

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1st of May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

Present: Cllr K Dixon – Chairman
Cllr Mr C Sanger – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr I Cleife
Cllr Mr S MacDonald – Parish and Borough Councillor
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 A Meek, County Councillor Mr D Drew and Borough Councillors Mrs M Flood and Mrs S Hasselman – Palestine Ward.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded. The Parish Councillors each confirmed that they had no change in their declarations of interest held on file.

RESIGNATION.

The Chairman stated that she has tendered her resignation to the Parish Clerk and will step down from the Parish Council after the AGM Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman then signed the minutes of the April meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs P Bunche 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.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

- The correct Notice Board was at long last delivered to the Pavilion and is now in place. A 'No Dogs' sign has been placed on the MUGA. Pizazz Football Training started today at £30 a session.
- A Robot Hoover has been purchased for the Parish Hall to aid cleaning.
- Contact has been made with the Community Payback Team, and it is hoped that they can assist with the clearing of the Village footpaths.
- A meeting was held with Mark Lovell to discuss grass cutting on the AEMG. Cricket Pitch cutting will remain as it is, The Football Pitch cutting will be cut by half and the pedestrian area cut once a month.
- The Chairman congratulated the Cricket Team for reaching their Crowd Funding Target. Mr Fox reported wishes to thank everyone who donated and confirmed that the double Cricket Nets project can now proceed.
- Correspondence has been received about the proposed parking charges at Danebury Ring. It was noted that this has been proposed by Hampshire County Council.
- Two resignations have been received: Vicky (VIXIT) will no longer be doing work on the AEMG. The Chairman wished to thank Vicky for the excellent work she has done over the last few years. Liz Tomlin will no longer be up-loading things to the Hub. The Chairman wished to thank Liz for the work she has done managing the Hub.
- The VE Day 80th Celebration is to take place on Monday the 5th of May 2025 at the War Memorial. A road closure has been granted. A tea party will be held, Cllr Mr S

MacDonald will officially open the refurbished Telephone Box Library and the Kings Bench.

- The two quotes for the repair of the Church Clock received by the PCC have been confirmed as £26,000 for a complete replacement or £3,000 for a refurbishment.

PAVILION PROJECT COSTINGS.

The Chairman had sent the Parish Councillors the Project Financial Spread Sheet prior to the meeting. Correspondence has been received from the CoF-Levelling Fund with a large number of forms to complete confirming how the money was used, this has to be completed and returned by the 9th of May 2025.

Project Figures:

Total Value of Payments	=	£831,388.68
Value of VAT recovered	=	£ 137,168.72
Net Cost	=	£ 694,219.96
Fundraising	=	£ 696,465.95

Amount Remaining held by the Parish Council £2,245,99

Cllr Mr C Sanger suggested that it would be helpful if the costings could be split into Land (building) and other sections for clarity. The Chairman stated that this could easily be done.

The Parish Council adopted the Pavilion Project Financial report. Proposed by Cllr Mr S MacDonald and seconded by Cllr Mr M Goodman. All agreed.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr Mrs K Dixon and Mr Michael Crowe for all the work they have done in getting this project delivered.

FINANCE. – May 2025

INCOME.

TVBC VE Grant	500.00
TVBC ½ Precept	24,500.00
TVBC Grants Pavilion	14,046.57
	<u>£39,046.57</u>

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 =	<u>£1,035.22</u>

Payments made:		£
Electric Workz	Fit Pavilion Defibrillator	198.00
Business Stream	Pavilion Water	584.11
Mr C Wilkins	Pavilion/Maintenance	76.60
	Total =	<u>£ 858.71</u>

PAVILION PROJECT.

Millway Builders	14,123.66
	Total = <u>£14,123.66</u>

Total Expenditure = **£16,017.59**

Bank Account Balances

After above movements

Current Account = £ 18,737.52

Premier Interest = £ 82,976.66

No 2 A/C = £ 120.00

£101,834.18

Breakdown of Funds held:

Working Balance = £26,760.67

Reserves:

General Reserves = £ 16,000.00

Street light Replacement Fund = £ 1,000.00

Over Wallop Community Fund = £ 1,496.00

Parish Hall = £ 500.00

Palestine – Play Area GPC = £ 5,000.00

Village Hall – Resilience = £ 15,000.00

= £ 38,996.00

Pavilion Project = £ 36,077.51

TOTAL FUNDS HELD = £101,834.18

PLANNING.

25/00910/TPON – Crown and Limb reduction of 5 trees – Thistledown, Over Wallop – NO COMMENT.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman closed the May Parish Council Meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING. 5th of June 2025 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

www.overwallopparishcouncil.org.uk

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ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mr C Sanger proposed Cllr Mr Mark Goodman as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mr S MacDonald. All agreed. Cllr Mr M Goodman was elected Chairman. Cllr Mr M Goodman signed the Declaration of Office as Chairman.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mrs K Dixon proposed Cllr Mr C Sanger as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mr S MacDonald. All agreed. Cllr Mr C Sanger was elected Vice Chairman.

OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. – Cllr Mrs K Dixon

One year ago today this Parish voted by 90% to adopt the NDP which set us up for another busy year. We have scrutinised 41 planning applications against the agreed policies of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, supported 21, objected to 1 and made no comment to 3. The remainder are tree applications where we make no comment but send letters to those felling trees, requiring them to plant 3 saplings for each lost tree, according to NDP policy.

I will summarise the progress we have made and outline the challenges we face. Devolution may bring opportunities, but Parish Councils will have to become more independently resilient. We may not be able to rely on grant funding and should focus on building our reserves. Projects which have historically been supported by Borough or County Councils may have to be run and funded by us. I have no doubt that you, the parishioners, are up to the challenge. The outpouring of volunteering and support, both financial and practical, bears witness to that.

We completed the Pavilion in October last year with an opening ceremony attended by 60 parishioners and our MP Caroline Nokes made a plea for the Parish to use what is a fantastic facility. The cricketers have used it for their first match of the season – an unlucky loss but apparently sustained by a wonderful tea. We raised £696,000 in grants and funding to build the Pavilion and after VAT reclaimed the cost was £694,000. We have already gone through the exact figures today. All that remains is to gravel the front and side and replace the old fencing as well as install two batteries generously 50% funded by Mark Cavill – and persuade Openreach to one day install Wi-Fi. We have also been gifted two clocks by generous donors and have fitted a defibrillator. Please come up and experience the Pavilion by taking advantage of a new trial session of Radiant

Yoga at 9.30 on Mondays starting on 12 May. You may find yourself volunteering to run or take part in a sporting activity.

We should also work with the local footballers who want to play on their home turf. Millway builders and the architect Martyn Wiltshire have done a fantastic job and continue to work with us on snags. Cllr Cleife has been critical to the success of the project, quietly making things work, solving practical problems and practically living up at the AEMG at times when he isn't removing barbed wire from the Evans Close Play area. Thank you very much, Ian. Mr Fox has also been indispensable and it is down to him that we have new bookings and fresh interest in sport in Over Wallop. We could not have done it without you. Thank you.

The Parish Hall is now run by Cllr Hunt and Ricky Lee who oversees the maintenance and lives next door to the Hall. Christian Anstis stepped down from the Council in September and he and his now wife Elisabeth Roseveare are a hard act to follow but Alison Elliot is fantastic at caring for the building and all three of Bev, Ricky and Alison have worked efficiently and hard to continue to make the Hall a brilliant community space. We have ordered a robot vacuum cleaner to help with cleaning and Cllr Hunt has had to deal with many and varied challenges including Wi-Fi___33 outages affecting the heating, swollen doors and messy hirings. We have agreed to purchase a better screen for presentations and bookings continue solidly. Batteries, funded by a £15,000 resilience grant from SSE are to be installed imminently and then the Wallops Parish Hall will be the Hub of our nearly completed Resilience Plan. Total payments were just over £12.5k and expenses were just over £14k but the VAT return is yet to be completed and it was a heavy year for maintenance. Electricity costs should plummet once the batteries are installed.

Cllr MacDonald has made it his mission to make our Parish a safer place and not only through his work to make the Resilience Plan a reality. We have been discussing traffic calming at this table in its various forms for over a decade and probably longer. At long last we are within touching distance of a central section of the village being granted 20mph, funded by the very last of the developer contributions from Fine Acres Rise. He will undoubtedly be personally responsible for reducing accidents, speed and volume, if not saving lives. This has been an incredible piece of resilience and determination. Thank you.

After languishing outside my back door for nearly two years we installed the Coronation Bench by the War Memorial ready to be officially opened by Councillor MacDonald at the VE Day 80 tea party on Monday 5 May when he will also open the phone box library whose magnificent restoration he managed seamlessly, raising grants which were then topped up by an outpouring of generosity from the Parish.

Trees are one of our most expensive and onerous responsibilities. We undertake a full survey of the condition of our trees around the AEMG every 18 months and Councillor Goodman is currently tendering for the work on the 40 trees which the latest survey identified with a view to appointing a Preferred Supplier.

Over the last year he has also supported the Allotments in their desire to run their own finances, set up a refreshed constitution and new committee. They are running well, are very popular and remain a beautiful, productive and peaceful place in the Parish.

The Wallops Community Shop and Post Office continues to innovate, improve and work at becoming more financially successful to enable it to serve the Parish. An excellent presentation in camera to the Council in November resulted in an offer of £2000 from us to enable them to seek some professional marketing and

fundraising advice which they have actively done. We look forward to hearing the results of that and urge you all to support the shop whenever and in whatever ways you are able.

This Parish works and improves lives through the generosity of volunteers. We were lucky enough to be joined last year by Councillors Hunt, Bunche and Meek whose wisdom and contribution I have quickly come to rely on. Cllr Sanger works hard to make Neighbourhood Watch a powerful force and explain the intricacies of VAT to us. Every year I try to find new ways to express my deep gratitude and absolute reliance on Richard. He is a clerk with boundless experience, endless patience, immaculate book keeping and inventive problem solving. I absolutely could not have done this job without his advice, his humor or his professionalism and friendship. Thank you, Richard.

Looking to the future the Parish Council needs to consolidate the progress we have made, ensuring that the Pavilion covers its costs and realises its potential for the community. We will continue to manage trees, planning through the NDP, play areas, grass, streetlighting, the War Memorial and footpaths and work with parishioners to run community events and support them in any way we can. We will continue to fight for traffic calming and aim to enlarge the AEMG play area and maintain the MUGA. We do our work with the support of you the parishioners so please continue to help us. I leave the Parish Council today in the competent hands of the other Councillors (to whom I promise a comprehensive handover) and thank you all.

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Parish Clerk produced the following report. Copies had been distributed to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting and were available for the members of the public present. The Clerk explained each item.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT/NOTES ATTACHED TO THE PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31/3/2025

ASSETS.

Movements in the year :

- a) New Pavilion Built in this financial year.
- b) Old Pavilion demolished and disposed of during this financial year.
 - 1 X Defibrillator for Pavilion Purchased.
- c) At 31st March 2025 the following assets were held :-

4 x Defibrillators	Purchase Price	£4,895.25	
Pavilion	Insurance Value	£750,000.00	
Parish Hall	Insurance Value	£345,407.00	(67.8%)
Street Furniture	Insurance Value	£10,302.42	
Gates and Fences	Insurance Value	£2,906.56	
War Memorials	Insurance value	£42,077.88	
Playground Equipment	Insurance Value	£54,397.41	
Sports Equipment	Insurance Value	£3,150.66	
Natural Sports Surfaces	Insurance Value	£16,196.04	
Office Contents	Insurance Value	£6,932.36	
Portable Flood Lights	Insurance Value	£2,612.08	
General Contents	Insurance Value	£22,202.00	
		<u>£1,261,079.66</u>	

BORROWINGS.

At the close of business on 31st March 2025 there were no loans to the Parish Council.

LEASES.

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
	<u>772,421.46</u>

Opening Balance 1 st April 2024	345,430.97
Plus Income	511,067.33
	<u>856,498.30</u>

Less Expenditure	772,421.46
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BANK RECONCILIATION 31ST March 2025
Bank Accounts 31/3/2025

Treasurers Current Account - 00262724	= £ 38,527.74
Treasurers Project Account - 86208968	= £ 0.00
High Interest Deposit Account - 06173812	= £ 47,070.52
	= <u>£ 85,598.26</u>

Less Payments not presented 31/3/2025

Cheques.

No 357	£ 263.73
No 473	£ 334.46
No 544	£ 78.00
No 493	£ 167.23

Faster Payment Internet Banking

£ 678.00
£ 1,521.42

= **£85,076.84**

The Clerk reported that the accounts are currently with the Internal Auditor Mr Paul Reynolds.

Adoption of presented Accounts for the Year 2023/2024 was proposed by Cllr S MacDonald. Seconded by Cllr C Sanger. All agreed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH BDO LLP.

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

The following will be signed off at the June Meeting once the Accounts have been signed off by the Internal Auditor:

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2024/2025
ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2024/2025

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

TRAFFIC CALMING – An up-date on Traffic Calming was requested.

Cllr Mr S MacDonald reported that HCC have committed to the 20MPH speed limit and the erection of Flashing Speed Reminder Signs. HCC have committed to implementing both schemes by March 2026.

Cllr Mr S MacDonald reported that he has tried hard to get the whole of the village included in the 20MPH Speed Limit but has been unsuccessful. The remaining areas not covered in phase one will be included in phase 2.

Mr Michael Crowe wished to thank Cllr Mrs K Dixon for all that she has done during her time as Parish Council Chairman and presented her with a bunch of flowers.

Mr Fox reported on the following:

1. Mr Fox and Cllr Mr S MacDonald have been involved in a project to improve the Pay Equipment on the AEMG and have been looking at equipment and funding. There is a potential £20,000 budget and 7 potential suppliers.
2. Come Alive 25 held their first event at the AEMG that was well attended. Requests for Tia Chi classes and Keep Fit have been received and will be followed up.
3. The Cricket Club were not successful with their applications for funding from the Cricket Association and as reported earlier have raised the funding for the Cricket Nets through Crow Funding. The Cricket Team is negotiating with Sport England for future improvements.

Mr Fox also wished to thank Cllr Mrs K Dixon for the hard work she has done during her time on the Parish Council. The Community is now a better place!

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.