

## **Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 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 M Cochrane  
Cllr Mr J Francis  
Cllr Mr M Hunnibell  
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk  
PC Simon Beecroft  
Mr John Partridge  
Members of the Public - 18

Apologies : Cllr Mr G Cairns, County Councillor Mr A Gibson and Mrs R Cartwright NHW.

**WELCOME.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

Cllr Mr T Burden declared an interest in the presentation from Mr John Partridge.

**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 T Burden. The Chairman suspended standing orders and introduced Mr John Partridge.

### **PRESENTATION FROM MR JOHN PARTRIDGE – HARVEY’S FARMHOUSE.**

The Chairman welcomed Mr John Partridge to the meeting and stated that the Parish Council could make no comment about the proposed development until it comes before the Parish Council as a planning application.

Mr John Partridge gave a presentation on a proposed new dwelling at Harvey’s Farmhouse, Palestine for Mr and Mrs W Dewar. The proposed new dwelling will be a ‘Davinci Haus’ Carport and workshop. Mr Partridge gave the Parish Councillors a presentation pack showing drawings of the proposed dwelling, site layout in relationship to Harvey’s Farmhouse and neighbouring properties, elevations and a design and access statement.

Mr Partridge answered questions from the members of the public; concerns were expressed that this would set a precedent for future development in Palestine. The Chairman thanked Mr Partridge for his presentation.

### **URGENT ITEMS.**

Cllr Mr M Hunnibell asked if there was any news on the playing field gate repair. Cllr Mr J Francis stated that the gate is due to go to Martyn Dean for repair and some new welding.

Cllr Mr T Burden reported that he had attended the October Grateley Parish Council meeting. Mr Paul Jackson, Head of Planning at Test Valley Borough Council gave a talk on Planning and what the Localism Bill will mean to Parish Councils. The Chairman suggested that Mr Paul Jackson be asked to attend the February 2012 meeting. The Parish Council thought this a good idea.

### **POLICE REPORT**

PC Simon Beecroft reported that heating oil thefts are on the increase, some thieves taking things further by removing a complete oil tank containing 2000 litres of heating oil from a

property in Hampshire.

PC Beecroft spoke about the Hampshire Crime reports website which gives up to the minute crime information. It is updated twice a day and will eventually replace the Neighbourhood Watch Crime Bulletins. PC Beecroft was asked if this crime information is passed onto insurance companies. PC Beecroft did not know and would make enquiries.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Cheques issued October 2011

Just Outdoor Toys	Final Payment	3,752.50
Kits and Pieces	Line Marker and Paint	511.88
H.C.C.	Cleaning Supplies	33.10
Southern Electric	Street Light	273.21
	Pavilion	55.18
		328.39
Street Lighting Maintenance		228.58
TVBC	Flashing sign maintenance	375.00
R. N. Waterman	Wages	412.50
Mr D Francis	Materials – pavilion	104.54
Mr K Hardy	Line Marking Paint	22.04

## **BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES**

After above cheques have been deducted :

Current Account	911.03
Deposit Account	11,898.82
	<u>12,809.85</u>

106 Money applied for £2000

Vat Refund to reclaimed £1,991.34

## **PLANNING**

11/02163/FULLN - Erection of conservatory to rear - Craighannock, King Lane, Over Wallop.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this Planning Application.

## **REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE**

PLAY AREA - The new play area is well used. Quotes for fencing came in between £3000 and £3800, it has been proposed to we wait and see if fencing is a necessity. At present there is no problem with dog fouling on the play area.

PAVILION - Cllr Mr Francis reported that the Pavilion is being left clean and tidy after use.

Two new wheelie bins had been delivered and he was sorry to report that one had already been set on fire; a fire proof bin is in the region of £480. This was discussed and it was agreed to persevere with wheelie bins for the time being.

Quotations for the new cupboard in the store room range from £252.50 (materials only,

labour given free) to £640. This was also discussed and agreed to go with the £252.50 quote. Cllr Mr Francis reported that the main problem with the store room is the large amount of grass cutting machinery belonging to the Cricket Club, much of it not working, taking up space.

The Chairman suggested that another Leisure Committee Meeting is held with members of the Cricket Club.

PLAYING FIELD - The Chairman stated that she was keen to provide something for the older youth of the village and suggested some outdoor gym/keep fit equipment. It may be possible to get a grant from the Police towards providing this equipment. The Parish Council thought this a good idea.

### **PARISH HALL REPORT**

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that all the refurbishment grants have now been completed. The beech tree in the car park is to be reduced by 1/3 at a cost of approximately £600 once the leaves have fallen. Bookings have increased with several private parties; there is a full programme right up to Christmas. Income averages £800 a week with a working capital in the region of £3000.

### **FOOTPATHS**

Cllr Mr M Cochrane reported that the footpaths in Palestine are walkable although many need hedges cutting back.

### **MEMBERSHIP OF HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (HALC)**

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that he had attended a meeting held for the Chairman's of Kimpton, Quarley, Ampert, Monxton, Grateley, Shipton Bellinger and Appleshaw had met to discuss membership of HALC. Apologies were received from Fyfield and Penton Grafton Parish Councils and Cllr Mr P Lashbrook. The meeting was chaired by Cllr Mrs P West and Cllr Mr C Milner Williams Chairman of Thruxton and HALC board member was present.

The meeting centred on the service and value for money the Parish Councils got from being members of HALC. Grateley was asked to pay £195 subscription this financial year. Cllr Mr C Milner Williams championed HALC but failed to convince the Chairmen present of the benefit of membership. All information is now available on the internet and training courses etc can be sourced elsewhere or through HALC at a non discounted rate. The Chairmen felt that the £200,000 plus administration costs for HALC were excessive, it was felt that a smaller local group should be set up without the overheads and be more beneficial and relevant to the requirements in the local area.

The Chairmen agreed that they would meet every quarter to discuss issues and exchange information. It was agreed that each Chairman would report back to his/her Parish Council and propose that Membership to HALC would not be renewed and reviewed next year. The Chairmen will meet again in the New Year to discuss the way forward.

The Parish Council discussed HALC membership and agreed with what had been reported, it was felt that the money saved could be put to better use in the village.

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth proposed that membership to HALC was not renewed and the proposal to join a new local cluster group was explored. This was seconded by Cllr Mr M Hunnibell. All agreed.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Parish Council has received a letter from Mr G Satchwell asking if the Parish Council

would consider that it might be appropriate to invite further representation from this parish, and in particular Palestine to participate in the Over Wallop and Grateley joint planning Group?

The Chairman opened this up for discussion and the Parish Council did not have a problem with additional residents joining the group.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The Planning Application for Hillside, King Lane was raised and briefly discussed.

The Parish Council were asked that residents be informed when the planning application for Harvey's Farmhouse comes to the Parish Council for discussion. The Chairman stated that the planning applications will be on the meeting Agenda and immediate neighbours should receive notification from the Planning Department.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

14<sup>TH</sup> November 2011 in the Parish Hall at 8pm