

Over Wallop Parish Council

Minutes of AGM Meeting held at 7.30pm Thursday 7th May 2026, at the Parish Hall, Over Wallop

Present at Meeting: Chairman Andrew Meek and Cllrs Bunche, Hunt, Cleife, and Chamberlin-Crump.
Clerks Richard Waterman and Heidi Easton

In attendance: 7 members of public

05/261- Welcome and Apologies Chairman Cllr Meek opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the public most of who were Respected predecessors. Apologies for absence from Cllr MacDonald, Cllr Drew and Cllr Kynaston-Drumm.

05/262- Election of Chair, Chairman Cllr Meek expressed his willingness to continue as chair. Proposed by Cllr Cleife, seconded by Cllr Bunche.

Election of Vice chair, Cllr Bunche, proposed by Chairman Cllr Meek and seconded by Cllr Chamberlin-Crump.

05/263- Declarations of Interests Cllr Meek declared an interest in Planning Application 26/00766/TREEN. No Cllrs declared an interest to external auditors. BDO.

05/264- Approval of minutes from previous meeting. The minutes were approved and signed. Apologies made from the clerk of the incorrect spelling of Cllr Chamberlin-Crump.

05/265- County and Borough Cllr Reports. Both can be found on their retrospective websites. Cllr MacDonald sent a report to confirm plans for the play park installation remains on track for the end of the month.

05/266- Chairman Cllr Meek's Report

Traffic calming Measures. Cllr Meek reported on the new Traffic calming measures which have been fully installed. Anecdotal evidence suggests there is reduced speeding on Kings Lane and Station Road. Cllr Meek expressed his disappointment in the lack of follow up from the PCSO on antisocial behaviour and speeding concerns, to which Cllr Meek is to contact the PCSO again regarding the radar Van deployment and village patrols.

Footpaths. Cllr Meek expressed his gratitude and thanked Marion Short for her long service in maintaining the footpaths in the village, who will be stepping down after 2026. The Council will be looking for a new volunteer which Marion Short has said she would gladly show around.

Village Fete 4th July. The Council's presence last year was successful. Detailed planning to take place in June the June meeting and finally Cllr Meek reported there is still concern with Pavilion litter which needs to be addressed.

05/267- Finance Report and cheques signed Clerk Richard Waterman reported current and End of year finances. Whilst signing of cheques Cllr Meek expressed his gratitude and thanks to Clerk Richard Waterman for his 18yrs long service to the Over wallop Parish council and community. This was endorsed by the previous Chairman's and Cllrs from the Public.

Summary of Accounts Separate sheet to follow

Current Financial Report (May)

- Precept received: £25,000
- Expenditure detailed including wages, insurance, website costs, grass cutting, electricity, speed sign installation, and bank charges.
- Concerns raised over pavilion electricity bill (£818 for two months). Meter readings checked; further investigation required.
- Current balances: • Current Account: £7,186.62
- Premier Interest Account: £35,171.58
- Pavilion Account: £757.75
- Total funds: £43,115.95
- Reserves detailed, including street lighting fund, war memorial maintenance, pavilion funds, and tree reserves.

05/268- End of Year Financial Report Richard Waterman

Annual Governance & Accounting Statements

The Clerk presented the full year-end accounts and AGAR documentation.

- Total income: £158,179.56
- Total expenditure: £228,046.92
- Closing balance: £15,652.90
- Asset register updated to £1,313,699.66 (including pavilion, cricket nets, speed signs).

- Review and consider the Annual Internal Audit Report
- Complete Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement
- Complete Section 2 – Accounting Statements
- Annual Accounting Statement approved.
- Annual Governance Statement approved.

05/269 To consider Planning Application permission for:

26/00715/FULLN. Part alteration and change of use (retrospective) to the veterinary practice.

No Comment

26/00766/TREEN. Lilac Cottage, King Lane. Fell conifer. **No Comment**

05/2610- Cllrs Reports to the Village Hall and Pavilion

Cllr Macdonald- N/a

Cllr Hunt- Has investigated electric suppliers. Octopus seems favourable. This is due to the increasing rise of the electricity bills for the pavilion Ongoing

Cllr Hunt also commented, the Parish Hall accounts are complete and awaiting sign off at the Parish Halls Meeting. A local parishioner commented that these be updated on the Parish Hall website for transparency.

Cllr Hunt also advised that she had showed “Make My Holiday” and a Tai Chi group around the pavilion to increase bookings.

Cllr Bunche- The hub has been updated with all current affairs.

Cllr Chamberlin-Crump- Enquired into the Streetlight report which has been passed to the Clerk. The Clerk mentioned she had made an enquiry with HCC regarding joining the PFI street lighting scheme, with an estimate cost of £20,000.00. All Cllr’s agreed it was not cost effective given the recent upgrades.

Cllr Kynaston-Drumm had sent a report to advise on the progress of the Village Sign that she had made enquiries into polycarbonate signage to avoid theft and costs.

The Clerk has been in touch with BT to chase the installation of the much-needed Wi-Fi to accommodate visitors and utility connections.

05/2610a Clerks Report. The Clerk gave an update that Hugo Fox had been engaged to migrate and rebuild the website. The.Gov.uk emails will be moving to their new domain name shortly to meet Audit recommendations and a teams meeting would be preferred to discuss the style and content of the new website.

05/2611- Correspondence/Members of Public: NONE

Points from the Floor: NONE

The Chairman Cllr Meek Closed the meeting at 8.18pm

Date of Next meeting- Thursday 4th June 2026 **at** 7.30pm in the Over Wallop Parish Hall

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairman: **Date:**