

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th of February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Over Wallop.

Present: Cllr Mr A Meek – Chairman

Cllr Mrs P Bunche

Cllr Mr I Cleife

Cllr Mrs B Hunt

Cllr Mr S MacDonald – Parish and Borough Councillor

Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

Mrs Hddie Easton – who will be taking over the role of Clerk from 1st April 2026.

County Councillor Mr D Drew

Members of the Public – 3

Apologies: Cllr Mr C Sanger – Vice Chairman, Cllr H Kynaston Drumm and Borough Councillors Mrs M Flood and Mrs S Hasslemann – Palestine Ward.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

Cllr Mr S MacDonald proposed that Elizabeth Chamberlin Crump be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr Mrs P Bunche. All agreed.

Elizabeth Chamberlin signed the Declaration of Office and was given the Declaration of Interest form to complete.

Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Chamberlin was welcomed onto the Parish Council.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES>

WEBSITE – Cllr Mr S MacDonald reported that he has spoken with Mr John Francis, and he has confirmed that he needs the website domain name to make the new website live. Cllr Mr S MacDonald has confirmed this in an email to the Clerk who will forward it to the Web Administrator.

NDP – The Chairman ran through the list of aspirations put forward when the Parish was consulted about the NDP. The following were noted:

- Easier access to Grateley Station.
- Looping Footpaths together.
- Creation of permissive footpaths.
- Improvements to the Broadband infrastructure.
- Sports Pavilion – Completed Project.
- New Play Park for the Younger Generation – in hand.
- Greenspace in Palestine – Donation of £5,000 towards new Play Park in Grateley.
- Green Space – War Memorial.
- Quiet Lanes – Priority for walkers.

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.

- Cllr Mr S MacDonalD gave a brief up-date on the Borough Plan and its 78% increase in development to meet Government's targets.
- Cllr Mr s MacDonalD stated that he has put forward a scheme to register Test Valley as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This is a hugely ambitious scheme, but it will safeguard the beautiful countryside and the chalk streams that flow through Test Valley.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR D DREW.

- Cllr Mr D Drew reported that he had some County Councillor Grant money available if the Parish had a small project that needed funding. The Clerk reported that one of the village defibrillator cabinets has been damaged and needed replacement along with a new case for the defibrillator at a cost of £500 + VAT. Cllr Mr D Drew agreed to fund this and asked the Clerk to submit an application.
- HCC have launched a 'Get Winter Savey' scheme. Details are on the HCC Website and in his report.
- A scheme to help adults to safely live at home has also been launched. Again, details on the HCC Website and in his report.

FINANCE.

Financial Report – January and February 2026

INCOME.

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| Village Hall Ins | 1,000.00 |
| Pavilion Hire | 202.50 |
| Bank Interest | 18.00 |
| | <u>£1,220.50</u> |

EXPENDITURE.

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| 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 |
| M Lovell | Grass Cutting | 250.00 |
| | Total = | <u>£1,285.22 X 2 = £2570.44</u> |

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| Payments made: | | £ |
| HCC | Pavilion Supplies | 49.99 |
| Lloyds Bank | Charge | 20.50 |
| C. Wilkins | Village Maintenance | 195.00 |
| Business Stream | Water – Pavilion | 47.98 |
| Clive Hutchinson | Village Maintenance | 2,455.00 |
| SSE | Street Lighting | 1,958.61 |
| MG Cavil | Pavilion Batteries | 11,680.00 |
| S Day | Pavilion Cleaning | 80.00 |
| Lloyds Bank | Charge | 20.50 |
| | Total = | <u>£16,507.58</u> |

Total Expenditure = **£19,078.02**

Bank Account Balances.

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| Current Account | = £ 7,725.91 |
| Premier Interest | = £ 15,171.58 |
| No 2 A/C | = £ 332.74 |
| | <u>£23,230.23</u> |

Breakdown of Funds held:

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| Working Balance | = £3,058.65 |
| Reserves: | |
| General Reserves | = £ 8,000.00 |
| Street light Replacement Fund | = £ 2,500.00 |
| Over Wallop Community Fund | = £1,041.00 |
| Parish Hall | = £ 500.00 |
| War Memorial Maintenance | = £2,000.00 |
| Pavilion | = £6,130.58 |
| | = £20,171.58 |

TOTAL FUNDS HELD = £23,230.23

2026/2027 PRECEPT.

The Parish Council held an 'in-camera' meeting on the 22nd of January to discuss the 2026/2027 Budget and Precept. The Parish Council agreed to increase the Precept by £1,000. The Over Wallop Parish Council Precept was set at £50,000.

Proposed by Cllr Mr S MacDonald. Seconded by Cllr Mrs B Hunt. All agreed.

OVER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL - Precept discussion January 2026

Estimated RESULTS 2025/2026

BUDGET 2026/2027

INCOME

| | £ | | £ |
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| Cash Brought Forward 2024/25 | 84,076.00 | Carried Forward Balance 2024/2025 | 1,060.00 |
| Precept | 49,000.00 | Precept | 50,000.00 |
| Hiring Fees | 956.25 | Hiring Fees | 800.00 |
| Bank Interest | 316.14 | Bank Interest | 300.00 |
| Ins Village Hall | 1,850.00 | Ins Parish Hall | 1,000.00 |
| VE Celebrations Grant | 500.00 | Total | <u>53,160.00</u> |
| VAT Refund | 24,276.89 | | |
| CC Practice Nets Project | 33,860.12 | | |
| TVBC Grants | 24,021.45 | | |
| Total | <u>218,856.85</u> | | |

EXPENDITURE

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| Office Expenditure (Inc 2 Years WS) | 1,991.45 | Office Expenditure | 1,600.00 |
| Clerks Salary | 6,720.00 | Clerks Salary | 6,720.00 |
| Audit Fees | 3,155.00 | Audit Fees | 3,200.00 |
| Insurance (PC 3,870.86. VH 1,000) | 5,292.13 | Insurance - PC 5,184.00. PH 1,000.00 | 5,600.00 |
| Parish Hall Batteries | 18,960.00 | | |
| Street Lighting | 3,685.04 | Street Lighting | 3,800.00 |
| Pavilion – Project | 36,043.98 | Flashing Speed Signs | 250.00 |
| Street Light Replacement Fund | 500.00 | | |
| Wallop Shop | 2,000.00 | | |
| | | Sports Field Maint | 2,500.00 |
| Village Maintenance - Inc Footpaths | 4,685.57 | Village Maint Inc Footpaths Cutting | 5,000.00 |
| Pavilion Running Costs + Maintenance | 6,644.72 | Pavilion Running Costs | 6,000.00 |
| Trees – Surveys and Works | 23,152.23 | War Memorial Maintenance Fund | 1,000.00 |
| Grass Cutting Sports Field | 2,541.95 | Trees and Survey | 7,500.00 |
| Speed Signs | 8,863.55 | | |
| Cricket Nets Project | 52,860.00 | | |
| Telephone Box | 1,571.28 | | |
| GPC Play Area | 5,000.00 | | |
| Dog Bins and Emptying | 2,277.84 | Dog Bin Emptying | 2,500.00 |

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| Reserves | 20,171.58 | Reserves | 6,000.00 |
| Pavilion Batteries | 11,680.00 | | |
| | Total 217,796.32 | | Total £ 51,670.00 |
| Budget Surplus | 1,060.53 | Budget Surplus | 1,490.00 |
| | Total <u>£218,856.85</u> | | Total <u>£53,160.00</u> |

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| Reserves end of 2025/2026 Financial Year. | | Reserves able to draw upon during 2026/2027 | |
| General Reserves | £ 8,000.00 | General Reserves | £14,000.00 |
| WM Maintenance | £ 2,000.00 | WM Maintenance | £ 3,000.00 |
| Pavilion | £ 6,130.58 | Pavilion | £ 6,130.58 |
| Parish Hall | £ 500.00 | Parish Hall | £ 500.00 |
| OWCF | £ 1,041.00 | OWCF | £ 1,041.00 |
| Street Lights Replace | £ 2,500.00 | Street Lights Replace | £ 2,500.00 |
| | Total <u>£20,171.58</u> | | Total <u>£ 26,130.58</u> |

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

ALLOTMENTS – The Allotments Group are charging ahead with their project to install large tanks to collect water.

PAVILION – Openreach have still not confirmed a date to install the pole to get the telephone line to the pavilion. The Chairman will write to Caroline Nokes MP to see if she can help to progress this issue.

POLICE – An open meeting is being held in the Church Hall has been re-scheduled to the 14th of March 2026 at 6pm for Parishioners to speak to our PCSO about any concerns they have.

STREETLIGHT – The replacement streetlight is in hand

PLANNING.

26/00169/VARN – very condition 2 of 23/01264/FULLN (Demolition of existing dwelling and agricultural building. Erection of two dwellings and associated works) to allow for alterations to garage serving unit 1 – Marwood, Farley Street, Nether Wallop.
NO COMMENT

26/00151/TREEN – Leylandii x 32 on Northern boundary – lift crown to height of 2.5m, Elder x 2 – thin by up to 25% and prune by up to 1.5m, Leylandii x 12 on Western boundary – Lift crown to height of 2.5m – South View, Station Road, Over Wallop.
NO COMMENT.

RESILIENCE PLAN.

The Chairman confirmed the following:

- The Resilience Plan is ready to go. The expectation is for the village to manage the first 24 hours of any emergency with a view to then handing over to the emergency services.
- Test Valley Borough Council are producing a handout to be delivered to every house in the parish.
- What to have in a household 'Grab Bag' leaflet is being investigated.
- A list of Emergency telephone numbers and emails will be compiled.
- A stand at the Village Fete will help to promote the Village Resilience Plan.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR S MACDONALD – Reported that Hampshire County Council have started erecting the 20MPH speed limit signs. The poles for the new Flashing Speed Signs are also under way.

CLLR MR I CLEIEF – Reported that the Community Shop has received a grant to install solar panels and batteries.

CLLR MRS B HUNT – Reported that the Parish Hall is gradually replacing fixtures and fittings that have come to the end of their life.

CLLR MRS H KYNASTON DRUMM – Has reported that bureaucracy is holding up the installation of the new Palestine Village signs.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr C Anstis asked for an update on the Audit of Parish Hall accounts for the year 2024/2025. The Chairman reported that Mrs Gillian Sanger has agreed to audit the accounts but is away at present.

Mr C Anstis stated that when the accounts have been audited, they need to be approved by the Parish Hall Management Committee. This was noted.

Mrs E Anstis raised the issue of the large puddle at the entrance to the Parish Hall car park. Cllr Mrs B Hunt reported that this is in hand and being looked at.

Cllr Mrs B Hunt stated that the auditing of the accounts is in hand. The HMRC had lost the VAT Reclaim request and this will now be submitted again.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING:

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 5TH of March 2026 in the Parish Hall, Over Wallop at 7.30pm.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

www.overwallopparishcouncil.org.uk