

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd of July 2025 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

Present: Cllr Mr A Meek – Acting Chairman
Cllr Mr I Cleife
Cllr Mr S MacDonald – Parish and Borough Councillor
Cllr Mrs P Bunche
Cllr Mrs B Hunt
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr D Drew
Borough Councillor Mrs S Hasselmann – Palestine Ward.
Members of the Public – 2

Apologies: Cllr Mr M Goodman – Chairman, Cllr Mr C Sanger – Vice Chairman and
Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood – Palestine Ward.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Cllr Mr A Meek signed the minutes of the June meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Hunt and seconded by Cllr Mr S MacDonald.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES:

PAVILION – The hire rates are being discussed and yet to be agreed, Cllr Mr A Meek agreed to take charge of this task. **Action: Cllr Mr A Meek.**

It was agreed that Cllrs Meek, Hunt and Cleife will oversee the running of the pavilion.
CLEANER - Cllr Mrs P Bunche put together a job description for the cleaner that was distributed to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. There have been 5 applicants for the Cleaner Job, interviews will be held and the successful applicant will be given a 3 month trial period.

PARISH HALL – Cllr Mrs B Hunt reported that the Robot Hoover is working, a trial was conducted in the Meeting Room and it will now move to the main hall.

APOLOGY – Cllr Mr A Meek reported that he had submitted an apology to the Wallop Parish News for any offence caused by the flowers that were placed on the War Memorial on VE Day.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Clerk reported that he has been notified by Test Valley Borough Council that the Parish Council can co-opt to fill the vacancy.

The Clerk reported that Sarah Kynaston Drumm from Palestine has expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council to represent the Palestine Ward and will attend the September Meeting.

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 have no large land reserves to accommodate the 78% increase in new homes set by the Government. The recently published Draft Borough Plan identifies several large sites for development – 1000 homes in Weyhill, 80 in Palestine and 80 in Thrupton. The Government is keen to promote sites that are

near the transport infrastructure. Test Valley Borough Council are hosting meetings in various villages on the Draft Borough Plan. Grateley Village Hall on the 10th of July 2025. 4pm – 6pm. and Stockbridge Town Hall on the 16th of July 2025. 3.30pm – 6.30pm.

- The Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council proposals for the splitting of Hampshire under devolution are out for consultation. Links will be available on the Hub and Website.

FINANCE – July 2025

INCOME.

Bank Interest	35.74
	<u>£35.74</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:		£
Tree Technique	Remove Fallen Tree	570.00
Playsafety Limited	PA inspections	201.60
MG Cavill	Parish Hall Batteries	18,960.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	47.50
P Reynolds	Audit Fee	975.00
Business Stream	Pavilion Water	45.33
Bank Charge		19.95
SSE	Street Lighting	396.86
Mark Lovell	Grass Cutting	1,350.00
The Wallops Community Shop – Grant		2,000.00
	Total =	<u>£24,566.24</u>

Total Expenditure = **£25,601.46**

Bank Account Balances

After above movements	
Current Account	= £ 3,675.22
Premier Interest	= £ 62,976.66
No 2 A/C	= £ 103.00
	<u>£66,754.88</u>

Breakdown of Funds held:

Working Balance = £11,681.37

Reserves:

General Reserves	= £ 16,000.00
Street light Replacement Fund	= £ 1,000.00
Over Wallop Community Fund	= £ 1,496.00
Parish Hall	= £ 500.00
	<u>= £ 18,996.00</u>

Pavilion Project = £ 36,077.51

TOTAL FUNDS HELD = £66,754.88

The Parish Council agreed with the financial report. Proposed by Cllr Mr I Cleife and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Hunt.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR D DREW:

- Booking for the Hampshire Summer Activities is now open. Details on the Hampshire County Council Website.
- HCC have put together a £12.5 Million support package for financially challenged households.
- Gary Westbrook has been appointed the new Chief Executive of Hampshire County Council.
- HCC are putting in the infrastructure to deal with the estimated 30 – 50 tons of food waste that will be collected every week starting on the 13th of October 2025. The plant will produce methane gas and fertilizer.
- HCC are looking at a road/lane rental scheme for the utility companies accessing the roads for maintenance. Lane rental has been tried elsewhere, and feedback has been favorable.

PLANNING.

25/01242/TREEN – Fell Ash Trees – 3 Northern Farm Cottages, Station Road, Over Wallop. – NO COMMENT.

25/01428/TREEN – Fell Ash Trees – St Peters Church, Station Road, Over Wallop – NO COMMENT.

VJ DAY.

Cllr Mr A Meek reported that the services of a retired vicar have been secured to give a short service at the War Memorial on the 17th of August 2025. The service to be given will celebrate the end of the war. Posters to advertise the event have been designed and will be displayed around the village and in the parish news and on the hub.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

CLLR MRS B HUNT – Reported that the batteries have been fitted in the Parish Hall. The Parish Hall Management Committee are due to meet the following week. The Parish Hall has been booked for a Carbon Neutral event.

Cllr Mrs B Hunt reported that she has been researching an on-line booking system for the Pavilion and felt that at this moment in time a good old-fashioned diary will suffice. The Parish Council were happy to go with Cllr Mrs B Hunts suggestion and felt that an online booking service can be added at a later date if needed. **Action: Cllr Mrs B Hunt.**

CLLR MRS P BUNCHE– Reported that she has been consulting with the children at the Primary School regarding their thoughts on Play Equipment. Some great ideas were highlighted and these have been forwarded to Cllr Mr S MacDonald.

Cllr Mrs P Bunche stated that she has also consulted with older children outside the Wallop Shop and the overriding request was the provision of a Skateboard/BMX Track.

CLLR MR I CLEIFE – Reported that several concerns from parishioners have been raised regarding the digging up of one of the footpaths around the AEMG to provide humps and dips for BMX bikes for children. Cllr Mr I Cleife felt this was classed as criminal damage and it has been reported to the Police. County Councillor Mr D Drew offered to make enquiries on this issue. **Action: Councillor Mr D Drew.**

CLLR MR S MACDONALD – Reported that the final parts for the finishing of the telephone box are due to be fitted over the next few weeks.

The Play Park Consultation is now live on the Hub and paper copies will be available at the Village Fete.

Village Maps and Volunteering Leaflets will be available on the Parish Council Stand at the Village Fete.

Speed Watch looks as though it will be started again with interest expressed by residents from Over Wallop, Nether Wallop and Grateley. It was noted that the equipment needs to be checked for battery condition and possibly re-calibration. It was thought that the equipment was stored in the Nether Wallop Village Hall.

Cllr Mr S MacDonald reported that there is an offer on until the end of July on the purchase of Solar Powered Flashing Speed Signs – 2 for £4,500, a saving of £500. These signs have a USB and Bluetooth connection and give a comprehensive report on traffic movements and speeds. (These signs are the same as the ones in Shipton Bellinger on the A338). All the Parish Council agreed to proceed with the purchase. Proposed by Cllr Mr S MacDonald and seconded by Cllr Mr I Cleife. **ACTION: Parish Clerk.**

CLLR MR A MEEK – Spoke about recent correspondence from Mr Andy Fox, distributed to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. This included the following topics:

Pavilion and Cleaning

Pavilion Cleaner

OWCC Practice Nets

Come Alive in '25' Activities

OWCC support for the village shop and a community event to raise money for the shop.

The Parish Council thought that holding an event in August 2025 on the AEMG was a great idea and agreed that there would be no charge for the use of the facility.

VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE.

A cheque has been raised for the £2,000 Grant the Parish Council agreed for the Shop and Post Office to assist with marketing and professional help. The Parish Council agreed that they would invite the Wallop Shop to come to the September Parish Council Meeting for an up-date.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

Cllr Mr A Meek thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 4th of September 2025 in the Pavilion, Salisbury Lane, Over Wallop at 7.30pm.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

www.overwallopparishcouncil.org.uk

IN CAMERA MEETING.

The Parish Council held an 'IN-Camera' Meeting following this meeting to discuss the Roles and Responsibilities of the Parish Councillors and the Tendering for the Tree Work on the AEMG.

Cllr Mr M Goodman attended the 'In-Camera' Meeting.