavilion has been refurbished and has had new plumbing, electrics and has been painted. The Traffic Group have done a considerable amount of work on pushing the issue of speeding in the village; the flashing Speed Signs are also in the village.

The Parish Web Site is now up to date and the Parish Council would like to thank Colin for his hard work.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council are looking at adding multi function play courts to the facilities on the Playing Field, this is possible due to the 106 Agreement from the Printers Place Development.

The Chairman also stated that in future Members of the Public must please ask questions to the Parish Council through the Chair and not the Clerk.

POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT.

Mrs R Cartwright reported that it was still remarkably quiet in the village, possibly due to Over Wallop receiving extra PCSO cover. The Police are keeping an eye on the church and the Church Hall car park which unfortunately now seems to be the meeting place for illegal activities as there is not enough light for a CCTV system.

Mrs R Cartwright reported that she had attended a recent Neighbourhood Watch Meeting with the Police. The Stockbridge Beat covers an area covering 160 Miles and she was amazed that they manage to do so with so little officers. They work with Farmers on Poaching and Fly Tipping issues and work with Test Valley Borough Council. The Police are working under immense pressure and there is no magic solution.

The message to try and get across to the vulnerable is 'Do not to open your door to anyone you don't know'. Mrs Cartwright reported that on speaking to the Stockbridge Police they have confirmed that the Police Authority are not training anyone to use a Speed Gun and there is too much conflicting information on this issue.

Mrs Cartwright reminded the public that anything they feel is suspicious or out of the ordinary, please inform NHW or the Police.

PLANNING.

09/02463/LBWN - Reconfiguration of existing roof to form a slate pitched roof - Vine Cottage, Orange lane, Over Wallop.
The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

09/02362/FULLN - Erection of extension to provide annex accommodation, utility room with Two additional bedrooms and ensuite over, erection of rear extension to balcony.
Provide enlarged dining/family room with enlarged bedroom and Southern House, Townsend Manor Farm, Over Wallop.
The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

FINANCE.

Cheques issued December 2009. Proposed by Cllr P Quick and seconded by Cllr Mr G Cairns.

SEC	Street Lighting Maintenance
£297.19	
Came and Company	Insurance for Flashing Speed Signs
£25.00	
R.N. Waterman	Wages
£402.50	
R.N. Waterman	Expenses
£140.27	
Mrs D Francis	Pavilion Caretaker Wages
£384.00	
Mr B Pearce	Erecting the Notice Board
£100.00	

Relf Ross Partnership
£2394.19

Architects Fees - Parish Hall

Mrs L Murray-Twinn
£32.99

Chairman's Expenses

Mr J Taylor Firth
£39.50

Vice Chairman's Expenses

The Parish Council will discuss the 2010/2011 Precept at the January Meeting. The Clerk will produce a Balance sheet showing the estimated results for the year 2009/2010 and the budget for 2010/2011. The Chairman suggested that the Cricket Club be given a grant to help them with their work with the youngsters in the parish. This was noted.

NOTICE BOARD

The Notice Board has been erected in Palestine and the Minutes have been displayed. Mr Flippance reported that he was surprised how many people have stopped to read the minutes. The Parish Council agreed that an additional Notice Board will be placed in the area by the War Memorial; a site will have to be agreed.

WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman and the Clerk spoke about the War Memorial. The Parish Council were given a grant by the War Memorial Trust to refurbish the War Memorial, unfortunately due to an administrative error the letter informing the Parish Council that the grant had to be used by October 2009 went astray. The Clerk contacted the Trust and the date has been extended to March 2010. Mr J Cullen has been asked to carry on with the repair work to the War Memorial.

The Chairman spoke about adding Sgt Paul Upton to the names on the War Memorial. Sgt Upton lost his life in the current conflict and has strong village links. The Parish Council agreed. Cllr Mr T Burden said he will speak to Sgt Upton's family to see if they have any objections to his name being added to the War Memorial.

REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE.

Cllr Mr G Cairns spoke about the All Weather Multi Function Play Courts. Cllr Mr Cairns and Cllr Mr J Francis met with a play court contractor on site and explained how the play courts may be sited to maximize the usage of the playing field, this would involve moving the Football Pitch but would give the following facilities:-

New All Weather Multi Function Play Courts
New Cricket Practice Nets
Adult Football Pitch
2 x Youth Pitches
Cricket Square

The availability of grants to extend the car park and add an extension to the pavilion are also being looked into. Mr T Macey has been asked to produce some drawings for the extension to the pavilion so that an approximate estimate of costs can be made.

PAVILION - Cllr Mr Francis reported that the Adult Football Team continue to leave the Pavilion in a dirty condition after they used it. No attempt was made to clean and tidy after the game. There had been several attempts to contact them on this matter, but they had not acknowledged any telephone calls or letters. The Parish Council all agreed that the dirty

condition was not acceptable, especially as the caretaker is unhappy about having to clean up the mess.

The Parish Council decided to take a firm stand with the adult footballers. Past history showed that over the years many letters had been written to the football team to ask them to take more care of the facilities and also to chase them for their outstanding fees. The Clerk was asked to write to football team stating that permission to use the field and pavilion will be withdrawn if they do not respect the playing field and pavilion facilities.

The Parish Council asked that the pavilion caretaker please reconsider handing in her notice as they will be addressing the problem with the footballers.

Cllr Mr Cairns reported that he has met a dog walker on the playing field who regularly picks up the litter. He asked if the Parish Council could supply bin liners and a new rubbish bin. The Parish Council agreed with this request and asked the Clerk to contact Test Valley Borough Council for a new bin and to purchase some bin liners and a litter pick-up stick.

Cllr Mr Cairns reported that the Youth Football Team are doing well and beat Broughton 4-0 at their last game.

PARISH HALL REPORT

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth gave an up-date on the Parish Hall refurbishment. Everything is going well and the builders are on schedule. The new roof is being constructed and the insulation has been completed. However, wet rot has been found under the bar area, but this has not been too much of a problem.

A Hall Meeting was held in mid-November. It was agreed that fundraising will continue for the equipment needed. Hiring charges etc will also be looked at; Cllr Mr Taylor Firth has been a comparison with other village halls in the area to see how they are run, what equipment they have and investigating their hiring charges.

FOOTPATHS - REPORT FROM THE FOOTPATH OFFICERS

Cllr Mr M Cochrane reported that the footpaths in Palestine are clear and walkable. There has been some fly tipping at the Hampshire Gap and this will be reported to Test Valley Borough Council.

Cllr Mr G Cairns reported that the footpaths in Over Wallop are also clear and walkable; however a parishioner has complained that they are wet and muddy!

TRAFFIC CALMING GROUP

The Chairman gave a report in Cllr Mr M Hunnibell's absence. The Traffic Group have sent a letter to Hampshire Police regarding the Street Watch Scheme that operates in neighbouring Counties. There is now a link on the Village Web Site to Traffic Issues and Over Wallop is applying to join the Village 30 programme. It has been suggested that a uniform approach should be used when discussing traffic calming pinch points in the village; this is a rural environment and must be preserved.

The Parish Council have not yet been officially notified of the start date for the work on the Salisbury Lane Bridge, but it is believed to be the 4th January 2010.

APPLETON CLOSE

The Chairman reported that it seems that the various organisations are still not talking to each other on the issue of the parking in Appleton Close. Mr C Buchanan-Hepworth - Hyde Housing has not yet spoken to Ray Alborough TVBC about the additional parking places. There is no further news to report.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth spoke about the recent flurry of emails about the green waste Lorries driving through the village. After some investigation, it appears that the temporary road closure at Porton Down has caused Wiltshire refuse lorries coming from Tidworth direction to use the village as a short cut to get to the refuse site on the Andover to Salisbury Road. It is believed they are using this route as they would otherwise have to travel into Salisbury City Centre and double back.

The Clerk was asked to contact Wiltshire Council to ask if the lorries could use the old Stockbridge Road instead of driving through the village.

DATES FOR THE 2010 MEETINGS

11th January
8th February
8th March
12th April
17th May
14th June
12th July
9th August
13th September
11th October
8th November
13th December

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Flippance spoke about the bomb blasts being carried out at Porton Down; these are becoming more frequent and shake the foundations of houses in the area. In the past, Porton Down always informed residents of the test dates and there were rules and regulations that had to be adhered to. This is not happening now and they seem to have cart blanche on when they carry out tests with no consideration for their neighbouring villages.

The Parish Council agreed and asked the Clerk to write to Porton Down on this matter, it was doubtful if this would have any effect but at least the concerns of residents will be brought to their attention.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

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