

## **Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.**

Present: Cllr Mr M Goodman - Chairman  
Cllr Mr I Cleife  
Cllr Mr S MacDonald – Parish and Borough Councillor  
Cllr Mr A Meek  
Cllr Mr M Goodman  
Cllr Mrs P Bunche  
Cllr Mrs B Hunt  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
County Councillor Mr D Drew  
Members of the Public – 5

Apologies: Cllr Mr C Sanger – Vice Chairman, Cllr Mr I Cleife and Borough Councillors Mrs M Flood and Mrs S Hasselman – Palestine Ward.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Chairman then signed the minutes of the May meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Hunt and seconded by Cllr Mr S MacDonald.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the AGM as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Hunt and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Bunche.

### **COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:**

County Councillor Mr D Drew and Borough Councillor Mr S MacDonald's reports will be put on the Hub.

### **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR S MACDONALD:**

- TVBC are still continuing to work on how they will achieve the increase in housing targets set by the Government.
- Proposals to split Hampshire into 3 or 4 areas are being submitted to the Government for consideration. The election of a mayor to oversee Hampshire will take place in 2026.
- Over Wallop is continuing to forge ahead with various Community Projects.
- To confirm - TVBC are introducing a food waste facility to the household rubbish collections in the autumn.
- TVBC have successfully prosecuted a Fly Tipper from Abbots Ann who was given a £1,500 fine.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- The Chairman wished to thank Mr Fox for the sterling work he has done securing funding for the new Cricket Practice Nets.
- The pricing strategy for the hire of the Pavilion is being looked at by Cllr Mrs B Hunt.  
**ACTION: Cllr Mrs B Hunt**
- A new cleaner is required. The hourly pay rate is £14 an hour. Mr A Fox has kindly offered to produce and circulate an advert for the position. **Action: Mr A Fox**
- The Robot Hoover for the Parish Hall needs to be programmed before use.
- The wildflower's signs on the AEMG have been stolen and need replacing.
- The Chairman expects to send out the tender documents for the Tree Work on the AEMG within the next few weeks. **ACTION: Chairman**

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR D DREW:

- Cllr Mr D Drew congratulated Cllr Mr M Goodman on his role as Chairman of the Parish Council.
- HCC are to launch a scheme to aid recovery of wildlife in Hampshire due to a noted decline in recent years.
- Mr Mark Cooper has been elected Chairman of Hampshire County Council for the next year.
- Hampshire County Council have been working hard to secure a way forward under devolution and have been working hard with neighbouring Borough Councils. Proposals in discussion include a proposal combining the following areas: TVBC, New Forest, Winchester and East Hampshire.
- The Government will at some point consult with residents of Hampshire possibly in late 2025 or 2026. There are to be major elections in 2026, but there will be no more Borough Council Elections.
- The White Paper mentions that the Unitary Authority will work closely with the Parish Councils. However, there will be a reduction in the number of Councilors as a result of current proposals.

Cllr Mr A Meek stated that he had read the White Paper and felt that it is not clear why there is a need for change!

Cllr Mr D Drew stated that the main reason is that larger Councils have the ability to benefit business.

## FINANCE:

### INCOME:

Bank Interest	74.04
	<b><u>£74.04</u></b>

### EXPENDITURE:

Standing Orders:		£
R.N. Waterman	Wages	560.00
Came and Company	Insurance	451.22
SBPC	Storage	10.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses and Website	14.00
	Total =	<b><u>£1,035.22</u></b>

Payments made:		£
Flow Right - Notice Boards and Telephone Box		943.23
Shire Fencing - Signs and Maintenance		118.00
Grateley PC - Grant towards Play Area Project		5,000.00
C Wilkins - Maintenance/PA/Pavilion		133.20
Energieo - Street Lighting Maintenance		154.78
SSE - Street Lighting Energy		416.80
SSE - Pavilion Electricity Jan to May		692.53
K Dixon - Expenses. Pavilion VE Celebrations		1,034.66
Lloyds Bank - Account Charges		50.70
	Total =	<b><u>£8,543.90</u></b>

Total Expenditure = **£9,579.12**

### Bank Account Balances

After above movements	
Current Account	= £ 14,240.94
Premier Interest	= £ 77,976.66
No 2 A/C	= £ 111.50

**£92,329.10**

**Breakdown of Funds held:**

**Working Balance = £22,255.59**

**Reserves:**

**General Reserves = £ 16,000.00**

**Street light Replacement Fund = £ 1,000.00**

**Over Wallop Community Fund = £ 1,496.00**

**Parish Hall = £ 500.00**

**Village Hall – Resilience = £ 15,000.00**

**=£ 33,996.00**

**Pavilion Project = £ 36,077.51**

**TOTAL FUNDS HELD = £92,329.1**

**End of Year Accounts:**

The Clerk reported that Paul Reynolds, the Internal Auditor, has signed off the Accounts for the year 2024/2025.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025.

RECEIPTS

	£
Precept	42,000.00
Bank Interest	1,837.18
Resilience Grant Parish Hall	15,000.00
Sports Field Lettings	930.00
VAT Refund	128,243.08
Telephone Refurbishment. Grant	3,240.00
Donations	1,655.00
Vintage Gathering Donation. Pavilion	1,000.00
Defib	750.00
Contributions to Grass Cutting	1,356.00
Grants – Pavilion Project	314,223.12
Misc Grants	453.70
Allotments	379.25
	<b><u>511,067.33</u></b>

PAYMENTS

Administration and Web Site	2,016.18
Staffing Costs	6,720.00
Audit Charges	1,945.00
Insurance	4,269.70
NDP	208.00
Street Lighting	5,971.09
Pavilion – Running Costs	1,444.81
Sports Field - Grass/Maintenance	5,198.61
Trees	8,567.92
Village Maintenance/Footpaths	8,219.11
Allotments	976.46

Defibrillator, Battery and Pads	1,255.13
Telephone Box Refurbishment	4,402.50
VAT on Payments	122,043.38
Pavilion Project	599,183.57
	<b><u>772,421.46</u></b>
Opening Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024	345,430.97
Plus Income	511,067.33
	<u>856,498.30</u>
Less Expenditure	772,421.46
	<b><u>84,076.84</u></b>

Adoption of Accounts for the Year 2024/2025 proposed by Cllr Mr S MacDonald and seconded by Cllr M Goodman. The 67.8% of the Parish Hall Accounts and the Parish Council will be added together and submitted on a separate AGAR.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH BDO LLP:

There was no Conflict of Interest with the external Auditor, BDO LLP, recorded.

#### ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2024/2025

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025 ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statement.

The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Hunt and seconded by Cllr Mr M Goodman. All agreed.

#### ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2024/2025

The Annual Accounting Statement 2024/2025 was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Hunt and seconded by Cllr Mr M Goodman. All agreed.

#### **PLANNING.**

25/01045/TPON – Sycamore – remove limb overhanging driveway, reduce height by 10m and thin crown by 40% - Milvus, Mount Hermon Road, Palestine – NO COMMENT.

25/01055/FULLN – Rear extension with external paving and replacement window – Moyles, King Lane, Over Wallop – SUPPORT.

25/01157/VARN – A variation of condition 02 of 23/01940/FULLN (erection of replacement dwelling) to change the color of the windows and doors to gray at The Bungalow, Mount Carmel Road, Palestine – SUPPORT.

25/00928/FULLN – Retention of Mobile Home – Wallop Road Barn, Wallop Road, Grateley. SUPPORT

#### **PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.**

CLLR MRS B HUNT – Reported that the fitting of the batteries to the Parish Hall is nearly complete. Cllr Mrs B Hunt is researching an on-line booking system for the Pavilion. Cllr Mr I Cleife has removed the old barbed wire from the Evans Close Playing Field.

Cllr Mrs B Hunt reported that she will sort out the signatures on the Parish Hall and Parish Council Accounts, there are 6 old signatories that need to be removed. **ACTION:**  
**Cllr Mrs B Hunt**

CLLR MRS P BUNCHE– Reported that she has been contacted by a Palestine resident for an up-date on the moving of one of the dog bins from the AEMG to Palestine. The Clerk hoped this would happen with two weeks and will speak to TVBC. **ACTION: Parish Clerk.**

CLLR MR S MACDONALD – Reported that he has been working with Mr A Fox to secure funding for play equipment on the AEMG. There is £50,000 available through various funding streams. It is intended to consult with the Parish on what equipment they would like as community involvement is part of the grant application. It will be important to get the children's input.

Cllr Mrs P Bunche and Mr A Meek offered to help with the consultation process. Cllr Mrs P Bunche will consult with the children's student council at the primary school as she is now a Governor. **ACTION: Cllrs MacDonald, Bunche, Meek and Mr A Fox.**

Cllr Mr S MacDonald reported that he has a box of parts that need fitting to the telephone box to finish off the installation. The Clerk will contact the contractor who has agreed to do the work to remind him. **ACTION: Parish Clerk.**

Cllr Mr S MacDonald reported that Highways are progressing with the 20 MPH scheme. Trial markings have been added to the road and the license has been applied for. The completion/activation is still planned for March 2026.

Cllr Mr S MacDonald reported that he has been approached by a parishioner enquiring what has happened to the Community Speed Watch. It would appear that enthusiasm has waned and a re-launch with more training is required. The Clerk reported that Grateley would like to get involved and had several parishioners that would like to be trained to use the equipment. Email addresses will be exchanged. **ACTION: Over, Nether and Grateley Parish Council's.**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A RESIDENT OF Evans Close has complained about an area of the Evans Close Playing Field that has not been mowed. The Parish Council discussed this and agreed that the Parish Council contractor will be asked to start cutting this as part of his contract.

**ACTION: Parish Clerk.**

#### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Mr Ling expressed concern about the decorating of the War Memorial with flowers for the recent VE Celebrations. Mr Ling stated that he felt it was very disrespectful that names had been covered and those who placed the flowers likely climbed on the War Memorial to place the flowers. Mr Ling stated that there are guidelines for the decorating of War Memorials, and this is available on the internet. Mr Ling asked the Parish Council to make a public apology for any upset caused and to make sure this did not happen again.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ling for raising the issue and assured him that this was not done intentionally and an open apology will be placed in the Wallop News. Cllr Mr A Meek offered to put together the apology. **ACTION: Cllr A Meek.**

Mr M Glover asked County Councillor Mr D Drew what the cost for the re-branding will be for the Governments Devolution exercise?

Cllr Mr D Drew stated that he could not give an answer and it is a question that needs to be put to a government minister, but he thought it will be in the millions of pounds.

Mr A Fox reported that he is working with Cllr Mrs B Hunt to get the on-line booking system in place. Over Wallop Cricket Club are at the top of their league and are doing very well. There is a possibility that a junior Cricket Team will form. Pizzaz Soccer Training are continuing to use the facility and a Yoga Group are now using the Pavilion on a Monday morning and is gaining in popularity. There have been several enquiries about using the Pavilion for various classes including Ti-Chi and an exercise classes.

The Parish Council thought this excellent news and is very encouraging.

Mr Fox stated that he is putting together a job description for a cleaner and noted that the hourly rate is £14.

The new Practice Nets have been totally funded with grants and will not be locked so they can be used by everyone. There will be some restrictions on site during installation. The use of the spoil was discussed, and it was agreed that it would be used to create a low bund between the field and the car park, fencing will then not be required, and the bund can be sown with wildflowers. TVBC will be contacted to see if this will require planning permission.

The Parish Council were asked if there are any plans to celebrate VJ Day. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council have not discussed this, and it is noted.

**CHANGE OF VENUE:**

The Parish Clerk suggested that the Parish Council Meet at the Pavilion in the future. When the use of the main hall coincides with the Parish Council Meeting, car parking has been problematic. Using the Pavilion will also promote its use.

The Parish Council discussed this and thought it a good idea with the possibility of starting to meet in the Pavilion after the summer break in September.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING:**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2025 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

**PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:**

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