

Minutes of the Annual Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st May 2012 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 P Bengier
Cllr Mr J Francis
Cllr Mr M Glover
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Mrs R Cartwright - NHW
Borough Councillor Mr T Hope
County Councillor Mr A Gibson
Members of the Public - 8

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

Chairman - Cllr Mr T Burden proposed Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn for Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mr J Francis. All agreed. There were no other nominations for Chairman.

Vice Chairman - Cllr Mr T Burden proposed Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth for Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mr G Cairns. All agreed. There were no other nominations for Vice Chairman.

SUB COMMITTEES

Leisure - Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr Mr G Cairns, Cllr Mr J Francis, Cllr Mr M Glover, and Cllr Mr P Bengier.

Hall Committee - Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr Mr T Burden and Cllr Mr G Cairns.

Footpath Officers - Over Wallop - Cllr Mr G Cairns. **Palestine** - Cllr Mr P Bengier.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Mr P Bengier declared an interest in Planning Application 12/00780/FULLN.

Cllr Mr T Burden declared an interest in Planning Application 12/00780/FULLN.

Cllr Mr M Glover declared an interest in Planning Application 12/00780/FULLN.

Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn declared an interest in the Police as her son is a serving Officer in the Hampshire Constabulary.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Clerk reported that Test Valley Borough Council has confirmed that the vacancy can be filled by co-option.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

- The Chairman stated that she had received an email from Mr Tony Macey thanking the Parish Council for its hard work and professional approach. She thanked all the parish councillors for their continued support and their hard work on behalf of the community. She particularly thanked the Vice Chairman and the Parish Clerk.
- The final stage of Appleton Close is complete and is occupied by families with close connections to Over Wallop. The letters written to the Chairman prior to the allocation of the houses show the need for more affordable houses for village families.
- The installation of the play area for small children was completed at no cost to the parishioners thanks to claimed Sect 106 money for recreation and open space. The MUGA is well used. The parish council installed a 5 a side football pitch at the Evans Close play area which is well used.
- The Parish Hall is now self-supporting and is a steadily growing business.
- OWPC is still waiting to hear about the implementation of the road calming recommendations for Station Road and the suggested closure of Salisbury Lane. Potholes and poor quality road repairs are a continued source of annoyance.
- Future plans: the refurbishment of the pavilion – an initial submission has been made to the Alan Evans Memorial Trust for consideration. There will be a meeting with planning officers

to discuss ideas and see if planning permission is possible. There will be a need for a sub-committee to look for sources of funding and for the application process

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Mr M Hunnibell resigned from the Parish Council because of a family move out of the county.

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

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR A GIBSON'S REPORT.

Cllr Mr A Gibson spoke about Hampshire County Council. The Council has a £1.7 Billion turnover. The Council's numerous portfolio includes schools, adult services and highways. Stringent cost cutting to reduce outgoings has been made, although the Council hopes to continue to provide the current level of service.

The issue of highways was discussed at length, especially as the number of highways engineers has been cut to one per area. There have been a few problems with the grit bins and this is being looked into. Cllr Mr Gibson reported that he is meeting with the Head of Highways on the 19th June to drive around and look at the state of the roads. Cllr Mr Gibson feels that the constant ineffective repairs being carried out are not cost effective and that Hampshire County Council should take more control over Amey, the roads contractor.

The Chairman suggested that Cllr Mr A Gibson met with the Parish Council at Palestine to discuss the problem at firsthand. Cllr Mr A Gibson thought this a good idea. Cllr Mr P Bengier reported a large pot hole in Mt Carmel Road.

Cllr Mr Gibson reported that he has been given an additional £8,000 for his devolved budget and welcomed applications from the Parish Council. The Parish Council will submit an application for funding for the pavilion and tennis coaching for the youngsters in the summer.

Cllr Mr T Burden asked Cllr Mr Gibson if there was any news on the bus service to Test Valley School for the children of Palestine. Cllr Mr Gibson reported that the cutting of the bus is unacceptable and at the moment the issue is in appeal, he will keep the Parish Council informed of any progress. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mr Gibson for his report and he left the meeting.

URGENT ITEMS

Cllr Mr T Burden questioned the legal designation of the Hampshire Gap as a recent incident involved the police issuing a £30 fine to two motorcyclists using the track. Cllr Burden thought it was a BOAT open to all traffic. On the Chairman's definitive map, this is shown as a bridleway. This issue was discussed at great length. As the part of the track in question is actually in Grateley Parish - Mr Peter Bye, the Grateley Parish Council Footpath Officer was present and offered to get clarity on the track's status from Hampshire Rights of Way and report back to the Chairman.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mrs Ruth Cartwright stated that the Police sent their apologies and reported on the crime figures from the 1st April to the 21st May - 1 theft of heating oil, 1 criminal damage and some minor anti-social behaviour. The Police want to establish a higher profile by walking around the village more often, but this is very dependent on current manpower levels.

Mrs Cartwright is now sending the Country Watch reports to the Chairman who will forward them on to the Parish Councillors.

FINANCE

The Parish Clerk produced copies of the End of Year Accounts for the Year 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012. Each item was explained. There were no questions asked on the Year End Accounts and these were agreed by the Parish Council.

CHEQUES ISSUED IN APRIL 2012 - Proposed by Cllr Mr T Burden and seconded by Cllr Mr G Cairns.

R.N. Waterman

Wages

£423.00

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES. After Above cheques have been deducted

Opening Balance	£17,796.00
+ 106 Agreement	£6,148.40
	<u>£23,944.40</u>
Less Expenditure	£1,049.40
	<u>£22,895.00</u>

Current Account	£16,368.96
Premier Interest	£ 6,526.04
	<u>£22,895.00</u>

VAT Refund to be claimed £484.38

PLANNING

12/00803/FULLN - Demolition of conservatory and erection of rear extension to provide a kitchen - The Old Rectory, Over Wallop.
The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

12/00837/TREEN - Thin Yew canopy by 30%; fell second Yew - Ringwold House, Farley Street, Nether Wallop.
The Parish Council made NO COMMENT but stated on the reply form that they would agree with the decision of the TVBC Tree Officer.

12/00780/FULLN - Retrospective application for the change of use of the land to provide an extended garden to Lark House, change of use of the storage barn and stables to provide garden store, home office and domestic garage.
Lark House, Palestine Road, Palestine.

Cllrs Mr P Benger and Mr T Burden had declared an interest and left the room.
The Parish Council OBJECTED by a vote of 3 - 2 to this planning application on principle as the correct planning permissions and procedure should have been applied for by the applicant before development began.

REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE

THE QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE - Cllr Mr J Francis reported that on the 3rd June there will be a Rounders event held on the playing field starting at 11am. Each team will be charged a £30 entrance as the event will be a fund raiser for the Cricket Club. Food and drink will be available or parishioners are invited to bring their own picnic and to participate.

On the 4th June there will be a Family Fun day on the field with various organised games on the field and in the MUGA. A big thanks must go to Paul Cullen who has done most of the organising of both events.

Cllr Mr J Francis stated that the pavilion and field have now been handed over to the Cricket Club for their season.

TENNIS - Cllr Mr G Cairns reported that he had contacted the LTA and that he hoped to secure the services of a tennis coach every Saturday morning through the summer for the children. There will be a cost for the coaching service. The Parish Council thought this excellent news and was completely supportive of this project.

The Chairman asked for an estimate and stated that there is still a small balance from the Police Grant that can be used and an application for funding will be submitted to Cllr Mr A Gibson.

TREES - Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that with the recent tree that came down on the Playing Field it has highlighted the need for a tree survey on the playing field, the Parish Council need to know of any possible problem trees.

Mr John Perrett and his family did a splendid job cutting up and removing the fallen tree. Mr Perrett has expressed an interest in taking the necessary accreditation courses for maintaining woodland. The Clerk was asked to contact Sparsholt College and Test Valley for information on possible courses available.

Mr Perrett spoke to the meeting and stated that he had his own insurance and equipment. He was also interested in becoming the Village Tree Officer.

Cllr Mr P Bengler reported that he has been asked by a parishioner if trimming ivy from trees on a footpath is permissible. The Chairman stated that she often cuts away ivy from trees while out walking and encourages others to do the same.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR T HOPE

Cllr Mr T Hope spoke about TVBC. The budget is very tight, the Council has to save £1.4 Million this year and the same next year. Council Tax has been frozen, a Band D property in Test Valley is just £2.33 a week, the lowest in England.

The Council is busy looking at the Core Strategy that will run to 2031. 12,500 new houses have been allocated across the Borough. Test Valley Borough Council has been working in partnership to provide free insulation; the scheme has been extended to December 2012.

Cllr Mr Hope reported that the Olympic Torch is coming to Andover on the 11th July 2102; times will be published in the local press nearer the time. Cllr Mr T Hope stated that he was pleased to serve Over Wallop. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mr T Hope for his report.

PARISH HALL REPORT

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that the Parish Hall Accounts have been completed and are ready to go to District Audit. The hall bookings are up by 22%. The current project being undertaken by the WASPS is to provide a projector stand and screen in the main hall.

FOOTPATHS

OVER WALLOP - Cllr Mr G Cairns reported that he has positioned the dog fouling signs in Orange Lane, the Playing Field car park and outside Driftway, all sites that have problems with dog fouling. At the moment, with all the recent rain, the village footpaths are looking very lush.

PALESTINE - Cllr Mr P Bengler reported no change to the Palestine footpaths.

Cllr Mr P Bengler asked about road sweeper schedules for Palestine as there is a lot of straw and mud on the side of the road that needs clearing away. Cllr Mr M Glover could not see the need for the road sweeper to visit Palestine, there are no kerbs and the sweeper damages the natural verges. The Clerk was asked to contact TVBC to enquire about the road sweeper.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chairman was asked why there is an application for footpath 8 to be redirected. The Chairman stated that the footpath goes up the middle of the garden that was once two properties. In recent years, both properties are now a single dwelling for a family. It is proposed that the footpath is diverted to the edge of the property to will link with the footpath that was diverted some years' ago.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - 18th June 2012 in the Parish Hall at 8pm.