

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th December 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 G Cairns
Cllr Mr M Glover
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Mr Paul Jackson - Head of Planning TVBC
Members of the Public - 20
Mr P Bye - Grateley Parish Council

Apologies : Cllr Mr M Hunnibell, Cllr Mr J Francis, County Councillor Mr A Gibson, Mrs R Cartwright and Borough Councillor Mr T Hope.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Chairman reported that Cllr Mr M Cochrane has resigned from the Parish Council due to personal reasons. The Clerk will contact Test Valley Borough Council to start the process of advertising the vacancy.

Mr Mark Glover signed the Declaration of Office and was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Mr M Glover declared an interest in the Planning Application 11/02491/AGNN.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - The Minutes were altered under the Heading of Parish Council Vacancy - Mr Mark Glover was approached to join the Parish Council'. The Chairman then signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth and Cllr Mr T Burden.

MR PAUL JACKSON - Head of Planning Test Valley Borough Council.

The Chairman introduced Mr Paul Jackson who had come to talk about Planning and the Localism Bill.

Mr Paul Jackson spoke at length about planning and the Localism Bill. Handouts were given to the meeting and attached to the master copy of these minutes. Points covered included:

1. The Localism Bill.
2. Basic Principles: Planning at neighbouring level
3. Highlights of the Neighbourhood Planning System
 - Applicants - Parish Councils, Neighbourhood Forums and Community Right to Buy
 - Part of the Development Plan
 - Working within Limits
4. Neighbourhood Development Orders
5. Neighbourhood Planning

Mr Jackson did not think there would be any radical change to the current planning system. Test Valley Borough Council's policy has been to protect the rural area from development; it makes much more sense to keep development close to the town as the supporting infrastructure is in place.

Mr Jackson answered questions from the Parish Council and members of the public on various issues of planning.

The Chairman thanked Mr Paul Jackson for coming and talking to the Parish Council, things seemed a little clearer.

URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman reported that there are still pot holes in Over Wallop that need repairing. Cllr Mr T Burden also stated that Palestine still has pot holes that also need repairing. A list will be forwarded to Highways and Cllr Mr A Gibson.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mrs Ruth Cartwright has reported that there have been three thefts, some of metal, from properties in Station Road. There are several scams about, residents must take care when receiving telephone and online communications

FINANCIAL REPORT

Cheques issued in December 2011 proposed by Cllr Mr T Burden and seconded by Cllr Mr G Cairns.

Southern Water	Pavilion Water Charges	£81.42
Cullen Memorial Masons	War Memorial - Clean	£200.00
R.N. Waterman	Wages	£412.50
R.N. Waterman	Expenses - Oct - Dec 2011	£41.70
Simon Tilling	Line Marking	£164.50

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

After above cheques have been issued.

Current Account	£ 1,425.91
Premier Account	£ 8,898.82
	<u>£10,324.73</u>

106 money applied for £2000

VAT Refund to be claimed £2,166.34

The Clerk voiced concern that the costs for the playing field are increasing and that the Parish Council needs to look at its sports income as this is not covering the costs, over and above the grass cutting and pavilion running. The Clerk stated that he would produce an up-to-date financial report for the next meeting.

The Chairman stated that a Leisure Committee Meeting needed to be held so that this matter could be discussed with the regular users. A meeting will be organised early in the New Year.

PLANNING

11/02609/TPON - Formative pruning works to twelve Yew, crown lift and reduce one Holly and one Yew; brace and crown lift one Holm Oak - The Walled Garden, 3A Appleton Close, Over Wallop.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

Cllr Mr M Glover declared an interest in the following Planning application and left the room.

11/02491/AGNN - Demolish dilapidated cow shed and replacement with a slightly larger agricultural building for storage of farm machinery, re-using existing

stored building structures. New building to be 18m long by 8m

wide with
facing the
to a
Grateley.

a single pitch sloping roof 3.66m near road sloping up to 4.8m
farmyard. Rebuild and extend dilapidated wall in brick - rebuild
height of 2m over 3m in length - Blackburn Farm, Wallop Rd,
The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE

FOOTBALL - The football teams are all doing well and training for the winter has been moved to Test Valley. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council hoped to get funding again from the Police Authority for the sports programme next year. A grant application will be submitted in the New Year.

PAVILION - The Chairman is exploring grant funding for the refurbishment of the pavilion to improve the facilities.

PARISH HALL REPORT.

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that at a recent Parish Hall Management Meeting no major decisions needed to be made. The Parish Hall has covered its costs this year and made the target set for the increase in bookings. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth for all the hard work he has put in to the smooth running of the Parish Hall. The Parish Councillors agreed.

FOOTPATHS REPORT.

Cllr Mr G Cairns reported that no footpath issues had been brought to his attention.

Cllr Mr M Glover asked he more dog fouling signs could be erected in Palestine, dog owners are bagging up their dogs mess which are then thrown into the hedge, causing an unpleasant problem when hedge cutting. The Clerk will contact the TVBC Dog Warden.

NEW PARISH- PALESTINE

The Chairman read out a letter received from Mr G Satchwell in which he informed her and the Chairman of Grateley Parish Council of the intention to seek local support for the formation of a new parish council. This would be within Palestine, with the addition of Locke Close, Campbell Close and the west side of the Wallop Road. The residents involved felt that a new parish council would be more appropriate for their needs.

The Chairman stated that Over Wallop Parish Council would oppose this initiative as Palestine is a ward of OW and has its own dedicated councillor, Mr Tony Burden, who has served the community well for the last twenty one years. The Parish Council are seeking legal advice from Test Valley Borough Council and are to meet with Mr Tom Vander-Hoven and Mr Mathew Yoe.

However, the Parish Council will support a poll but it must be carried out legally, in compliance with the correct guidelines laid down by the Electoral Commission.

Residents of the Streetway Road present stated that the correct procedure will be followed. It is planned to poll the area concerned and the results will be taken to Test Valley Borough Council who will if there is a majority consider conducting an official poll.

The wish to form a new parish came as a result of the Streetway Close development and the lack of support residents felt they received from both Parish Councils despite lobbying at

Grateley Parish Council Meetings during the consultation procedure.

The Chairman stated that the Over Wallop Parish Council cannot comment on planning applications in neighbouring parishes. Over Wallop does not comment on Grateley nor Nether Wallop Parish Council Planning Applications and vice versa.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council has received a letter and Christmas Card from Test Valley School thanking them for their continued support.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Peter Bengler reported that he had attended several residents meetings to discuss the proposed new Palestine Parish and he assured the Parish Council that there is no slur on either Parish Council. Palestine has extended somewhat over the years and is now largely a modern development and not ancient settlement.

Mr Bengler reported that he has spoken to many residents and they have stated that they think forming their own parish is a good idea; the feeling is that Palestine sits naturally between the two parishes of Over Wallop and Grateley. Advice has been taken from Test Valley Borough Council.

Mr Flippance hoped that the whole ward of Palestine will be polled and that residents would not feel pressured.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman closed the meeting and invited Members of the Public to stay behind for a Christmas Drink and Mince Pie.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

9th January 2012 in the Parish Hall at 8.00 p.m.