

**Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th May 2011
in the Wallops Parish Hall at 8pm.**

Present : Cllr Mrs I Murray-Twinn - Chairman
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr T Burden
Cllr Mr M Hunnibell
Cllr Mr J Francis
Cllr Mr G Cairns
Cllr Mr M Cochrane
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr A Gibson
Mrs R Cartwright - NHW
PC Simon Beecroft
Members of the Public - 7

Apologies : Cllr Mrs H Bird and Borough Councillor Mr Tony Hope.

WELCOME. Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE.

The Councillors signed the Declaration of Office and filled in the Financial Interests Form.

CO-OPTION TO FILL PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn proposed that Mr John Francis is co-opted back onto the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Mr M Hunnibell all agreed and Mr John Francis was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Mr J Francis signed the Declaration of Office

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

CHAIRMAN - Cllr The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman. Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth proposed Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn, this was seconded by Cllr Mr M Cochrane. There were no other nominations. All agreed - Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn was elected Chairman - all agreed.

VICE CHAIRMAN - Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn proposed Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth, this was seconded by Cllr Mr J Francis. There were no other nominations. All agreed and Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth was elected Vice Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT The Chairman thanked all the parish councillors for their hard work and commitment to the Parish Council. Cllrs Burden and Cochrane have worked hard to support the community in Palestine; their support and advice has been invaluable. The success of the young football programme is a tribute to the unstinting generosity in giving spare time to the young ones by Cllr G Cairns and Cllr J Francis. The previous year had been extremely busy and fulfilling as a number of projects came to fruition, including the Wallops Parish Hall and the MUGA. The final stage of Appleton Close is now under way and will provide much needed affordable housing for the parish. The Chairman now wants to focus on raising funds for the refurbishment of the pavilion to make it more acceptable as a social and sporting amenity for the enjoyment of the whole community and its neighbours. A HCC funded survey to create a viable solution to the continuing traffic problems throughout the village is now taking place. Mr Ray Alborough will be reporting the results and future actions to the parish council.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Mr T Burden declared an interest in Planning Application 11/00975/OUTN
Cllr Mr J Francis declared an interest in the Youth Football.

Cllr Mr G Cairns declared an interest in the Youth Football.

CLLR MR A GIBSON'S REPORT.

Cllr Mr A Gibson spoke about his various roles and responsibilities at Hampshire County Council and the Committees he sits on. Cllr Mr Gibson spoke about the H.C.C. budget and the £55 Million reduction in Government Funding for Hampshire - Hampshire County Council will have to make cuts to some departments and look carefully at grants available to Charities and organisations looking for finance.

Cllr Mr Gibson stated that he again has a devolved budget to help fund small projects and social groups in the 23 Parishes he looks after. Cllr Mr Gibson spoke about road repairs and pot holes - An additional £6 Million has been made available for their repair.

The problems with parking in Stockbridge are ongoing and there is no quick solution. Cllr Mr A Gibson answered questions on grit bins and the state of the roads. He promised to investigate the ensuing complaints about the quality of the work on the roads and the lack of response to outstanding problems with potholes which were reported some months ago.

POLICE REPORT

PC Simon Beecroft stated that over the last 12 months Reported Crimes in Over Wallop are down from 40 to 24. Due to the Government cuts the future of Policing in Hampshire is uncertain, there are bound to be changes in the way the service is delivered to residents, the future of the Stockbridge Police Station is also not known and it may close in the future. Mrs Ruth Cartwright - Over Wallop Neighbourhood Watch also agreed that Crime in the village is down.

PC Simon Beecroft was asked about parking at the Andover Magistrates Court. PC Beecroft thought that the Andover Magistrates Court is no longer being used as most cases go to Basingstoke or Winchester, as regard to the use of the car park for visitors to the Lights he had no news, this was a Borough Council matter.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Clerk produced a balance sheet showing the results for the year 1st April 2010 - 31st March 2011 and the Budget for the year 1st April 2011 - 31st March 2012. Each item was explained. The Internal Auditor, Mr Paul Reynolds, has completed the internal audit and has raised no issues, the accounts can now be sent to District Audit.

CHEQUES

Cheques issued in May 2011. Proposed by Cllr Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Hunnibell.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£412.50
P Reynolds	Audit	£550.00
PCC St Peter's Church	Donation to repair of clock	£400.00

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

Current Account	£9,621.91
Premier Interest	<u>£18,780.67</u>
	£28,402.58

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mr T Burden and seconded by Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth.

PLANNING.

11/00937/FULLN - Fill in hole in paddock behind farmhouse using soil - Northern Farm, Station Road, Over Wallop, Stockbridge.

The Parish Council OBJECTED to this planning application - The Parish Council would like to see an Archaeology report done on the site as there are protected medieval chalk pits in the area.

11/00975/OUTN - Outline - Erection of 2 cottages and garages - the Old Coach Works, Salisbury Road, Palestine.

Cllr Mr T Burden declared an interest in this Planning Application and left the room. The Parish Council OBJECTED to this planning application as they considered it ribbon development - not allowed in Palestine.

The Parish Council plans to meet with the Planners at TVBC to discuss the future policy towards development at Palestine.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council has received a copy of a letter from Mr and Mrs Webber to the Planning Inspectorate, objecting to Planning Application 10/02585/CLEN The Yard, Downs Lane, Over Wallop. This letter will be kept on file.

REPORT FROM THE HALL COMMITTEE.

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that accounts have been approved by the internal auditor and are ready to send to District Audit. The End of Year Report had been completed for the Big Lottery Fund. The building is due to be signed off by the architect and the final payment to the contractors will then be due. He considered that the hall was doing well and the management committee wished to thank Mrs D Francis for doing the bookings. The Chairman thanked Cllr Taylor Firth for his hard work to make the running of hall a success.

REPORT FROM THE FOOTPATH OFFICERS

Cllr Mr M Cochrane reported that the footpaths in Palestine are all walkable.

Cllr Mr G Cairns was pleased to report that he has managed to get footpath No 4 reinstated across the field; this had been brought to his attention by Mr Birchmore.

TRAFFIC.

The Parish Council discussed the recent accident in Salisbury Lane when a young boy's bike was damaged by a car when he was delivering newspapers. The Chairman reported that fortunately the boy was not hurt; this could have been a serious accident. The incident was reported to Ray Alborough at TVBC to further illustrate the dangers of fast driving in Salisbury Lane.

REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE.

FOOTBALL - The Clerk reported that the Over Wallop First Team has paid their fees and this has been banked. The home address of the second team contact has been forwarded to the Parish Clerk. Further action to claim these fees will be taken if they remain outstanding.

PROPOSED PLAY AREA - The representative from Just Outdoor Toys has been back to give an updated quote with measurements. Once this has been received, the Parish Council will discuss it with the Play Area Committee, confirm the specification and then submit it to TVBC for Sect 106 funding.

MUGA - Cllr Mr G Cairns spoke about the recent incident at the MUGA regarding broken bottles and litter. Cllr Mr Cairns also reported that the MUGA surface has been damaged.

As a result the Police have included the visiting the Playing Field on their beat. Mrs D Francis has taken the job of bookings secretary for the MUGA - details will be posted around the village and in the Parish Magazine.

PAVILION - Cllr Mr J Francis gave the Parish Councillors drawings of proposals to alter the pavilion store room to include new doors to aid getting equipment in and out and for paving at the MUGA for the portable floodlighting. He was instructed to get quotes for the parish council for discussion.

Cllr Mr J Francis also included a copy of the page on the Web Site advertising the Playing Field and its facilities.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs Ruth Cartwright wished to thank the Parish Council for their financial contribution towards the Royal Wedding Village Party; this was a great success and well attended.

Mr Flippance reported that due to Health and Safety Issues the post man must not cross the road to deliver letters. This will change the time that mail is delivered as he now has to travel up one side of the road and then back again. Words escaped the Parish Council!

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

13TH June 2011 - The Chairman and Vice Chairman both gave their apologies. Cllr Mr M Hunnibell will chair the meeting.