

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2013 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 8pm.

Present : Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn - Chairman
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr T Burden - Councillor for Palestine
Cllr Mr G Cairns
Cllr Mr M Glover
Cllr Mr J Francis
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Cllr Mr P Bye - Grateley Parish Council
Mrs R Cartwright - NHW
Members of the Public - 8

Apologies : Cllr Gates, County Cllr Gibson and Borough Cllr Hope.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk reported that Cllr Mr Peter Benger has resigned from the Parish Council. The Clerk will inform Test Valley Borough Council who will issue the official paperwork to advertise the vacancy.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Francis declared an interest in Planning Application 13/00384/TPON.

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 Cairns.

URGENT ITEMS

PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION - Cllr Taylor Firth suggested that the Parish Council re-look at their constitution updating as necessary. The Chairman suggested that this be addressed in the autumn.

TREES - Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the contract is underway. 6 of the 9 trees have been done. The contractor is waiting for the police to confirm a road closure for Salisbury Lane so that two trees overhanging the road can be felled. The branches overhanging the scrap yard will be trimmed back.

Richard Jannetta has been on site and will start work on the woodland maintenance within the next two weeks.

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the second tree top survey identified further necessary areas of concern. This will involve additional costs and will again have to go out to contract. Cllr Taylor Firth will keep the parish council informed at every stage. The Chairman stated that any additional work will need to be discussed by the parish council and would be subject to budgetary constraints.

HIGHWAYS - The Chairman reported that Mr David Irving may be away for some time. His work load is being taken over by a colleague until his return.

Mt Carmel Road - Cllr Mr T Burden reported that Highways started work today filling in pot holes. It is believed that re-surfacing work is due to start this week or next.

Zion Road - The Chairman read out the following email received from Steven Spender,

Highways manager at Test Valley Borough Council. It stated that initial enquiries conclude that "Zion Road shows on the definitive map as a BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) and previous records show it as a U Road, and is therefore publicly maintainable highway, at least to an unmetalled standard (i.e. not surfaced) although I understand that some sections have been metalled in the past (at this stage there is no indication who carried out the previous surfacing).

There are no records indicating that Zion Road has been formally adopted as part of the highway network although the records do indicate that it was previously recorded as being formed of: part unmetalled U Road and part Private Road."

Further investigations will take place.

Parish Hall - Cllr Taylor Firth reported that there have to date been no further problems with surface road water flooding the car park.

STREET LIGHTS - After the last meeting it was thought that the street lighting in Pound Road is resolved. However, the Chairman received a telephone call from a parishioner reporting that there was a fault. This was reported by the Clerk and it believed that they are now working again.

The Chairman and the Clerk have discussed the lack of reporting of faulty street lights by parishioners to the Parish Council and suggested that a Parish Council News letter is produced giving contact details and procedures, this will be delivered to every house in the parish. Its distribution was briefly discussed, paying the paper boys to deliver the publication was suggested from the floor.

PAVILION PROJECT - The Chairman suggested that a sub-committee is formed to take the project forward. A meeting with Cllr Taylor Firth and Cllr Burden will be held to look at possible building costs as these will be the base for grant applications. Cllrs Cairns and Francis will also contribute.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Mrs Cartwright said that she spoke to the Police who confirmed that licensed pedlars are legally allowed to sell their wares up until 8pm. The recent door to door seller in the village did have a licence.

There were no crimes reported and Over Wallop has not featured in the Neighbourhood Watch monthly report. It was reported that there has been an incident in Palestine, it was not known if this was reported to the Police.

Mrs Cartwright expressed concern over the felled trees on the playing field. Cllr Taylor Firth confirmed that the logs were not piled but laid on the ground before their removal from the site.

Mrs Cartwright reported damage to the verge round the roundabout in Pound Road. There is also a large pothole in the same area. The Clerk was asked to report this to Highways.

FINANCIAL REPORT

CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN MARCH 2013

R.N. Waterman

Wages

£423.00

R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£ 19.75
TVBC	Share of Speed Signs Maintenance	£385.00
Wallops Parish Hall	Hire of room £81 and Sports training £40	£121.00
Mr J Francis	Pavilion Expenses	£102.37
Mrs L Murray Twinn	Refund of Electricity Bill paid for the pavilion	£ 55.18

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above payments have been deducted

Current Account	£ 2,187.81
Premier Interest	£ 6,526.04
	<u>£ 8,713.85</u>

Proposed by Cllr Cairns and seconded by Cllr Taylor Firth.

PLANNING

13/00384/TPON - Fell one Horse Chestnut and reduce trees either side by 3m - Land Off Farley Street, Farley Street, Nether Wallop.

Cllr Mr Francis declared an interest and made no comment. The Parish Council discussed this planning application and OBJECTED making the comment that they could see no reason for the felling of the tree, they would much rather see remedial work carried out to improve the look of the tree.

WEB SITE

Cllr Francis suggested that a website to highlight the sports activities, the MUGA and the many events on the field would showcase the sports field and would be advantageous when seeking grants for the pavilion. The website would be linked to the Wallops website and could widen its scope to other parish activities, including the shop. It could provide more information and urgent items of news. The wallops.net webmaster is happy to link the two website together so that the information is available to all by simply clicking on the links from the wallops.net website or searching for the Wallops sports field website (www.thewallopsportsfield.co.uk).

The Chairman agreed that this is an exciting opportunity and thanked Cllr Francis for his work on the website which is looking very good. She suggested that he email the parish councillors the full details for further discussion at the next meeting.

REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE

Cllr Francis reported that someone tried to burn the main gate, no real damage has been done. Football is going well, with a significant reduction in pitch marking costs. The youth football team lost 3 – 2 last week but are doing well. The Chestnut team is sending match fixtures through and all appears to be running smoothly. programme, the only problem was the insurance but I believe Richard has resolved this problem.

The Chairman thanked Cllr and Mrs Francis for visiting the SSO, Middle Wallop and discussing the use of the gym for indoor training for the youth sports. Cllr and Mrs Francis are organising the sports use of the gym and will make sure that everyone concerned has the relevant CRB checks.

Cllr Cairns reported that he may be able to get coaching for the climbing wall on the same basis as the tennis coaching last summer. The Parish Council thought this an excellent opportunity and asked Cllr Cairns to make enquiries. Cllr Cairns reported that he hoped to expand the tennis coaching this summer.

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the MUGA has been booked for Brazilian Football again this year and will start on the 15th April.

PARISH HALL REPORT

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the Hall bookings are good and well on target for the 3rd year.

FOOTPATHS REPORT

OVER WALLOP - Cllr Cairns reported that he has cleared Footpath 23 of a fallen tree. All the footpaths are passable.

PALESTINE - Cllr Glover offered to take over the role of Footpath Officer for Palestine. Mr P Benger will forward on the paperwork for the Palestine footpaths.

PALESTINE

Cllr Burden had nothing to report.

KENTSBOROUGH

Nothing to report.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs Cartwright asked if there was any development on the problem sewage works at Printers Place. The Chairman reported that there is still an ongoing legal issue between the developer and Test Valley Borough Council.

Cllr Mr Bye - Grateley - Reported that he had accessed the Over Wallop website and the minutes are right up to date including the February 2013 ones. Mr Bye asked if Grateley children could be included in the use of the camp gym as Grateley are looking into providing an outlet for the youth of the Parish.

Chairman said that they would be most welcome to join the Over Wallop sports programme and therefore comply with insurance constraints.. The Clerk will forward on Cllr Francis contact details.

It was reported that the corner of Zion Road and Mt Carmel road is in a poor condition and will result in an accident if it is not repaired. This was noted and will be reported to Highways. Mr Flippance stated that Zion Road was tarmaced in 1940. The Chairman and the Clerk will visit the Hampshire Records Office and use this date as a starting point.

Mr John Perrett asked for details of the contract for the tree works at the playing field and the removal of the cored wood. Cllr Taylor Firth confirmed that the contractors gave a discount on their quote if they removed and disposed of the wood. Cllr Cairns confirmed that the Parish Council had intended give the wood to the parishioners, but on investigation there were so many obstacles to overcome; it was more cost effective for the contractor to

remove the wood.

Cllr Mr P Bye stated that he is waiting for data on the parking at the station before writing to Sir George Young.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

15th April 2013 in the parish hall at 8pm.