

## WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007** 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 M L Savage, Mr R Whitfield, Mrs A Jerome, Mr G Sumner, Mr A Bennett

**In Attendance** Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk) and 8 members of the public

1. Apologies:-Colin Hayes, Anita Basevi
2. Declaration of Interest : None Declared
3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2007 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 from 1 Dolphin Cottages stated that he had received Parish Council's letter in relation to the seats located at the top of the Lower Rec, not far from his property. He asks the Parish Council to reconsider their decision not to move the seats closest to his property. Parish Council discussed the matter and agreed that they would arrange another meeting at the Lower Rec to reconsider. It was agreed that Parish Council would write again to the resident within the month.*

*A resident stated that she would like to start up a Youth Club in the village for teenagers between the ages of 13-19. She asked if the Parish Council would consider contributing money to get the club up and running. Parish Council confirmed that they have a grant fund available to help support local community groups such as this and agreed that Parish Council would like to support their project, and suggested they come up with some figures as to what they would need to help get the club set up.*

*The applicant for the planning application at 1-6 Ridgeway Cottages attended meeting to explain to Parish Council what they intend to do and explain why they had to demolish more of the original building than what was previously agreed.*

### **Report from Ward Councillor**

#### **4 PLANNING**

##### **4.1 To consider Planning Applications received:**

**S/07/0719SC** – Ermin House, Kite Hill – Erection of 3 no dwellings – revised proposal to provide repositioning of conservatories and ground floor rear windows to plots 6,7 and 9. Parish Council raised no objection to these plans.

**S/07/0722RM** – 1-6 Ridgeway Cottages, Foxhill – Amendment to previous permission S//06/2870 for additional demolition. Parish Council discussed planning application and raised no objection provided the applicant re-use as much of the old materials as possible to retain the original character of the building.

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

**S/07/0345/CAPY** – Pebblestones, Rotten Row – Conversion of garage into habitable space and erection of new garage;

**S/07/0163KIWA** – Beacon Down House, Ham Road – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 1 no. dwelling and garage;

**S/07/0352CAPY** – 5 Oakapple Close – Erection of single storey rear and side extensions;

**S/07/0294STHE** – Applegate House – Demolition of existing annexe with the erection of a two storey extension in its place. The erection of a first floor extension to existing side extension. Erection of dormer windows;

**S/06/3072JABU** – Somerset Paddock – Change of use from paddock to equine development including construction of 2 no box stables and associated tack room;

4.3 To notify the Schedule to the Refusal received

**S/07/0422RM** – 6 Ridgeway Cottages – Erection of a garage to side;

**5. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES**

5.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation

5.1.1 Mr Bill Suter reported that there were motorcyclists cycling around Hoopers Field and on the Bowls Green late at night. Parish Council discussed the upgrade of the CCTV system; two quotes have already been received from TH White and BWS. It was agreed to meet with them again to discuss the security of the facility as a whole. Parish Council unanimously agreed to set aside £2,500 from the Hoopers Field Maintenance fund. Clerk to arrange meeting, Mr Bill Suter and Mr Joe Smith agreed to attend this meeting. It was also suggested that Clerk write to all Clubs asking their members if they are the last to leave the facility in the evening to close the gate.

5.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments

5.2.1 Tree works at the Lower Rec have now been completed. Mr Colin Offer confirmed Mrs Reynolds was very pleased with the work carried out on the tree next to her garden.

5.2.2 Clerk wrote to the resident of 1 Dolphin Cottage re the location of the seats at the Lower Rec and he replied by telephone stating that he was not happy with the decision that had been made. This was discussed during public questions and Parish Council agreed to meet at Lower Rec on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April to discuss further.

5.2.3 Graffiti in village. At the last Parish Council meeting it was agreed that Parish Council would arrange for the graffiti around the village to be removed, however since making this decision Clerk received an e-mail from PC M Neal stating that they had caught the youth responsible and would try and get him to remove the graffiti. This however it is taking longer than hoped. Parish Council agreed to allow for another month, if the youth responsible has not cleaned it up by then, then Parish Council would arrange clean up.

5.2.4. Mr Martin Savage has reported that there were horse riders and motorcyclists riding/cycling over the Woodland Trust land. A note about horse riders has gone into the Lyden. Clerk has also sent an e-mail to SBC (Annie Ellis) requesting a step over stile at the end of Green Lane.

5.2.5 David James has provided Parish Council with a draft plans for the new bus shelter at Rotten Row. Parish Council unanimously agreed to apply for planning permission for this new shelter.

- 5.2.6 The next Village Highway Maintenance is due to take place on 18<sup>th</sup> June – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2007, pre meeting is to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007; therefore Clerk will need to compile a list of works prior to this date, so can all Parish Councillors bring ideas to next Parish Council meeting.
- 5.2.7 As discussed at last meeting there are a considerable number of outstanding Highways issues in the village. It was therefore decided to compile one letter to Mr Denis Cole (SBC Highways), copied to Ward Councillor, to try and get this sorted. It was agreed that Councillors would e-mail all highways issues to Clerk.
- 5.2.8. Mr Colin Hayes stated that he has toured the village and suggests that planting containers are positioned at three locations: -
- Just past the allotments coming from High Street on the R/H side under 30mph sign;
  - Up Pack Hill on the L/H side under 30mph sign;
  - Callas Hill on L/H side coming from High Street under 30mph
- Containers would be 60cm by 60cm by 28 cm without base that Colin will make, planted in June & Sept plus bulbs around the base. He will also need more compost for Church car park at a cost of £40. Parish Council unanimously agreed to these proposals.
- 5.2.9. The Village Maintenance sub committee met at Church Meadow. Suggestions made to gain quotes to install a footpath from Church car park to Church Meadow, footpath would be slightly curved and should be the similar style to those in the Woodland Trust. It was agreed to gain additional “No Dog fouling” sign as it seems to be a problem next to the car park.
- 5.2.10 Allotment sub committee carried out an inspection of the allotments. Most allotments are in very good order; there were a few polite reminders to go to some allotment holders.
- 5.2.11 Allotment holder of plot E7a has asked if he can put a shed on his plot. Allotment holder of plot E2 has asked if he can put up a shed on his plot. Parish Council raised not objection.

### 5.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

- 5.3.1 May Day Fayre is to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May at Lower Rec. The committee have asked if Parish Council will run a stall again (Wang a Welly). Volunteers therefore needed from 11.30 – 16.30. Councillors agreed to e-mail Clerk if available to help.
- 5.3.2. Insurance for the May Day Fayre. Clerk has checked Parish Council’s insurance policy to see if the May Day Fayre would be covered. However it seems that Parish Council’s insurance would only cover the event if the May Day Fayre was run by Parish Council, if the money raised was put through Parish Council’s accounts and minutes of meetings incorporated into Parish Council’s minutes. Clerk to write to Tessa Lanstein (Chairperson of Village Hall) to confirm.
- 5.3.3 Parish Council agreed that the new radiator covers look very nice.

### 5.4 Planning and Finance

- 5.4.1 Swindon Borough Council has asked Parish Council what they would like to call the new street at the new development at Ermin House. The developers have suggested “Ermin Nook”. Parish Council discussed and agreed to suggest “Gosling Close”, named after a resident who gained the Victoria Cross. This was a previous suggestion by a resident for the Somerset Farm development but was suggested too late.
- 5.4.2. The Consultants working for Antler Homes have asked whether Parish Council would be in favour of street lighting within the Ermin House development and also at

Kite Hill junction. Parish Council discussed and voted on street lighting in three areas of the development.

- The first within the actual housing area – Parish Council unanimously supported lighting within this area provided that it was down facing and environmentally friendly.
- The second area along the driveway leading up to the houses – Parish Council voted 4 in favour and 5 against street lighting within this area.
- The third area around the Kite Hill junction – Parish Council voted 1 in favour and 8 against street lighting within this area.

Clerk to reply to Consultants confirming Parish Council's decision.

- 5.4.3 Parish Council's insurance policy is up for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007, Allianz Cornhill have quoted £3,020.87. (Last year Parish Council paid £2,893 - a 4.4% increase). A suggestion was made that Parish Council ask an Insurance Broker to see if they could gain a better quote for Parish Council, Clerk to look into.
- 5.4.4 Clerk has received a leaflet on "Developers Contributions" from SBC. S106 contributions seems to be a big issue for Parish Councils, problems being that S106 contributions are often discussed pre submission of application i.e. prior to Parish Council's involvement.
- 5.4.5. Planning Application at Bells Garage that was due to be discussed at Swindon Borough Council's Planning Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007; application was "pulled" from agenda awaiting results of survey. Application is now due to be discussed at meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 6pm. Mr Gary Sumner and Mrs Andrea Jerome agreed to attend this meeting. Mr Andrew Bennett reported that the applicant is threatening to take the application to appeal.
- 5.4.6. Planning Application for a new dwelling at 1 Callas Rise. The applicant had carried out a speed survey on Callas Hill as part of the application. Clerk contacted Mr Herbert (Planning Officer) in relation to the speed survey; he stated that Swindon Borough Council Highways had carried out their own. Highways currently "Object" to the plans on the basis of this survey.
- 5.4.7. Ownership of Land next to school. Clerk has been trying to get hold of old title plans for the land around the school from the Land Registry but because they are not in electronic format the Land Registry is unable to send a copy. They may be available in paper format. Clerk contacted Mr Adrian Moore (Solicitor) to ask if he would be able to help Parish Council to find out the owner of this land, he agreed that if Clerk sent all the details of everything that she had got so far he would try and help at a cost of £100 per hour (reduced rate for Parish Council's). Parish Council agreed that in the first instance they should go back to Swindon Borough Council stating that George Wimpey South West Ltd does not own this piece of land and ask them to re-look into the matter, Mr Andrew Bennett suggested copying the letter to him and he will chase Swindon Borough Council about it.
- 5.4.8. Clerk has received a number of cheques from residents for the "Western Vale Fighting Fund". A second article went into April's Lyden updating everyone, since this update no resident has asked for their money to be returned. Parish Council agreed to check with the Consortium to see if the money is needed, if it is Clerk to keep a list of who has donated money and cheques should be sent for banking.
- 5.4.9. South West Regional Assembly EiP – The final timetable has been submitted. Swindon will be discussed on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> & Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2007. All participants had to submit replies to the questions in advance and these are now available online, Clerk has printed off the Consortium of Parish Council's answers and Swindon Borough Council's. SBC are supporting the Eastern Development site but are requesting 10,000 houses on this site, they have provided details on how they

will meet this target by starting build in 2010 (100 houses) building up to 700 houses per year from 2016.

## **6 FINANCE**

### **6.1 Financial Statement**

The monthly statement was circulated. It was proposed by Mr Colin Hayes and seconded by Mr Gary Sumner 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 April 2007 endorsed and the transfers to cover April 2007 expenditure be approved."

## **7. Others**

### **Model Code of Conduct for Parish Council**

7.1.1 The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 has now been issued, copy given to all Councillors. This order will come into effect on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007. Parish Council will formally adopt new code at the next meeting. Please note that Parish Councillors must ensure that their register of interests is up to date.

### **7.2 Annual Assembly Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

7.2.1 Anne Snelgrove MP has rang Clerk to confirm that she would like to attend this meeting, but will need to arrange a night off first. Police have agreed to attend, unless there is an emergency. Mr Gavin Jones SBC Chief Executive has agreed to attend and will do a small presentation on the future plans for the Borough. Clerk has also contacted the nurse at Bishopstone to see if she can attend.

7.2.2 All reports from Parish Councillors for the Annual Assembly need to be sent to Clerk prior to meeting. It was agreed that Andrea Jerome would do a finance report, Colin Hayes would do a Hoopers Field report and Gary Sumner would do a village maintenance report.

### **7.3 Grants**

7.3.1 Swindon Youth organisation has asked for a grant towards setting up a youth club in Wanborough. This was discussed during public questions and agreed to discuss further once they have provided Parish Council with further financial information.

### **7.4 Sandards Board Hearing**

7.4.1. Letter received from Miss K Lacey in relation to the conclusion from the Standards Board Hearing. Clerk read out letter at meeting. Parish Council agreed to reply to the letter stating that the Standards Board have adjudicated this case and taken the action that they feel is appropriate. Parish Council therefore feel that no further action is required.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence received since the last meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2007 was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 22.10

*Date of next meeting – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007*