

## Planning [Slide N]

1. New Eastern Villages. – The year followed the pattern of the previous year as applications were submitted to discharge Conditions and Reserved Matters from the Outline Planning Permissions. The current situation for the NEV developments are:
  - Lotmead - Outline permission granted for 2,700 dwellings and the first discharge of conditions have been submitted. New plans have been submitted that reduce the houses with access to Wanborough Road to 6 while the rest are accessed from the SCR. This means there will no longer be a bus gate for bus access from the main development to Wanborough Road. Parish Council are pleased as we always objected to this because of concerns on how it would be enforced.
  - Land East of Wanborough Road (Green Land) - Outline planning permission has just been received for up to 275 dwellings which includes “A vehicular connection onto Wanborough Road, to serve a small cluster of development”, the remaining houses accessed from the SCR.
  - Land North of Redlands – Application for 248 houses which together with the Green Land application to the west fills the area between Lotmead and Redlands developments. SBC are currently not accepting the current proposal for a number of reasons including encroachment on open countryside and area on non-coalescence, and extends beyond the NEV boundary.
  - Redlands - Reserved applications have been approved for the first phase of 160 dwellings to be built out of the total of 370 proposed. Reserved applications for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase are currently ongoing.
  - Redlands New Primary School – Parish Council do not object to a school being built at the Redlands site as we realise a Primary School is needed however we have strongly objected to the proposed design of the new Primary School. The design includes a 13.7m high building that is more suited to an urban environment than a school within close proximity of the rural countryside and within the setting of the AONB.
  - Foxbridge South – Outline planning application for 358 houses has just been submitted.
  - Foxbridge North – The Planning Inspector allowed an appeal by the developers for 220 houses which focused on the S106 Agreement. There will probably be a revised application as a result.

## 2. Southern Connector Road and Wanborough Road.

Parish Council has commented on these proposals, highlighting the harm and impact on the rural nature of the village but found in most cases the decisions had already been made and proposals approved and signed off by SBC Highways.

SCR –Parish Council submitted an objection to SBC about the street lights and the large road sign at the bottom of Pack Hill but this was not accepted. The latest information is that the SCR will open in “summer” this year.

Wanborough Road – *to add inc Working Party WRAG?*

## 3. SBC Local Plan Review to 2036 – The three sites in the current Local Plan have been carried forward and includes the provision for 50 houses in the parish

- Land off Hewer’s Close
- Land North of Warneage Green.
- Land at Croft Yard – Construction has started but there is a delay to resolve technical issue.

There is currently a third Consultation and SBC requested landowners submit proposals for developments to be added.

## 4. It has to be said that in terms of planning for the New Eastern Villages and Southern Connector Road it has been a very challenging time for the Parish Council. On occasions Discharges of Conditions have been received for comment after the work has been done. There are a considerable number of documents to review for each application and on a number of occasions each application could have several revisions so this has resulted in a considerable amount of work.

## **Finance**

### **For the Financial Year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

#### **Income [Slide N]**

5. Majority of the Parish Council’s income was received from the Precept, £103k. Parish Council received outstanding S106 funds of £18k and a Platinum Jubilee Grant of £7.5k. Hooper’s Field subscriptions was £11k but letting income was just £60. Allotment income was £1.3k

#### **Expenditure [Slide N]**

6. Administration along with Footpaths and Village Maintenance accounted for the biggest expenditure, £78k. Equipment £8k, and Platinum Jubilee celebrations £6k and Hooper’s Field expenses were £25k.
7. Parish Council gave a number of grants totalling £3.5k to local community groups including:-
  - St Andrew’s Church - £950

- Wanborough Village Hall - £600
  - St Andrew's Church Flower Club - £100
  - Wanborough JFC £400
  - Wanborough Farmer's Market £400
  - Wanborough Coffee morning £100
8. Capital expenditure included:-
- Rodway Sculpture £5,040
  - Litter Bins £1,297
  - Defibulator Cabinet at Foxhill £550

**Going forward to the current financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 [Slide N]**

9. The total budget for 2023/24 is £117K, with a precept of £112k which is £114.05 per band D. This is an increase of £3.32 per year per band D or 3%. We are still considerably lower than a number of other Parishes in Swindon Borough.
10. As a Parish Council we always try to keep our costs down and to spend wisely. We also actively look to gain grants and other funding wherever possible, the Platinum Jubilee Lottery Grant is one example. The transfer of village maintenance continue to create additional work for our Parish Clerk and handyman.
11. Parish Council continued to argue that SBC's decision that there is no Developer Funds allocated for Wanborough from the New Eastern Villages, even though over a third of the new housing is in our parish, is unrealistic. The assumption is that there will be no effect on the facilities in Wanborough and the surrounding villages because these are all mitigated within the New Eastern Villages is clearly unrealistic because, for example, the security of the allotments has been compromised by the new footpath along Wanborough Road, and the will be residents wanting to use sports facilities many years before the sports hub is built in the NEV.