

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning & Finance Committee meeting held on
Wednesday 11th November at 7pm via Zoom

Present: Colin Hayes (Chair), Mark Simpson, Bob Biggs

In attendance: Parish Clerk

- 1 Apologies: Joe Smith and Colin Offer
- 2 Declaration of interest: No interests declared

THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

No public questions received

3. To Consider Revised Planning Applications received:-

S/COND/20/1397 – Southern Connector Road (SCR) - Discharge of conditions 4 - (Tree Felling and Pond Filling) and 5 (Construction Environmental Management Plan) from Planning Permission S/19/0703

Resolved: Parish Council agreed to raise a concern in relation to the area of hedge line that is planned to be removed going up Pack Hill. Parish Council realise a section needs to be removed to allow the new junction to be constructed however the area of hedge due to be removed seems excessive. This will have a detrimental impact on the rural feel to Pack Hill which borders the AONB.

S/EIA/20/1369 – Land East of Wanborough Road - Request for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Opinion for a proposed development.

Resolved: Parish Council agreed to highlight the following important areas to be considered as part of the EIA:-

- The site is very close to the scheduled monument near Lotmead (National Heritage List for England No. 1004684). Due to the close proximity of this scheduled monument it is extremely important that on site archaeology survey is carried out.
- The site is very prone to flooding and on site survey needs to be carried out.

It is important that all surveys are carried out on site and not just desk based.

In addition to the above Parish Council would like to make the following initial objections to the “Initial Concept Masterplan):-

- There should be no access onto Wanborough Road, access to any development at this site must only be from the Southern Connector Road. SBC have stated this road will be delivered so there is no need to have access onto Wanborough Road. Wanborough Road will not cope with the additional traffic this development will bring.
- The proposal once again just seems to be a housing estate with no other facilities. With the number of houses being proposed there should be facilities included within the proposal including, small shop, school, open spaces, play areas, woodland planting etc to ensure the development is a nice place to live.

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S/COND/20/1361 – Redlands (NEV) - Discharge of condition 39 (Thames Water - Waste Water) from previous permission S/OUT/16/0021.

Resolved: Parish Council support the view and letter received from Thames Water who have confirmed that are outstanding matters to be resolved in relation to the foul water network and it would be premature to discharge this condition.

4. To review Financial Risk Assessment

Clerk circulated the financial risk assessment and confirmed that as highlighted with the recent pandemic there is a financial risk to the Council if Hooper's Field has to be closed with a loss of income but the facility still have expenses to cover. Clerk confirmed that this risk has been added, highlighting the importance to ensure there is a contingency in place.

Resolved: Agreed to put forward revised Financial Risk Assessment for approval at Full Council.

5. To review Hooper's Field Sport Facility Budget & Spend do date

Councillors reviewed the budget and spend for Hooper's Field confirming that with the small business grant of £10k the facility should keep within its budgeted spend for 19/20. Clerk confirmed that the facility has had to be closed for a second time, the government are offering grants for the facilities that have had to close which seems to be around £1.3k for each month of closure. Clerk confirmed that she will look into claiming this grant.

6. To review Parish Council's Budget & Spend to date

a. To discuss budget for refurbishment of play area at Lower Recreation Field

Clerk confirmed that three quotes have been gained for the Lower Recreation "green carpeted" area, quotes are in the region of £30k to £35k. At the moment there is £12.6k in capital reserves.

After discussion it was agreed to allocate the outstanding S106 money (£14k) to this project, Clerk to send an e-mail to SBC Susie Kemp, copying in Borough Councillor stating that this S106 money is needed for the refurbishment of the village play area.

If the above money is not received then it was agreed that the £10.3k S106 money held in capital reserves from the Hewer's Close development should be allocated to this project.

b. To discuss budget for a second Speed Indicator Device

Clerk confirmed that including the cost of purchasing posts, installation etc the overall amount needed for 1 more SID would be £2.3k. At the moment there is £750 remaining in this year's budget.

Councillors agreed to allocate the CiL money for the period 1st April to 30th Sept 2020 which is due to be received from SBC total £2.8k to the purchase of a second SID.

c. To discuss budget for Village Maintenance work needed to be completed this financial year.

Clerk provided a detailed split of the village maintenance budget, spend to date and the committed spend to the end of the financial year. With the transfer of services from SBC there is an ever increasing demand on the village maintenance budget and this may need to be increased for the next financial year.

Clerk confirmed that the contractor offers a street sweeper to clear leaves and debris at a cost of £25 an hour, there are a number of pavements, road edges that would benefit being cleared. Question

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was raised as to how far the sweeper would be able to cover in 1 hour. Clerk confirmed she would speak to contractor to confirm this.

7. To review Reserves, S106 and CiL receipts.

Clerk provided a list of all the S106 and CiL receipts. The main concern is the S106 money received from Taylor Wimpey for £13k for a MUGA at Hooper's Field, we are now getting close to the deadline for this money to be spent (Jan 2021). It was agreed that the money should never have been allocated for a MUGA only as it was clear this was never going to be feasible. Clerk has sent several e-mails to SBC (dating back to Jan 20) asking if SBC could re-negotiate the S106 so that it can be spent on something else at Hooper's Field four options given:-

- A new Petanque court
- Flood lights for two tennis courts
- Outdoor Gym equipment
- Extension to the sports hall within the pavilion.

SBC have not replied to any of the e-mails and it has been difficult to chase this up. Councillor agreed that this needs to be escalated as the deadline approaches it needs to be resolved.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm