

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL held at
Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough,
on Monday 22nd June 2026 at 7pm

Cllrs present: Kathy Glanville (Chair), John Emmins, David Hayward, Colin Offer, Gary Sumner.

In attendance: Laura Evans (Clerk), Ward Cllr Matt Hinton and four members of the public.

Minute Ref: FC/27.07/26

1. Apologies

Cllr John Warr and Cllr Nathan Morse

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Kathy Glanville and Cllr Gary Sumner declared an interest, as they are core members of the SSPG. Cllr Dave Hayward declared an interest due to being allotment plot holders. Cllr Colin Offer declared an interest in agenda item 9ii.

3. Minutes

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22nd June 2026 were approved and signed as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Richard Bellamny **Seconded:** Cllr Gary Sumner, unanimously approved.

4. Review of Action List from Previous Meeting

The meeting noted the action list.

IT Training with Cloudy IT - The Council agreed that, as August is a peak holiday period and availability may be limited, it would be preferable to arrange two training sessions in September to maximise attendance.

Website - The Clerk advised that an email had been sent to Cllrs Richard Bellamy, David Hayward and John Warr requesting their availability to attend a Website Working Group meeting, with the aim of progressing the development and launch of the new Parish Council website.

5. Public Questions

The meeting adjourned for public session at 7:04pm

A resident wrote to the Clerk seeking clarification as to why Wanborough Parish Council had not commented on several New Eastern Villages (NEV) planning applications. The resident noted that the following applications did not appear on Parish Council agendas and therefore did not appear to have been discussed or considered by the Council:

- **S/AMEND/25/1440** - Lotmead: Amendment to planning permission **S/OUT/19/0582** to revise the wording of Condition 18. The resident stated that this amendment increased the number of dwellings permitted to use the Wanborough Road access from 200 to 415. The application has since been approved.
- **S/AMEND/25/1305** - Lotmead: Amendment to planning permission **S/OUT/19/0582** to revise the wording of Condition 22. The resident stated that this amendment allows more than 200 dwellings to be occupied before the Southern Connector Road (SCR) is opened. This application has also been approved.
The resident expressed concern that the original limit of 200 dwellings using Wanborough Road had been imposed for a specific reason and that increasing this number to 415 could have a significant impact on traffic levels through the village.
The resident also drew attention to a further application:
- **S/AMEND/26/0773** - Non-Material Amendment to planning permission **S/OUT/19/0582** relating to the timing of access and the connection of the Lotmead development to the Southern Connector Road. The resident stated that this amendment seeks to allow up to 1,200 dwellings to be served

via Wanborough Road until the SCR is opened and questioned why this application had not been considered by the Parish Council.

The Clerk reviewed the planning log and correspondence records but was unable to locate any notifications relating to the above applications. The matter will therefore be raised with the Planning Department at Swindon Borough Council to establish why the applications were not received by the Parish Council for consideration.

Four residents attended the meeting to discuss planning application **S/26/0825** and to provide Members with background information relating to the proposal. The residents explained that their horses can no longer safely use the fields at the front of the property due to members of the public allowing dogs to roam off leads. They advised that the premises is not operated as a business and that the work vans located on site are parked there overnight only. The residents stated that their family has longstanding ties to Wanborough and that the application would enable their children and grandchildren to remain living close to family members within the village. The residents also explained that they are proposing a one-way access system to the site in an effort to improve vehicle movements and safety. Members noted that the original planning permission for the main house included a single access point, whereas the current proposal would require two access points, and this was discussed as part of the application's consideration. Cllr Gary Sumner reported that several objections had been received in relation to the application. One concern related to pedestrian safety, as Kings Lane is a public footpath. It was suggested that the applicant's consultant should provide further clarification on how pedestrians would be able to use the route safely should the development proceed.

The meeting readjourned at 7:25pm

6. Finance

- a. **Resolved:** The orders of payments for July were approved.
Proposed: Cllr Gary Sumner **Seconded:** Cllr John Emmins and unanimously approved.
- b. **Resolved:** The meeting received and noted the Payments and Receipts Summary Report.
- c. **Resolved:** The meeting received and noted the Detailed Cost Centre Spend report.

7. Report from Swindon Borough Council (SBC) Ward Councillor

The report is attached to the minutes in appendix 2

The Ward Councillors will be meeting with the Senior Coordinators of Streetwise at SBC to provide feedback on the recent Foxhill Road closure.

As the members present wished to give feedback on the Foxhill Road closure the meeting agreed to bring agenda 16 forward.

Concerns were raised that the road closure had been inadequately assessed and that insufficient signage was provided. It was further reported that Traffic Marshals were not present throughout the day and that there were no stewards stationed at The Hollow. The volume of traffic was considered excessive, with the car park reaching full capacity and visitors subsequently being directed to park off-site. This resulted in significant traffic and parking issues in the Foxhill/Ridgeway area.

The meeting agreed that the scale of the event has now outgrown the venue.

Cllr Gary Sumner explained that the situation was further exacerbated by a fatal accident on the M4 on the day of the event.

On 30 July, the Ward Councillors will meet with the Service Director at SBC to discuss issues across the Ward. Cllr Richard Bellamy stated that Planning Enforcement matters needs to be addressed. Cllr Kathy Glanville suggested that any Councillor wishing to raise concerns should email either Cllr Gary Sumner or Cllr Matt Hinton in advance of the meeting.

Ward Cllr Matt Hinton left the meeting at 7:47pm

8. Reports

- a) Clerk's update- The meeting noted the Clerk's report. It was highlighted that brambles are encroaching around the trampoline area in Church Meadow. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the contractor to attend and clear the area prior to the Wanborough Show.
 - b) Chairs update- The Chair reported that residents have raised concerns regarding dangerous parking on the corner of The Beanlands. It was suggested that photographs of any incidents are taken and forwarded to Cllr Gary Sumner, who can raise the matter with Highways. Cllr Richard Bellamy further suggested that the local PCSO should also be notified of the concerns.
- Allotments- The draft Allotment Provision document has been sent to Covingham PC for discussion at their next Full Council meeting.

9. Planning

a) To consider the following planning applications received from SBC awaiting comment:

- i. **S/26/0825**- Land Off Kite Hill, Wanborough - Erection of 3 no. self-build dwellings (Class C3), garages and associated works.

Resolved: The meeting agreed to the following objection;

Wanborough Parish Council objects to application S/26/0825 and requests that planning permission be refused.

The proposal represents inappropriate residential development on an open countryside site outside the Wanborough settlement boundary. It would materially harm the rural landscape character and village-edge setting of Wanborough, urbanise the existing access lanes, adversely affect public footpath WA9 and fail to provide safe and effective pedestrian and cycle access. The Council further supports the formal refusal recommendations of the Local Highway Authority and Lead Local Flood Authority. The limited benefit of three self-build dwellings does not outweigh the identified landscape, accessibility, highway-safety, drainage, rights-of-way and residential-amenity harms.

While the Council may seek to rely on the presumption in favour of sustainable development due to a lack of a demonstrable five-year housing land supply, the application of the "tilted balance" does not automatically outweigh all other material considerations. The proposal constitutes back land development, a form of development that has previously been resisted by the local planning authority and is contrary to the views expressed by Wanborough Parish Council, which has consistently opposed inappropriate back land development that erodes the character of the village.

Furthermore, there is an ongoing application before Swindon Borough Council relating to the establishment of a definitive public footpath linking Kite Hill to WA9

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/downloads/file/11361/wa45_application_form

This application has been under consideration for approximately three years. The existence of this unresolved public rights of way matter is a material consideration and introduces uncertainty regarding public access, movement patterns, and the future use of land in the vicinity of the proposed development. Determination of the current application should therefore take into account the potential implications of the outstanding definitive map application before any irreversible changes are permitted.

Cllr Offer left the meeting due to declaring an interest.

- ii. **S/HOU/26/0815** (closing date for comment 10th August)- 10 Badgers Close, Wanborough, Swindon SN4 0EN- Erection of first floor side and single storey rear extensions.

Resolved: The meeting agreed that there is no objection to this planning application.

However, Members have a query regarding the red line boundary shown on the block plan, as they are not satisfied that the site curtilage has been correctly identified and would welcome clarification on ownership.

- iii. **Planning Appeal- S/25/1266** (comments 21st August)- The Bungalow, The Marsh, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AS- Demolition of existing dwelling & erection of 1no. replacement dwelling, including change of use of part of paddock to residential curtilage.

Resolved: The meeting agreed that there had been no change to the comments previously submitted in respect of the planning application

b) To note applications determined by SBC since previous meeting (attached)

- i. **S/TWC/26/0733**- Hill Top, Kite Hill, Wanborough, Swindon- Works to trees within a Conservation Area- Granted.

10. Hoopers Licenses Update

Resolved: A meeting will be held on 8th September to discuss and better understand what the Parish Council wishes to achieve with the Hoopers Sports Pavilion, and to determine the most appropriate way forward regarding the required licences.

11. The National Allotment Society

Resolved: The meeting agreed for the purchase of an annual subscription to the National Allotment Society for the cost of £70 + VAT

Proposed: Cllr Richard Bellamy **Seconded:** Cllr Gary Sumner and unanimously approved.

12. Grounds Maintenance Tender 2027-2029

Following discussion, the meeting agreed that the tender document should be amended to specify that the first grass cut of each season is to be undertaken on a cut-and-collect basis, with all arisings removed from site. Tenderers should also be asked to provide costs for any additional collections that may be required during the contract period. All grass cuttings collected under these operations must be removed from site.

Resolved: Following these amendments, the meeting approved the Tender Document.

Proposed: Cllr Gary Sumner **Seconded:** Cllr Kathy Glanville and was unanimously agreed.

13. Wanborough Show

Resolved: Cllr Gary Sumner and Cllr Richard Bellamy will undertake the pre- and post-event field inspections and will liaise directly with the Show organisers to make the necessary arrangements

14. Wanborough Show Grant Request

A grant request for £250 for replacement trophies for the show was considered. Cllr David Hayward requested that more information be provided by the show, as to why funding for the trophies is being sought from WPC.

Resolved: The meeting agreed for the Clerk to seek further clarity.

15. Public Consultation - Council Strategy

Resolved: The consultation was reviewed and considered by the meeting. It was agreed that sections requesting respondents' age range and address should be added to the survey.

Once amended, the survey will be published on the Parish Council website and Facebook page using SurveyMonkey. To ensure the consultation is accessible to all residents, paper copies will also be made available at the Farmers' Market and the Coffee Morning.

16. Foxhill Motocross

This item was discussed under agenda item 7

17. Noticeboards

The meeting considered whether to refurbish or purchase new noticeboards due to the conditions of the current boards in place.

Resolved: The meeting agreed for quotations to be sought for two wooden noticeboards and one metal for Hoopers and for these quotes to be bought to the meeting at the end of September.

18. Tree Work

The Clerk sought advice from the Tree Surgeon regarding Tree T1 on the Lower Recreation Ground and whether any action was required at this time. The Tree Surgeon advised that no immediate work is necessary and agreed with the recommendation in the survey to continue monitoring the tree and arrange further inspection in 12 months' time.

The meeting closed at 8:51pm

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Ward Councillor update July 2026

Foxhill MotoX

The event was well attended but this caused considerable traffic problems, particularly on Sunday morning, with traffic queuing to enter the site from the B4192 crossroads.

We received reports of a large amount of traffic queuing on The Hollow, as well as reports of aggregate spilled on the Callas Hill crossroads which we raised with SBC and was eventually cleared.

In the afternoon the car park reached capacity and visitors were directed to park off site. This caused major issues around the Foxhill / Ridgeway car park. We will be meeting with the Streetworks team at SBC, who agreed the closure of Callas Hill from the crossroads uphill, to discuss what can be done better next year.

We will also discuss the Half Marathon on the 27th September.

Rural verge cuts

The contract has been agreed and an instruction sent to the contractor to commence; the work will start with sight lines, and we have requested sight of the programme. At the weekend, we cut back both branches and weeds on Callas Hill to improve visibility.

Planning enforcement

We continue to receive complaints about noise from the Inlands Farm greyhound rescue centre and have raised this with the SBC enforcement officer.

Footpath 44

Works have now been completed by Swindon Borough Council to open this long closed public footpath. We have received really positive comments from residents now that the path is open.

Pack Hill

New yellow A-frame signage saying 'No construction access' will be placed at the roundabout. If residents spot construction traffic, please either photograph or take the company name and time and let us know.

Planning Application – Kite Hill

We have called this application into Planning Committee due to the inappropriate access to the site along Kings Lane as well as the principle of additional development.

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Clerk's Report

27th July 2026

Broken Fingerpost

The fingerpost adjacent to the mini-roundabout has been damaged and knocked down. The contractor has collected the post for safekeeping and is currently assessing the requirements and associated works necessary to reinstate it.

Lower Rec Play Park

A resident contacted me regarding how overgrown with brambles etc around and in the playpark.



I brought this to the contractor's attention and suggested that his team undertake a more thorough trim around the park's perimeter, allowing the allocated Maintenance hours to be focused on grass cutting within the park itself.

Broken Bridge FP 26

Confirmation has been received from SBC that the bridge on FP26 has now been mended.

IT Training

Two virtual dates will be chosen to hold an IT session with CloudyIT, concentrating on Teams.

Digital AGAR

Attended the online Digital AGAR course with Scribe. Next year the Annual Governance and Accounting Return will be submitted online rather than having to scan the documents in and send to the External Auditor.

Handyperson

With the Staffing Committee two interviews have been carried out for the Handyperson position.

Hooper's

I have been trying to find a similar arrangement elsewhere to help us better understand the options available for the Club's licences. This work is ongoing. However, an extraordinary meeting will be held in September to discuss the future of Hooper's and determine the best way forward.

Swindon Travel Choices

October Half term cycling event- With the clocks going back it's a good time to do some promotion on "be bright be seen" and we can do a bike lights and fluorescent goodies giveaway.

The date I've put aside is Friday 23rd October 11am – 3pm.

The use of the car park at Hoopers Field (about half a dozen parking spaces) for a bike mechanic, plus a gazebo.- This will be added to the September agenda.