

Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4th October 2024 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

Present: Cllr K Dixon – Chairman
Cllr Mr C Sanger – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs B Hunt
Cllr Mr I Cleife
Cllr Mr M Goodman
County Councillor Mr D Drew
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 4

Apologies: Cllr Mr S MacDonald – Parish and Borough Councillor, Mrs Bunche and Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood – Palestine Ward.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.

The Chairman reported Mrs Bev Hunt will be co-opted on to the Parish Council at this meeting and it is planned to co-opt Mrs Bunche and Mr Meek onto the Parish Council at the November meeting.

Cllr Mr I Cleife proposed that Mrs Bev Hunt be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Mr M Goodman. All agreed. Mrs B Hunt signed the Declaration of Office. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs B Hunt onto the Parish Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

The Parish Council, being the applicant for planning application 24/02002/FULLN declare an interest but will be submitting a SUPPORT comment.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman then signed the minutes of the September meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr C Sanger and seconded by Cllr M Cleife.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR S MACDONALD.

Borough Councillor Mr S MacDonald will send Mid Test Valley Matters to the Chairman to put on the Hub.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

- The Chairman confirmed that the replacement of a new swing seat and fitting Pigeon Spikes on the AEMG is in hand. It is also planned to give the wooden tree house a coat of stain to help hide the graffiti.
- A draft lease/license for the sports teams has been sent to the Sports Working Party for comment.
- It has been confirmed that the Shop Committee are coming in November to give a presentation to the Parish Council 'In Camera'. A further presentation will be given at a later meeting.
- The bat boxes have been installed on the Alan Evans Memorial Ground. A complaint from a parishioner has been received and one of the boxes will be relocated.
- SWT have been contacted to ask for a quote for the tree survey that is due.
- The Chairman attended a recent Neighbourhood Watch Group meeting. It was helpful to be able to talk to other Parishes to gain their experience of NHW. The Police were present and very helpful. The Police urge residents to report all crimes and have accepted an invitation to the official opening of the new Pavilion.

FINANCE.

Financial Report October 2024

INCOME.

TVBC ½ Precept	£21,000.00
Bank Interest	£116.60
Grants Pavilion	£90,293.16
VAT Refund	£35,155.69
Donations Tel Box	£910.00
Total =	<u>£147,475.45</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Standing Orders:		£
R.N. Waterman	Wages	560.00
Came and Company	Insurance	335.69
TVBC	Grass Cutting	180.68
SBPC	Storage	10.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses and Website	14.00
VIXIT	Grounds Maintenance	198.00
Total =		<u>£1,298.37</u>

Cheques Issued:		£
Mr C Wilkins – Village Maintenance		331.35
Business Stream – Pavilion Water		42.57
Mark Lovell – Grass Cutting		930.00
R.N. Waterman – Expenses		43.50
Guyatts – Telephone Box Removal		618.00
Electric Workz – Telephone Box electrics		99.00
Total =		<u>£2,064.42</u>

PAVILION PROJECT.

CFW	Architects Fees	1,530.00
Millway Builders		208,441.21
TVBC Fees		146.50
Total =		<u>£210,117.71</u>

Total Expenditure = **£213,480.05**

Bank Account Balances

After above movements

Current Account	= £ 32,036.01
Premier Interest	= £ 70,923.58
Allotments	= £ 976.46
	<u>£103,936.05</u>

Breakdown of Funds held:

Working Balance = £26,341.07

Reserves:

General Reserves	= £ 12,710.29
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
Telephone Box Project	= £ 1,805.00
	<u>=£ 22,511.29</u>

Pavilion Project = £54,107.23

TOTAL FUNDS HELD	= £102,959.59
Allotments	= £ 976.46
	= <u>£103,936.05</u>

Proposed by Cllr Mr C Sanger and Seconded by Cllr Mr M Goodman.

2023/2024 AUDIT – BDO.

The Clerk reported that BDO Southampton have signed off the 2023/2024 Audit and raised the following Points:

- The smaller Authority has not published a copy of the consolidated AGAR on its website for the public to access and review.
- The smaller Authority has provide a consolidated unsigned version of section 2, the Accounting Statement which includes the 67.8% share of the Wallops Parish Hall Joint Committee. This copy was submitted with the consolidated figures. However it is unsigned whereas the unconsolidated version is, so for completeness both versions have been included.
- The smaller Authority have not provided and engagement letter scoping the internal Audit, no minutes appointing the internal Auditor for 2023/2024 nor minutes containing their annual review of the effectiveness of the internal arrangements. Therefore, they do not have the required evidence, or minute, that they are complying with the requirements.

The Parish Council noted these points. The Clerk will endeavor to include the points in the 2024/2025 Audit submission.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR.

The Parish Council agreed that they were happy with the service received from Mr Paul Reynolds regarding the internal audit of the Parish Council accounts. The Parish Council agreed that Mr P Reynolds will continue to be contracted to carry out the yearly Audit of the Parish Council Accounts and accepted his 3% increase in fees. Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Dixon and seconded by Cllr Mr I Cleife. All agreed. The Clerk will put this in writing to Mr P Reynolds.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR D DREW.

The Chairman will put Cllr Mr D Drew's report on the Hub. Cllr Mr D Drew highlighted the following from the report as a note of interest:

- There is an article on improving strength for Older People to help prevent falls. It has been reported that 86,000 people over the age of 64 have had a fall this year.
- There is an article on Children's National Inclusion Week.
- Residents can now apply for their chosen school places.
- HCC are looking at future services for 2025/2026 – looking ahead for what funding may be required.

PLANNING.

24/02142/FULLN – Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, replace existing Nissen hut and installation of garden cabin, erection of 3 bay car port and replace existing septic tank with package treatment plant – Blossom House, Mount Carmel Road, Palestine – SUPPORT.

24/02002/FULLN – Addition of security shutters and external lighting to Pavilion – Sports Pavilion, Alan Evans Memorial Ground, Salisbury Lane, Over Wallop – SUPPORT.

PAVILION PROJECT.

The Chairman was pleased to report that Millway Builders have handed over the Pavilion and the Parish Council can now get on with kitting it out. The security shutters and intruder alarm still need to be installed. The Chairman invited those present to view the

Pavilion with the Parish Council after the meeting. Cllr Mr M Goodman suggested that the Chairman source a defibrillator for the Pavilion. All agreed.

The Chairman reported that the Sports Working Party have been tasked with putting procedures in place for the running of the pavilion. Cllr Mr I Cleife reported that the Sports Working Party have had a meeting, and their recommendations are being typed up ready to present to the Parish Council.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

CLLR MR C SANGER – Thanked the Chairman for representing Over Wallop at the September Group meeting. Cllr Mr C Sanger reported that Neighbourhood Watch is going from strength to strength.

CLLR MRS B HUNT – Reported that she has taken over the bookings. The Bank Accounts have yet to be transferred across so Christian Anstis is still acting as Treasurer. The hand over is going smoothly.

CLLR MR S MACDONALD – In his absence the Chairman reported that there has been no news from SSE about the resilience battery grant for the Wallops Parish Hall, that the new website is being progressed and there is a meeting in early November about 20mph and the cost breakdown of traffic calming measures.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

7th November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parish Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

www.overwallopparishcouncil.org.uk