

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th July 2009 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 T Burden
Cllr Mr G Cairns
Cllr Mr M Cochrane
Cllr Mr J Francis
Borough Councillor Mr T Hope
Mrs Ruth Cartwright - NHW
Mrs Janet Baldock Over Wallop PCC
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr A Gibson
Members of the Public - 7

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Clerk reported that he has been notified by Test Valley Borough Council that the Parish Council can co-opt to fill the vacancy. Mr John Francis had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor; he is very involved with the Youth Sports programme and the Wallop Youth Football Club.

Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn proposed that Mr J Francis was co-opted onto the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr Mr G Cairns. All agreed. Cllr Mr J Francis was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Mr John Francis signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was given the Declaration of Financial Interests form to fill in.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Minutes of the June Meeting were signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr G Cairns and seconded by Cllr M Cochrane.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Mr Cairns and Cllr Mr Francis declared an interest in the Wallop Youth Football Team. Cllr Mr Taylor Firth declared an interest in the Planning application for 81 Pound Road.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT.

The Chairman welcomed Ruth Cartwright to the meeting after her recent illness. Mrs Cartwright reported that recent sensitive situations in Over Wallop are being carefully monitored by the Police. As usual, no one will come forward to report incidents. There has been a spate of removal of gates, including an expensive 5 bar gate.

OVER WALLOP P.C.C.

Janet Baldock reported that she had taken over as the P.C.C. Treasurer from Mr Hicks. She came to the meeting to forward links between the P.C.C. and the Parish Council. Janet believes in the Church and its important role in the community; she feels that there are many ways the Church can enrich village life and help with village activities. The Church would be happy to assist with the Summer Sports Programme.

Janet Baldock gave information on the PCC finances, the Coffee Mornings and the imminent arrival of the new vicar. The Church is looking forward to holding the Harvest Supper in the newly refurbished Parish Hall next year. The Chairman thanked her for her report and was pleased that the Church wished to get more involved with village activities, especially the Summer Sports Programme.

URGENT ITEMS.

Cllr Mr T Burden noted that when the recent road repairs and resurfacing occurred, the back road from Palestine over the railway bridge to the Cholderton Road had not been touched. The Clerk was asked to report this to Highways.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Mr Alborough at Test Valley Borough Council for an up-date on traffic issues; it has been some time since he received detailed comments from the Traffic Group and residents on traffic calming in Over Wallop.

The Chairman reported that Test Valley Borough Council is in the process of carrying out a Rural Settlement Boundary Review regarding future development. The Parish Clerk stated that some of his other parishes had a meeting with Tim Crouch from TVBC Planning to go through the process. The Clerk is organising an additional meeting for representatives from Over Wallop, Grateley, Quarley, Shipton Bellinger and Upper Clatford Parish Councils. Cllr Mr Burden said he would like to attend.

Borough Councillor Mr T Hope stated that the Rural Settlement Boundary review is just a discussion paper at the present and that he would also like to attend the meeting with TVBC Planners.

PARISH HALL.

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the recent Public Meeting to discuss the Parish Hall refurbishment was not well attended. The costs and funding of the refurbishment were then discussed. The initial total cost was £343,835 and, after receiving the large grant from the Big Lottery Fund, there is a funding shortfall of £70,000. Community Fund Raising has raised £9,100 to date and everyone is working hard to increase this amount. There are several grant applications in process.

Cllr Taylor Firth reported on the tender process for the construction part of the refurbishment which is expected to cost about £337,985. Since March 2009, 10 firms had been contacted and in April five firms were sent the specification and were invited to tender. In mid May four firms submitted tenders for the contract but these were some £30,000 over expected costs. Negotiations with the construction firms continue to achieve savings and lower costs and it is hoped that the final contract cost will be in the area of £317,000.

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that it is hoped that work will start in early October depending on the funding and should take between up to 26 weeks to complete.

Cllr Taylor Firth explained that matched grant funding from the parishes was needed to obtain a capital grant from TVBC. The Over Wallop share is £4,237.50 and the Nether Wallop share is £2,012.50. The Parish Council approved the matched funding contribution to the cost of the refurbishment of the Wallops Parish Hall of £4,237.50. The money is to be paid once work on site by the contractor commences.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs P Quick. Seconded: Cllr Mr M Cochrane. All Agreed.

PLANNING.

09/01134/FULLN - Erection of single storey rear extension to provide extended kitchen - Woodcote, Pound Road, Over Wallop.
The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

09/01201/FULLN - Provision of remediation treatment plant compound Wallop Defence Systems Ltd, Over Wallop
The Parish Council made NO COMMENT on this Planning Application.

09/01242/FULLN - Erection of conservatory at rear - 81 Pound Road, Over Wallop.
The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

09/01162/FULLN - Provision of balcony to rear and alteration to window to form French doors Box Cottage, Salisbury Road, Over Wallop.
The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Clerk gave the Parish Councillors an up to date Bank Account Balances. Cheques issued in July 2009 : - Proposed by Cllr P Quick and Seconded by Cllr Murray-Twinn.

Mr J Francis	St Johns Ambulance Course	£115.00
Wiltshire and Willey	Electrical Inspection pavilion	£179.40
Southern Electric	Pavilion Electricity	£40.42
Southern Electric	Street lighting	£288.29
Mrs E.J. Keightley	Photocopying Appeal Flyer	£100.00
R.N. Waterman	Wages	
£402.50		
R.N. Waterman	Expenses May – July	£115.75

POUND ROAD CAR PARK.

The Chairman spoke about reported problems with youths parking in the car park in Pound Road. This is causing difficulties for residents with both the noise and the loss of their parking spaces. Testway Housing appears reluctant to make the Car Park 'Residents Only'. The Police have been made aware of the problem.

LEISURE COMMITTEE.

SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAMME - The Summer Sports Programme was discussed -

Wednesday - a multi sports session for the 6 - 11 Year olds.

Fridays - a multi sports session for the 11 - 16 Year olds coaching will be provided.

The Chairman reported that there will be 2 Street Dancing sessions , with Rocket Ball, French Cricket, Archery as part of the programme for the older children. It is hoped that Mr Dave Kane and the Mobile Sports Cage will be visiting the Parish Hall. If the programme is successful, it is hoped to expand it through the autumn and winter to include half term holidays.

The Chairman reported that she has emailed Wallop Primary and Test Valley Schools informing them of the Summer Sports Programme. There is no charge for the children attending.

The Parish Council thought this excellent news.

The Parish Council received a £3000 cheque from the Hampshire Police Authority. This has been banked.

The Chairman stated that she will now hand over the running of the Sports Programme to Councillors Mr Cairns, Mr Cochrane and Mr Francis. They have all worked tirelessly on this project and she wished to thank them for all their hard work. The Parish Council all agreed.

PAVILION REFURBISHMENT - The refurbishment of the Pavilion is underway and should be completed towards the end of the summer.

WALLOP YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB - Cllr Mr Francis and Cllr Mr Cairns spoke about the Wallop Youth Football Club. The Football Club is taking a break over the summer and will resume again in September.

CRICKET - The Cricket Team are also working with the youngsters of the Parish and a Fun Day is planned for the 26th July 2009.

EVANS CLOSE PLAY AREA - The problem with litter does not seem too bad at the moment. The Parish Council was asked if they could do anything about the new street light to get it to throw more light over the Play Area. Investigations will be made into the cost involved, but it was thought that it may be too expensive.

FOOTPATHS REPORT.

Cllr Mr Cochrane had no further news to report on the Peach, Olive and Orange Groves. TVBC and Highways will not confirm who is responsible; this has now been passed to the County Council.

Cllr Mr Cairns reported that all the Footpaths in Over Wallop are clear and walkable.

COUNCILLOR MR T HOPE'S REPORT.

Cllr Mr T Hope stated that Palestine Olive, Peach and Orange BOATS have been a problem for over 40 Years and he felt that we were fighting a losing battle if we were expecting H.C.C. to clear the route. Hampshire County Council is in the process of re-classifying Footpath 3 in Over Wallop, due to an administration error many years ago the correct route was not recorded on the definitive map.

Cllr Mr Hope suggested that the Parish Council apply to T.V.B.C. for funding for the chairs and tables for the refurbished Parish Hall, he knew that there was funding available for these items.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr Lumsden spoke about the last Development Boundary Review and stated that the public were at the time consulted. A Public Meeting was held and residents were encouraged to draw suggested boundaries on maps. He asked if this would happen again and would the Public be able to participate? Cllr Mr Hope reported that TVBC are only at the first stages of the process and he was sure that there will in time be a Public Consultation.

Mrs R Cartwright asked if there was any up-date on the Salisbury Lane Bridge replacement project. Cllr Mr Hope had no news to report.

Mrs R Cartwright asked if the Parish Council were aware if there was insurance in place for the

Barn Dance planned to be held in the village. The Parish Council had no jurisdiction on this matter as it is on private land in a private building. Cllr Mr Hope reported that a Temporary Events Notice has been applied for the event.

Mrs Lumsden asked if there were any craft activities planned for the Summer Sports Programme. She would be willing to help with any craft days. The Chairman thanked her for her offer and thought it would be a good idea to include some craft activities in the programme.

Mr Lewis reported that he has asked on several occasions that a dialogue is opened with the Police on the traffic issues in Salisbury Lane, but nothing had happened. He would like the Police to come and visit the site and talk to residents to give them a chance to comment.

The Parish Council has on many occasions contacted the Police about the Salisbury Lane traffic problems and they have visited the site. It was suggested that the Whitchurch Traffic Police are contacted to ask them for a site visit. The Clerk was asked to do this and to also contact the Local Police Authority representative. Cllr Mr Hope reported that the Andover Police Station is holding an open day.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

10th August 2009 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.