

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th September 2013 in the Wallops Parish Hall at 8pm.

Present: Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr T Burden - Councillor for Palestine
Cllr Mr G Cairns
Cllr Mr M Glover
Cllr Mr B Elliot
Cllr Mr J Francis
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Cllr Mr P Bye - Chairman Grateley Parish Council
Mrs R Cartwright - NHW
Borough Councillor Mr T Hope
Members of the Public - 6

Apologies: Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn - Chairman, Cllr Mr G Gates, County Cllr Mr A Gibson and Mr T Macey.

WELCOME. The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Francis declared an interest in the Youth Football Team.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Vice Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Cairns and seconded by Cllr Burden.

URGENT ITEMS.

TREES

Salisbury Lane - A quote for the repairs for the damage to the property opposite had been received and will be forwarded to the Insurance company. Cllr Glover will look at the stump still left on the bank to decide the safest method for its removal.

Evans Close - Cllr Taylor Firth explained that due to nails in the trunk the contractor had to stop work and has left two stumps. This was discussed and it was agreed that the stumps should be removed to ground level as previously agreed. Cllr Taylor Firth will contact the contractor.

Playing Field - Cllr Taylor Firth reported that there are still 5 trees that need attention on the Playing Field, this should be done this winter. Cllr Taylor Firth will get quotes for the work. The Parish Council were mindful of the financial implications as this work has not been budgeted for in this financial year. After some discussion it was suggested that the work is done in the next financial year and budgeted for in the Precept.

OVER WALLOP GOOD NEIGHBOURS.

The Parish Council have received a request from Over Wallop Good Neighbours for

a grant to help with administration costs. The Parish Council felt that the group provided a much needed service in the village and agreed to give a grant of £200.

START TIME OF MEETINGS.

The Parish Council discussed the start time of the Parish Council meetings and agreed that from October 2013 the start time would be 7.30pm.

HIGHWAYS.

Cllr Taylor Firth stated that the report from Hampshire County Council (HCC) on the Traffic Calming Scheme for Salisbury, Station and Old Stockbridge Roads should be received soon. Once the Parish Council had seen the proposals the intention was to hold a public meeting to consult parishioners with HCC in attendance.

STATEMENT ABOUT THE WALLED GARDEN (Normal business suspended). Mr Roger Rees, who had recently purchased 3A Appleton Close spoke about his concerns for the chalk wall surrounding the walled garden of his property. Damage is being caused by traffic hitting the wall. He had recently been given permission to repair and re-thatch the gazebo adjoining the wall and had started the work but he was concerned about the restoration work if the wall was going to be constantly damaged by vehicles. He asked for support for any measures that would calm traffic using the bend around the wall. (Meeting resumed.)

Cllr Taylor Firth stated that the 'Townsend Manor' bend in the road including the chalk wall has been highlighted to Highways and it was anticipated that it would be included in the expected HCC report. The overgrown hedge on the corner by the wall was discussed as it blocks the view of on-coming traffic and forces vehicles into the middle of the road. The Clerk will contact Highways to ask them to cut this back

POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mrs Cartwright reported that it has been a very quiet summer. We now have 4 PCSOs covering the Stockbridge Beat. Cllr Glover reported that there had been some arrests for poaching reported under the Farm Watch scheme.

PLANNING

13/01912/FULLN - Erection of bungalow with access onto King Lane and installation of

sewage treatment plant - Rear of Kingsway Stores

Pound Road.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning

application.

13/01665/LBWN - Repair works to gazebo to include re-thatching - The Walled Garden, 3A

Appleton Close.

The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.

13/01847/FULLN - Two storey extension and single storey porch extension -

Silverwood,

Zion Road, Palestine.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning

application

FINANCE

CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN September 2013

R.N. Waterman	Wages
£423.00	
R.N. Waterman	Expenses
£101.00	
Mrs L Murray-Twinn	Refund of Cricket Coaching Fee
£60.00	
Mr Larry Nelson	Tennis Coaching
£180.00	
Cedarwood Tree Services	Tree Work - Evans Close
£600.00	
Mr B Pearce	Village Maintenance
£120.00	
Mrs D Francis	Pavilion Maintenance and Caretaking
£2000.00	
TVBC	Grounds Maintenance 2013
£1597.10	
TVBC	Flashing Speed Sign Maintenance
£375.00	
Mr G Cairns	Tennis Coaching Poster Printing
9.00	
Over Wallop Good Neighbours	Donation
£200.00	
BDO LLP	Audit of Accounts
£276.00	

Total Payments £5,941.10

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After above payments have been deducted:

Current Account	£ 1,379.70
Premier Interest	<u>£ 1,000.00</u>
	<u>£ 2,379.70</u>

Second Half of Precept £11,947.24 due early October 2013

VAT REFUND CLAIMED - £720.77

AUDIT OF 2012/13 ACCOUNTS.

The Clerk reported that he had received the Audit Certificate and the Accounts for the year 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013. The Auditor had approved the accounts

but had raised the following point:-

Expenditure powers – Section 137 power incorrectly used.

What is the issue?

Expenditure on Jubilee Celebrations could have been authorised under Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 (Provision of entertainment and support of the arts).

Why has this issue been raised?

The council incorrectly recorded items as Section 137 payments when other statutory powers existed. A payment cannot be recorded under Section 137 if another statutory power exists.

What do we recommend you do?

The Council must ensure in future years that it reviews the list of statutory powers available to council to establish if a power exists before relying on Section 137 to authorise a payment. The statutory power being used to authorise expenditure should be recorded alongside the item to demonstrate the council or meeting has properly followed its standing orders and financial regulations.

The Parish Council noted this.

LEISURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Mr Francis gave the following report:-

1. Pavilion :- All jobs that were noted to be completed in line with the insurance policy had been completed: The gutters, the leak in the gutter and the MUGA surface.
2. The septic tank had been emptied before the Vintage Show however a further drainage block had been caused by a dish cloth which had been flushed down a toilet. Mr Macey was thanked for identifying the problem and for clearing the blockage on the day of the show. The system was now working well.
3. The Football season had started and friendly games had taken place over the last couple of weeks. Another friendly game was booked for Wednesday.
4. Pegs for the goals. We are asked each year to provide pegs for the goal nets and by the end of the season the small light pegs have been lost or broken. Having spoken to Ken Hardy, he had asked Martyn Dean to supply 20 pegs made from 8mm bar. These will be given to the football club and these should last them for many seasons. Also more Velcro will be ordered to help hold the nets in place.
5. He needed to stock up on marking paint for the new season.
6. Lastly and sadly the youth football club will not be entering a team in this year's Youth Football League. This is due to a loss of players due to age, change of schools, changes of interests and the potential increase of pitch size. This was a very hard decision for Rachel Lister to make but it was decided that it was best for the children and the club. Without a full team and some reserves the team would continually turn up to matches and get beaten each time due to lack of numbers. They will look at re-joining the league next year.

Cllr Francis reported that he has heard nothing further from the other football team who had expressed an interest in using the pitch.

Cllr Cairns reported that the tennis coaching was a great success again this year with more children attending. He thanked Cllr Francis and his son for setting up the courts for the coaching sessions. The Clerk reported that Cllr Gibson has authorised a grant of £500 for the Tennis Coaching.

The Clerk reported that he had received a quote of £192 to treat the play equipment on the Playing Field. After some discussion Cllrs Cairns and Francis said they would do the job if the Parish Council provided the wood preserver.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR HOPE

Cllr Hope spoke about the issue of overhanging trees on the roads through the village, an issue that Highways need to address. Cllr Glover stated that his farm vehicles were constantly getting damaged by large overhanging branches.

Cllr Hope spoke about the traffic calming and the speed vehicles travel through the village. He had spoken to Ray Alborough and asked him to make sure these issues are taken into consideration when looking at the traffic calming scheme.

He reported that TVBC has been quiet over the summer. He also stated that Andover town centre was often the major item discussed at council meetings and it was interesting to note that there are now more people living in Andover than in Winchester.

Cllr Glover raised the problem of traffic calming at Northern Farm and suggested that the developer is not now responsible to install it as it is now under HCC Highways. Cllr Hope stated that he knew that the Section 106 money attached to the development had been paid and he would investigate.

PARISH HALL REPORT

Cllr Taylor Firth reported that the hall is holding its own and that bookings have increased including two recent wedding receptions.

FOOTPATHS

OVER WALLOP - Cllr Cairns reported that the footpaths are clear and walkable

PALESTINE - Cllr Glover reported that the footpaths are clear and walkable.

PALESTINE

Cllr Burden reported that the hedge from Mt Carmel Road junction towards Grateley needs cutting back and the verge also needs cutting. The sight lines are compromised. This will be reported to HCC Highways. He also recommended that the Give Way signs at the same junction should be moved further back. It was suggested that a site meeting with the HCC Highways engineer should be arranged to discuss the various issues in the parish.

KENTSBOROUGH

No issues were raised.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council have received information on the proposed Solar Farm at Saxley Farm, near Red Rice. The site is in close proximity to the Over Wallop Parish. The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Cllr Murray-Twinn had asked that the Parish Council consider painting the railings in Station Road as a project for next year. This was discussed and initial thoughts were that this could be the responsibility of Southern Water or HCC Highways. These options will be pursued.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs Cartwright reported that the Street Light No 15 on the junction of Orange Lane has still not been cleaned. The Clerk will contact SEB again.

Mr Peter Bye spoke about a recent fatal accident in Grateley and the problem of large HGV delivery lorries using the village roads as a short cut to the Coop Depot. He believed that there is a large pot of money available from fines and he intends to see if this can be tapped into to improve local roads.

Mr Flippance spoke about the lateness of the Post delivery in Palestine.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

14th October 2013 at **7.30pm** in the Parish Hall.