

## **Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.**

Present: Cllr K Dixon – 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 – 2

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

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Cllr Mr I Cleife declared an interest in Planning Application 25/00727/FULLN.  
Cllr Mrs B Hunt declared an interest in Planning Application 25/00727/FULLN.  
Cllr Mr M Goodman declared an interest in Planning Application 25/00631/FULLN.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

The Chairman then signed the minutes of the March meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Hunt and seconded by Cllr Mr I Cleife.

### **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 – Reported that TVBC are continuing to work on how they will achieve the increase in housing targets set by the Government. The Government are looking for sites with good infrastructure links. TVBC are introducing a food waste facility to the household rubbish collection in the autumn. More details will follow over the coming months.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

- Cllrs Mr A Meek, Mr S MacDonald and Mrs P Bunche are in the process of being added as signatories to the Bank Account.
- The Accounts for the Pavilion Project will be signed off by the Parish Council at the May AGM.
- Three Notice Boards have been delivered to the Pavilion and have had to be returned for various reasons. The Pavilion now has a Post Box. The old cricket practice nets base has been dug up and disposed of. The area has been re-seeded with wildflowers.
- The King's Coronation Bench is now in place by the War Memorial.
- With the help of Cllr Mr I Cleife the football teams are being sent their bills for payment.
- Two quotes for the repair of the Church Clock have been received by the PCC. One is £40,000 for a complete replacement or £3,000 for a refurbishment. The problem is that the machinery that works the clock has worn out. The Parish Council have been asked if they can assist with the financing.
- The Pavilion electricity bills are very high. Millway Builders have been consulted to see if anything can be done to reduce consumption. The offer of free batteries to store electricity made by Mark Cavill has been withdrawn, replaced with a 50%



## **PLANNING.**

25/00727/FULLN – Erection of Dwelling - Land adjacent to Nor Bar Pound Road – SUPPORT.

Cllrs Mrs B Hunt and Mr I Cleife had declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

25/00621/FULLN – Two storey side and rear extension – 10 King Lane Cottages, Over Wallop – SUPPORT.

Cllr Mr M Goodman declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

25/00604/TREEN – Pollard Ash, Reduce Horse Chestnut to previous pruning points Prune Magnolia Grandiflora – Foresters, Station Road, Over Wallop. – NO COMMENT.

The Parish Council discussed the ongoing planning enforcement issues with structures that have been erected in the field adjacent to Pinchbecks. TVBC have issued an enforcement notice. The owner has appealed, and comments have to be made by the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

The Parish Council discussed this, and it was agreed that a letter will be submitted. The development is out of the settlement boundary. The Chairman will write a letter and distribute to the Councillors prior to submission.

## **VE DAY 80 YEAR CELEBRATIONS.**

The Chairman reported that the following is being arranged for the VE Celebrations on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2025:

- A Tea Party will be held around the War Memorial – Volunteers are required!
- Marching soldiers possibly to music.
- The Wallops Gardening Club are providing flowers to decorate the War Memorial.
- An application to close the road has been sent to TVBC.
- A wet weather plan is being formulated.
- The official opening of the Refurbished Telephone Box and Coronation Bench.
- Fund raising for the Church Clock

## **PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.**

CLLR MRS B HUNT – Reported that the Parish Hall have had a bad party booking and it took a lot of work to clean the hall ready to open again. The deposit has not been returned. The W.I. have requested a refund for their recent booking as there was no heating.

CLLR MR I CLEIFE – Reported that TVBC have not been engaged this year to cut the AEMG Grass. The contract has been awarded to Mr Mark Lovell. A meeting with Mr Lovell to discuss cutting less often on the areas that are not required for Sports events is to be arranged.

CLLR MR M GOODMAN – Reported that he is in discussion with Mark Cavill regarding the fitting of the batteries in the Parish Hall.

Mr Richard Quick from the Allotments Society has asked if the scaffolding boards at the AEMG are spare. They would be excellent to make new vegetable growing beds at the pre-school for the children. The Chairman stated that Mr Richard Quick is most welcome to take them for the pre-school vegetable garden.

CLLR MR S MACDONALD – Reported that the new Parish Website is ready to launch. Cllr Mr S MacDonald has a meeting with HCC Highways for an update on the progress of the 20MPH scheme for Over Wallop.

Cllr Mr S MacDonald stated that he is very pleased with the refurbished telephone box, several of the glass panels need to be fitted (these were not installed to ease the transportation of the telephone box) and this is in hand. The Chairman reported that a new concrete floor and shelving are to be installed by Mr Tony Burden Jr.

Cllr Mr S MacDonald reported that the Resilience Plan is on hold until the Parish Hall Batteries have been installed.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR D DREW.**

Cllr Mr D Drew informed the Parish Council that Cllr Mr S MacDonald has been promoted to the TVBC Cabinet, this is quite an achievement and congratulations are in order. The Parish Council agreed.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

Mr Fox spoke about the 'Buy a Yard' to help the Cricket Club fund raise the £12,500 needed for their improvement project. Over £7,000 has been raised so far, there is a lot of support from local businesses. There is a Hog Roast and Auction being held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 to help with the fund raising.

Mr Fox and Cllr Mr S MacDonald are meeting with play equipment contractors to discuss new play equipment for the AEMG.

The 'Come Alive in 25' promotion to encourage the use of the Pavilion is to take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 with a 9.30am start for a gentle exercise group session.

Mr M Crowe stated that he thought it was encouraging news to hear the Allotments Society are helping with the regeneration of the pre-school vegetable garden. It was noted that the school is looking for a Governor.

**DAILY MAIL.**

It was noted that the Chairman was invited to give an interview to the Daily Mail Newspaper on the number of unsolved burglaries in the area.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.** 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2025 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

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