

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th November 2009 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 J Francis
Cllr Mr M Hunnibell
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Lt Col A Simpkins – Chief Executive, Museum of Army Flying
Members of the Public - 7

Apologies : Cllr Mr M Cochrane, Mrs R Cartwright NHW, County Councillor Andrew Gibson and Borough Councillor Mr T Hope.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and introduced Lt Col Simpkins for the Museum of Army Flying.

MUSEUM OF ARMY FLYING.

Lt Col Simpkins spoke about the Museum of Army Flying. Increased visitor numbers and a 3 bay extension completed in May 2008 has made it possible to hold bigger events. Consequently, there have been a larger number of dinners, conventions and corporate events held. A Christmas Fair is the next planned big event. A workshop has been built to maintain the exhibits and a Virtual Work Shop has been provided to provide an educational experience programmes. A facility to provide a Web Based facility working with children to produce programmes has been set up; the museum is the first in the country to do this.

The museum has planted 66 individual Remembrance Trees and unfortunately no longer has any space to continue planting. It is proposed to make a Memorial Garden with a Memorial Wall. The museum is working with local agencies and Hampshire Garden services on this project.

The museum is very interested in the archives and plans to build an extension to provide increased archive and educational facilities. The project will cost between £500,000 - £600,000 and grants are being sought from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Evening Lectures on a variety of subjects are planned for next year.

As year is the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain a full programme of events is planned and the museum is working with the Local Schools on a number of projects to help celebrate this landmark date.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions the Parish Council and the Public wished to ask about the Museum.

Lt Col Simpkins was asked if pedestrian access could be improved to the site? The grass verge is wide but very uneven, and it is a shame that residents from the village cannot easily access the site by foot. Mr Simpkins noted this point and it is something that the museum is aware of and will speak to Hampshire County Council.

The Chairman asked if the museum would consider giving a discount on the entrance fees to residents of Over Wallop as the entrance fee is rather high? Lt Col Simpkins will raise this with the museum administration.

The Chairman thanked Lt Col Simpkins for attending the meeting and updating the Parish Council.

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 Hunnibell.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

URGENT ITEMS.

FIRE SAFETY TALK - Cllr Taylor Firth reported that Nether Wallop is hosting the talk on Fire Safety for Thatch properties in the Nether Wallop Village Hall on the 9th December 2009 at 7pm.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT - The Chairman reported that a document entitled Northern test Valley Rural Sites Submitted for the SHLAA, taken from the Test Valley Borough Council Web Site, listing development sites and the number of dwellings has been handed to the Parish Council.

The Chairman felt that although there are several sites in the parish listed, providing a considerably large number of dwellings, it was not clear what this document represented. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

AFTER NOTE.

The Clerk has contacted the Planning department at Test Valley Borough Council. The SHLAA (Strategic Housing land Availability Assessment) document is an important component of the evidence base for the test Valley Borough Council Local Development Framework. It seeks to identify and assess land available with housing potential to inform future housing allocations.

The SHLAA only identifies sites with development potential, it does not allocate sites. The document lists sites registered with Test Valley Borough Council by landowners.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT.

Mrs Cartwright has reported that there was a recent incident with a bicycle crashing into a flower pot in King lane but otherwise it has been quiet.

PLANNING.

90/02053/LBWN - Erection of replacement garage, wood store/car port on site of existing Garage - Townsend manor, Station Road, Over Wallop.
The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

FINANCE

CHEQUES ISSUED IN OCTOBER 2009

SEC	Street Lighting Energy	£17.81
Lauren Mildenberger	Dance Class – Half Term	£45.00
R.N. Waterman	Wages	£402.50

R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£99.62
Mr J Francis	Pavilion Expenses	£138.14
Westcote	Flashing Speed Signs (£1312.50)	£6037.50
Penton Grafton Parish Council	Notice Board	£295.00

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After Above cheques have been deducted

Current Account	£ 10,288.42
Premier Interest	£ 18,772.56
	£ 29,010.98

(Plus VAT to be claimed back £1542.60 bringing Balance to £30,553.58)

REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE

Cllr Mr Cairns reported that the Under 8s Football Team are doing well and won their last 2 games (7-0 to Broughton and 7-2 to Bishops Waltham) and are now 3rd in the league. The under 9's are not doing so well but having a great time. The Parish Council were pleased to hear that things are going so well. It was suggested that a Christmas Party is held for the teams. This was considered to be a good idea.

The Chairman reported that she had met with Cllr J Francis to discuss funding for next year. Several applications for funding will be submitted. The provision of all weather multi function play courts was briefly discussed. Cllr Cairns has been doing some investigative work and reported a ball park figure of £40,000 for a multi function play court.

Temporary flood lighting of the Football Pitches has been looked into. It is proposed to have a trial to see if lighting would be worth pursuing. Unfortunately the Parish Council's insurance company will not provide liability cover for cables on the ground. They must be below or above ground level. The Chairman emphasised that safety and liability must be adhered to and that any trial must take place when there are no members of the public present.

PARISH HALL UP-DATE.

Cllr J Taylor Firth reported that work on the Parish Hall is underway. Some problems have arisen including a small area of dry rot and a wall that needs strapping. New drains are being laid as it was more cost effective than repairing the existing ones. Cllr Taylor Firth gave an update on the financing and reported that the first stage payment of £33,000 is now due. The Fundraising Committee is still working hard to raise extra funds. The Christmas cards are going well.

The Parish Hall Committee will look the hiring charges. They have been asked if they will consider a discounted rate for village organisations. The next Parish Hall Committee Meeting is to be held on the 17th November 2009 in Nether Wallop Village Hall at 7pm.

FOOTPATHS REPORT.

Cllr Cairns reported he and Cllr Cochrane attended the MOD briefing on the Bylaw Review on MOD Land. The MOD is writing new bylaws for their footpaths on MOD land. This will have no effect on their future use if they were ever to revert back to the Public.

The Chairman reported that she had received a complaint form a parishioner that the footpaths were too muddy and bumpy. She informed the parishioner of the limited service

provided by HCC. Footpaths will not be cleared again until next spring. The muddy condition is caused by the extensive rain. The tracks provide farming access to the fields.

TELEPHONE BOX

The Clerk reported that BT wrote to the Parish Council regarding the telephone box by the War Memorial on Wallop Road. BT plan to take the telephone away as only 119 calls were made last year. BT has offered to sell the telephone box to the parish Council for £1. alternative uses have been suggested on their web site including turning it into an information centre, notice board or a mini art gallery. These suggestions caused some amusement, but it was felt that there are possibilities for alternative use which will be looked into. Losing this iconic English landmark in the village would be terrible, so it was agreed to purchase the telephone box.

NOTICE BOARD.

The Clerk reported that the Notice Board for Palestine has been delivered and will be erected soon.

CORRESPONDENCE

An email was received from Mr Ray Alborough regarding the work on the Salisbury Lane bridge and the alternative traffic diversion during the construction work. It was felt that the alternative route via Kentsborough will be ignored and vehicles will continue to use Station Road.

Lr Collborough has stated that the Sect 106 Money for road improvements in Over Wallop has been paid to H.C.C. The Parish Council are concerned that this contribution will not be used to finance the bridge replacement and will be used for the traffic calming proposals. The Clerk was asked to contact Lr Collborough to ask for assurances on this matter.

TRAFFIC CALMING GROUP

The Clerk reported that he has taken delivery of the Flashing Speed Signs, as Over Wallop has its' posts they will be sited on Friday 13th November and will remain in the village until the posts in the other villages have been erected (sometime in January 2010).

The Clerk was asked if he had received any feedback from Stockbridge Police about the hand held radar guns. The Clerk reported that he had only recently contacted the Police and had no news to report.

The Clerk gave the Traffic representatives a supply of the 30PMH signs for the wheelie bins. Cllr Mr M Hunnibell will be joining the Traffic Group as the Parish Council Representative.

CHAIRMAN STATEMENT.

Cllr Mrs Murray-Twinn stated that she will be standing down as Chairman and leaving the Parish Council at the May 2010 Meeting. The Parish Council must start thinking about her replacement. This was noted.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr Miller stated that the minutes on the Web Site have still not been updated. The parish Clerk was sure that they had been and will check.

The landscaping at Printers Place was raised. It was felt that this needs to be completed, this was part of the Planning Permission. The Clerk was asked to contact the Planning Department.

The poor state of the post and railings through the village was raised. They look terrible and are in need of paint. A bollard hit by a lorry outside Townsend Cottage two years ago has never been repaired and is now pulling the neighbouring bollards over. The Clerk was asked to report these two items to Highways.

Mr T Macey asked if the Parish Council had identified any more sites in the village for Affordable Housing? The Chairman stated that yes, another site has been identified and the Parish Council are committed to working towards the provision of additional affordable housing for village people.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

14th December 2009 in the Church hall at 8pm