

## WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **18<sup>th</sup> December 2006** in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19.30.

**PRESENT:** Mr W Suter (Chairman), Mr C Offer (Vice-Chairman), Mr W J Smith, Mrs V Wright, Mr C Hayes, Mrs A Jerome, Mrs A Basevi. Mr G Sumner, Mr M L Savage, Mr R Whitfield

**In Attendance** Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk) and 5 members of the public

1. Apologies:- Mr A Bennett
2. Declaration of Interest : None Declared
3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006 had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### ***Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions***

*A resident reported that at the entrance to footpath 30 a pillar is encroaching across the path. Clerk to report to SBC.*

*A resident reported that the bus stop at Rotten Row gets very flooded. Clerk to add to list of odd jobs for Swindon Services to carry out at the beginning of January 2007.*

### **Report from Ward Councillor**

*Mr A Bennett sent his apologies.*

## **4 PLANNING**

### 4.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

**S/CAC/06/3007STHE & S/06/3004STHE** – Land at High Street – Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 4 no. detached dwellings. Parish Council strongly objected to this application for the following reasons:-

- The proposed development is an overdevelopment of the site; the plans propose the building of four five-bedroom houses, clearly with inadequate space.
- The junction from Rotten Row onto High Street is currently hazardous, as it is difficult to see cars coming down the High Street as you approach the roundabout. These plans will make the situation far worse with a large dwelling on the corner and sight lines need to be significantly improved.
- The size of the dwelling at plot 4 is very large and will be very dominant on the corner of High Street and Rotten Row, clearly not in keeping with the Conservation Area. (Contrary to policy ENV1 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2011)
- The driveway for plot 4 provides no turning area, this will mean that cars will have to reverse out on to Rotten Row, this will clearly be very dangerous;
- The design of the proposed dwellings is not in keeping with the surrounding Conservation Area. The proposed design of Plot 1 is three stories, with two front dormers, majority of the nearby properties are only two storey or bungalows. The three storey design will clearly have an adverse effect on Conservation

Area. (Contrary to policy DS6 and ENV1 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2011)

- The proposed design of plots 2 and 3, with the three storey rear dormer window will result in an unacceptable impact on neighbouring properties. (Contrary to policy DS6 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2011)
- The land is currently a garage used by numerous residents in the village; this will be a loss of a service to the village. (Contrary to policy CF6 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2011).

**S/LBC/06/2844STHE** – Sunnysdale Cottage, Orchard Close – Erection of a single storey rear extension. Parish Council raised no objection to this planning application.

**S/06/2938STHE** – 2–3 Victoria Cottages, High Street – Erection of joint second-storey rear extensions. Parish Council raised no objection in principle to this planning application; they would however like to recommend a pitched roof to the rear extension;

**S/06/2910JB** – Trevenna, Kite Hill – Erection of two storey side extension;

#### 4.2 To notify the Schedule to the Permission/Consent received:

**S/06/2349/KIWA** – Great Moorleaze Farm, The Marsh – Erection of a two storey building consisting of 5 no. bedsits and meeting room.

## 5. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

### 5.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation

5.1.1 CCTV. Second quote now received from T H White at a cost of £1,830, the quote from BWS was £1,322 which is less, however BWS quoted to install a "mini dome camera" to cover the front of the building, but T H White felt that installing a camera where they suggested is likely to result in damage. T H White's quote includes a new camera which will be installed on a post at the front of the pavilion which will cover the front of the building, plus the roundabout and disabled parking area. As the two quotes are different and the two companies were recommending two different types of camera, Parish Council agreed that Clerk would gain a third quote.

5.1.2 Wanborough Cricket Club has asked Parish Council if they would consider helping towards the cost of servicing the cricket square lawn mower. They expect the cost to be in the region of £300-£400. Parish Council unanimously agreed to pay 50% of the cost, up to a maximum of £200. This money will come out of the grants budget as Hooper's Field budget is already fully spent.

5.1.3 Clerk reported that she had had an inquiry from another Cricket Club, asking about the possibility of using Hooper's Field as their "home" pitch. Parish Council unanimously agreed that Wanborough Cricket Club should first be approached.

5.1.4 Parish Council unanimously agreed to buy Mr Rowland a Christmas present, as thanks for the work carried out at Hooper's Field and Lower Rec.

### 5.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments

5.2.1 SBC has asked for Parish Council's views on the recent road works that took place along The Marsh. They have asked for Parish Council to complete a questionnaire. Mr Martin Savage agreed to complete and submit questionnaire.

5.2.2. A letter received from a resident of 8 Three Sisters Road in relation to a tree that has fallen onto their fence and was leaning over their garden. Clerk went and looked at the tree; it is a willow tree that has split at the base and fallen onto the

fence, Clerk has therefore arranged for a tree surgeon to come and remove it. Clerk is not sure as yet whether there will be a cost to repair their fence.

- 5.2.3 Clerk confirmed that she had received an e-mail from Mr D Chandler (SBC rights of way officer) stating that the owners of the new equestrian centre along Horpit would like to divert footpath 33 slightly as their new equestrian arena encroaches on the footpath. It was agreed that Clerk would arrange a meeting with owner and SBC to discuss. Mr Gary Sumner agreed to attend as Parish Council representative.
- 5.2.4 Clerk confirmed that Swindon Services will be carrying out their two weeks minor highways maintenance week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007, and the pre-meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2007. If Parish Councillors have any work that they would like included on the list then they will need to e-mail Clerk before 3<sup>rd</sup> January.
- 5.2.5 Mr Martin Savage reported that footpath 17 (footpath that runs parallel with Magdalen Road) needs clearing of vegetation. Clerk stated that she had already reported this to SBC and confirmed that she would re-report.
- 5.2.6 Mrs Val Wright reported that at the bottom of footpath 9 (Kite Hill end of footpath) there is quite a lot of rubbish/rubble that needs clearing. Clerk to report to SBC.

### 5.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

- 5.3.1 Mr Martin Savage, Mr Colin Hayes & Mrs Tessa Lanstein (VH Chair) met with Kevin Turner to discuss Village Hall roof proposals. Mr Martin Savage read out the minutes of the meeting and confirmed that Kevin Turner was going to prepare plans giving possibilities for the replacement of the flat roof. It is planned that the work will start in summer 2008.

### 5.4 Planning and Finance

- 5.4.1 Finance meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The Finance Committee would like to propose a 2.5% increase in Parish Council's Precept for 2007/08 to £50,155. This will be a cost of £59.81 per band D dwelling.

Insurance	1,200
Subscriptions	650
Audit Fee	700
Legal Fees	500
Stationery & Postage	600
Parish Council Web Site	500
Newsletter	400
VH room hire	200
V.Hall rent to Church	180
Clerk's salary	11,121
Clerk's expenses	2,000
Clerk's pension	1,772
Clerk's training	100
Office Computer	500
Member's expenses	2,000
Grants – S137 payments	1,500
Grant – Churchyard	650
Grant – Village Hall	500
George Gibbs Memorial	300
Mr Rowland cleaning LR Field	600
Village Grounds Maintenance	3,950

Village Maintenance and footpaths	3,500
Empty Litter bins	900
Allotments	400
Old School Land Loan Cap	1,780
Hoopers Field	8,250
Village Hall roof fund	2,000
General recreation	2,000
Village gateway	1,452

Mr Colin Offer proposed a precept of £50,155 for 2007/08, Parish Council unanimously agreed.

5.4.2. Finance Committee would like to propose to increase in the allotment rent for 2007/08 from 0.4p per square foot to 0.5p per square foot. Parish Council unanimously agreed.

5.4.3. Finance Committee would like to propose the following increases in Club's Licence Fees for 2007/08

	2006/07	2007/08	% increase
Cricket Club	£1,349	£1,390	3%
Wanborough FC	£46 per match	£47.30	3%
Swindon Lacrosse	£559.64	£576.43	3%
Swindon Spitfires FC	£605	£623	3%
Dorcan Old Boys FC	£605	£623	3%
Burmah Castrol FC	£605	£623	3%
Wanborough Tennis Club	£2,267	£2,500	10%
Wanborough Bowls Club	£4,300	£4,730	10%
Hire of Hall	£6	no change	

Parish Council unanimously agreed to all the club's licence fee increases, but felt that the hourly rate for hiring the hall should be increased. After a discussion it was agreed to increase the hourly rate to £10 per hour, this was voted on and 6 were in favour 3 against. It was therefore agreed to increase the hourly charge to £10 per hour.

5.4.4 Finance Committee would like to propose an increase in the cleaner's hourly rate, Mr R Rowland from £5.50 per hour to £5.75 per hour. Parish Council unanimously agreed.

5.4.5 Finance Committee would like to propose an increase in the Clerk's salary from SCP26 to SCP27 this is in line with the National Association of Local Councils scale point system. Parish Council unanimously agreed.

5.4.6. The Consortium of Parish Council's meeting was held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the RSS and Examination in Public (EiP). Mr Colin Offer, Mr Bill Suter and Clerk attended meeting. Mr Colin Offer reported that there were eight Parish Councils involved in this consortium who will all contribute towards a fund to pay for the legal fees of sending a consultant to represent all eight Parish Council's at the EiP. The next meeting is due to be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007, Clerk to circulate copy of minutes to all Councillors.

5.4.7. Swindon Gateway Newsletter received giving details of new proposals for the site next to Coate Water.

## **6 FINANCE**

### **6.1 Financial Statement**

The monthly statement was circulated. It was proposed by Mr Colin Hayes and seconded by Mr Colin Offer that "The Financial Statement be accepted, the payment of accounts be endorsed and the bills for payment be accepted and paid, the petty cash expenditure for December 2006 be endorsed and the transfers to cover December 2006 expenditure be approved."

## **7. Others**

### **7.1 Grants**

7.1.1 Clerk mentioned at the last meeting that Community First was offering grants towards Parish Plans. Clerk gained a copy of Chiseldon's Parish Plan which has been circulated to Parish Councillors. This will be discussed again at next meeting when the plan has been circulated to all councillors.

### **7.1.2 Church Meadow**

7.1.2 Mrs Sarah Troughton, The Lynch House has asked if she can use Church Meadow on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2007 to park cars and to erect a small tent/passageway to their garden, which backs onto the field. They are having a family wedding on this date. After a discussion it was agreed that subject to weather conditions and ground conditions Parish Council have no objection for them to use the field, a suggested donation of £50 towards the Village Hall roof fund.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence received since the last meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006 was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.25

*Date of next meeting – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007*