

**Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 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 M Cochrane  
Cllr Mr J Francis  
Cllr Mr M Hunnibell  
Borough Councillor Mr T Hope  
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk  
Members of the Public - Mr and Mrs Flippance

Apologies : Mrs R Cartwright NHW and County Councillor Mr A Gibson.

**WELCOME.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - An amendment was made to record that it was L/CPL Paul Upton who had lost his life in the current conflict. The Chairman then signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Quick.

The Chairman asked that if Councillors wished to name parishioners who have helped on a specific project to please provide the names to the Clerk so that they can correctly be recorded in the minutes. This was noted.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

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

Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn declared an interest in Policing matters.

**URGENT ITEMS.**

Cllr Mr M Cochrane raised the issue of gritting bins in Palestine as the road through the hamlet was not gritted. Residents have suggested that more gritting bins are required, possibly an additional two. The existing one on the entrance to Streetway Road needs filling and is regularly used by the residents of Locke Close help keep the entrance to the Close clear.

The Chairman also suggested that a gritting bin be placed at the bottom King Lane as this road is often not gritted and is quite a steep hill. The Parish Councillors all agreed that providing additional gritting bins should be looked into and asked the Clerk to investigate.

Cllr Mr Cochrane stated that the school bus has not been able to get up Streetway Road and this has caused many problems for some residents. This was noted and will be raised with Highways to see if Streetway Road can be added to the gritting route when extreme conditions are forecast.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE REPORT**

The Chairman reported an incident in King Lane involving an attack by a dog on a lady and her two small dogs. The lady concerned and her dogs were both bitten. Cllr Mr G Cairns

reported that he had heard of another attack in the village but was not sure if it involved the same dog. The Parish Council were concerned to hear of these attacks and hoped that the incident was reported to the Police.

Mrs R Cartwright has reported that the Police have asked the Parish for their comments on the priorities for Policing in the village. The Parish has also been asked for comments on the effectiveness of the Mobile Police Station, times it visits, sites and if it still wanted.

The Parish Council discussed these issues and felt that the Mobile Police Station should continue visiting the village as it provides a Police presence. The priorities of the Parish are speeding on the village roads, neighbourhood safety and visual Police presence. The Chairman will respond to the Police Authority.

### **PLANNING.**

09//02617/FULLN - Erection of dwelling (as replacement for the Annexe) and installation of sewage treatment plant (amended scheme) - The Annexe,

Shalom, Peach

Grove, Palestine.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

09/02666/FULLN - Erection of replacement conservatory at side, and garden room at rear, replacement boundary wall and fence at front and side -

Poole

Cottage, Station Road, Over Wallop.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

### **FINANCE**

Cheques issued in January 2010. Proposed by Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Mr G Cairns.

SEC	Pavilion Electricity	£36.05
R.N. Waterman	Wages	£402.50
Southern Electric Contracting	Street lighting	£185.67
TVBC	Grass Cutting	£632.04
St Peters Church PCC	Grant	£600.00
School Lane Play Group	Grant	£300.00
Under 5's Play Group	Grant	£250.00

### **BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.**

Current Account	£ 8,093.80
Premier Interest	£ 18,772.56
	£ 26,816.36

### **SPORTS PROGRAMME FUNDING**

Opening Balance	= £ 3500.00
Running Costs 2009	= £ 1648.87
Balance	= £1851.13

### **WAR MEMORIAL**

Cllr Mr T Burden reported that he had spoken to Mr Peter Upton about putting his son's name on the War Memorial and he had no objections and thanked the Parish Council for the

thought. Cllr Mr Burden will contact Mr Upton again when the design and wording are ready for his approval. The Parish Council thought this good news.

The Chairman spoke about the restoration of the War Memorial and the grant from the War Memorial Charity. The Parish Council also includes money in the budget for the continued upkeep of the War Memorial. A site meeting with Mr Cullen will be held once the weather has improved to confirm the work to be carried out and to discuss the addition of L/CPL Paul Upton's name and date.

### **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR T HOPE'S REPORT.**

Cllr Mr Hope pointed out that acid should not be used on the War Memorial, a more gentle solution of soap and water should be used. Cllr Mr Hope suggested that only the name and date of persons lost in the current conflict should be added to the War Memorial.

The Chairman noted Cllr Mr Hope's comments and stated that Mr Cullen has insisted that acid can be used to clean the War Memorial. The Parish Council will carefully look at the way additional names are added, whether the rank of the person is also added will have to be discussed.

Cllr Mr Hope reported that the adverse weather has been creating problems for Test Valley Borough Council; the rubbish collection has been temporarily suspended due to the unstable nature of the waste collection lorries in icy conditions. Residents are asked to leave their wheelie bins out ready for collection.

### **REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE**

Cllr Mr Cairns read out a statement on the provision of Multi Function Play Courts for the Parish magazine and for the notice boards in the parish. The article also states that feedback from the members of the public is welcome.

Cllr Mr Cairns and Cllr Mr Francis are still waiting for quotes from two companies; one quote for flood lighting is in the region of £15,000. It was felt that grants could be applied for the flood lighting and if the ground work is put in during construction it could be added at a later date.

The Clerk reported that he had written to the football team regarding the state they left the pavilion in after games but has not yet had a reply. The Chairman suggested that a delegation of Parish Councillors go and see the Football Team when they next have a fixture at Over Wallop. This was thought a good idea.

### **REPORT FROM THE PARISH HALL COMMITTEE**

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that we are now 12 ½ weeks into the construction project. although the contractor are a week behind with the external work, mainly due to the weather, they are ahead with the interior work.

£93,000 has been paid so far representing 25% of the total budget; the completion date is still the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010. A Hall Management Committee meeting is to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at Nether Wallop Village Hall.

### **FOOTPATHS - REPORT FROM THE FOOTPATH OFFICERS**

The Footpath Officers reported that both Over Wallop and Palestine's footpaths are ALL WHITE!

## **TRAFFIC CALMING GROUP**

Cllr Mr M Hunnibell reported that the Traffic Calming Group held a meeting in early December. The Village 30 Programme was discussed and Over Wallop is on the next list of villages to be included in the scheme. The Hampshire Police have confirmed in writing that they do not operate a scheme for civilians to be trained to operate and run their own hand held radar gun.

The Traffic Group are keen to look at the design options for traffic calming at the Northern Farm Site. The Chairman pointed out that this is a matter for the developer and TVBC Planning. Over and Nether Wallop will be looking at the possibility of requesting a reduction of the speed limit in Salisbury Lane to 20 MPH. The next Traffic Calming Meeting will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that all the Parish Councils in Hampshire have received a letter from the National Association of Local Councils regarding the proposals from HALC to withdraw from the organisation. The Clerk will forward this to all the Councillors in due course.

The Chairman reported that she had received correspondence from Ray Alborough regarding the surplus materials from the bridge replacement project. At first it was not clear what this was about, but it transpired that a resident had requested that any surplus soil be put on the eroded banks in Salisbury Lane. It was felt that as this has not been raised at a Parish Council meeting it was not Parish Council matter.

## **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr Flippance stated that he was outraged at the attitude of the Local and County Authorities over the gritting of the roads and the lack of rubbish collection during the recent bad weather.

## **PRECEPT 2010/2011**

The Clerk produced a Financial Forecast showing the estimated results for the Year 2009/2010 and the Budget for the Year 2010/2011. Each item was explained. It was noted that in the current financial year the pavilion refurbishment had cost £10,990 and the gate for the sports field an additional £611. £2500 had been used from the Parish Council's reserves to help fund this.

The Parish Council discussed the precept figure at length. The precept had not been increased for some time, with the Parish Hall refurbishment and the need to subsidise the venue for the first year it was felt that an increase was a sound decision to safe guard the village finances. Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth proposed that the Parish Precept for 2010/2011 was increased by £3000 to £23,150. This was seconded by Cllr Mr T Burden. The Parish Council all agreed.

## **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

## **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

8<sup>TH</sup> February 2010 in the St Peter's Church Hall at 8pm.