

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **24th September 2007** in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19.30.

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

In Attendance Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk)

1. Apologies, Mrs V Wright
2. Declaration of interest: None
3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd September 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 noted that one of the bench seats at the Lower Rec has moved, and he felt that it was quite close to the footpath so that residents might walk into it in the dark. Mr Bill Suter confirmed that Parish Council had made a decision a few months ago to move the seats to a more central position so that they were not in close proximity to residents' homes.

Report from Ward Councillor

Mr Andrew Bennett offered pocket guides on Tools and Powers for Anti-Social Behaviour to Parish Council, Mrs Anita Basevi & Mr Bill Suter confirmed they would like a copy

Mr Andrew Bennett provided details of the proposed new canal route through Swindon. It is estimated that it will cost £50 million with an estimated income of £6.5 million per annum. Mr Andrew Bennett confirmed that he would circulate document as and when he is able to.

5 PLANNING

5.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

S/07/2063SS – Laburnum, High Street - Erection of a single storey rear extension and associated works. Parish Council raised no objection.

S/07/1885 – The Old School House, Church Road – Convert Garage into annex for the enjoyment of family members related to main house. Parish Council questioned whether the garage is on the leased land from Wiltshire County Council. Clerk to check whether there are any restrictions on lease that will not allow this conversion.

6. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation

- 6.1.1 New Tennis Court Surface. Tennis Club asked for a representative from the LTA to come and carry out an unbiased assessment of the tennis court surface as they still were not happy with what Beacon had to say. Clerk also attended meeting with

LTA. The LTA felt that there was something wrong with the court surface and have agreed to pay for Mr Lee West (Consultant) to come and carry out a full assessment and write a report that could be used to send to Beacon.

- 6.1.2 David James (Project Manager) has written to Beacon confirming all outstanding work, informing them that the LTA will be carrying out a full assessment of the courts and giving notice of withdrawal as Project Manager. He has also written to Parish Council confirming his withdrawal from project. Parish Council discussed the need to appoint another Project Manager. It was decided not to appoint someone else and instead the sub-committee would continue with the final outstanding issues.
- 6.1.3. Clerk would like Parish Council to consider having a Caretaker/Odd Job man for Hooper's Field. Parish Council discussed the issue and raised options such as employing a Village Lengthman. It was agreed that the Hooper's Field sub committee would put forward a proposal, along with costs, to be discussed first at a Hooper's Field meeting before further discussion at Parish Council. Clerk to also contact other Parish Councils to see if they employ a Lengthman.

6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments

- 6.2.1 Clerk and Mr Joe Smith met with Mr Denis Cole (SBC Highways) and Mr Derek Edgington (SBC Highways) to discuss a number of outstanding highways issues around the village. Clerk provided a list to all Councillors of outstanding work discussed with SBC at the meeting. Mr Martin Savage asked for a couple more items to be added to the list (drains at Pack Hill to be cleared and the redundant posts along The Marsh to be removed). Mr Bill Suter agreed that Parish Council should continue to monitor any Highways issues, adding to the list of works and to keep chasing SBC to get things done.
- 6.2.2. A contribution of £200 has been received from a parent of one of the youths responsible towards the cost of removal of graffiti in the village. A note has been put in the Lyden as agreed.
- 6.2.3 Clerk and Mr Bill Suter met with representatives from Wanborough Show Society to discuss the condition of Church Meadow as a result of the bad weather at the Summer Show. It was agreed at the meeting that the Show Society needed to arrange for some top soil to be spread across the worst of the holes and dents in the field and then to re-seed. It was also discussed about the possibility of putting a hard surface area at the entrance to the field.
- 6.2.4 Annual Allotments Meeting was held on Monday 17th September 2007, Mr Norman Parry attended as guest speaker and the meeting went very well. It was agreed to arrange a thank you present for Norman.
- 6.2.5 Mr Roger Whitefield confirmed that he had received an e-mail from a resident who lives at 16 Springlines in relation to the flooding that happened in July. Details of the e-mail were read out at the meeting. It was agreed that the footpaths sub committee would meet at Springlines footpath to look at the drainage problem and report back at the next meeting.

6.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

- 6.3.1 Mr Martin Savage reported on the progress with the Village Hall project. He stated that Mr Malcolm Hinton had dug holes at the rear to check that the footings are adequate to cope with the new roof and he has confirmed that they look OK, but that an Architect should look and confirm. Mr Kevin Turner will be submitting planning application to Swindon Borough Council. Once planning permission has been gained the committee will then be in a position to go out to tender.

6.4 Planning and Finance

- 6.4.1 Swindon Borough Core Strategy issues and Options. This document is currently being circulated to all Parish Councillors and it was agreed to discuss further at next meeting.
- 6.4.2. Swindon Borough Core Strategy summary of responses. Parish Council agreed to circulated this along with the document in item 6.4.1 and to discuss further at next meeting.
- 6.4.3 Planning application at Burycroft – Land adjacent to 2 Burycroft – outline planning to build one dwelling. Clerk has confirmed with the Planning Officer that this land is classed as a Greenfield site, therefore as agreed at last meeting Parish Council, an objection to the application was made on the basis that it is a Greenfield site.
- 6.4.4. As agreed at last meeting a letter has been sent to Hazel Blears MP as a result of the outcome of the Planning Appeal at Bell’s Garage. Mr Andrew Bennett has also obtained a copy of the report sent to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of Swindon Borough Council, it was agreed to keep this document on file.

7 **FINANCE**

7.1 Financial Statement

The monthly statement was circulated. It was proposed by Mr Colin Hayes and seconded by Mr Roger Whitfield 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 September 2007 endorsed and the transfers to cover September 2007 expenditure be approved.”

8. **OTHER**

8.1 Transport

- 8.1.1 Letter received from SBC and Halcrow in relation to Transport Vision 2030 consultations. Parish Council have been invited to attend a workshop on Friday 12th October at Steam Museum from 2pm-4.30pm. Mrs Andrea Jerome agreed to attend.

8.2 Neighbourhood Tasking Unit

- 8.2.1 Mrs Anita Basevi attended a meeting and reported that the police have been quite busy with Foot & Mouth, especially as there are a number of deer around the area. She stated that if you hit a deer you must leave it on the road and report it to the police.

There have been no reported offences at Hooper’s Field over the summer and therefore Hooper’s Field will now be taken off the list of the top three areas that the Police will be concentrating on. The new list is now made up of :-

- Chiseldon at The Green;
- Wroughton at Freshwater House;
- Liddington at the Church car park and play equipment area.

It is important to report all anti social behaviour around the village. You can also report an incident using the Crime Stoppers telephone number 0800 555 111.

Mrs Anita Basevi confirmed that she had met with Wanborough School Headteacher to talk through issues that the school has. One problem is parking and he said that he was going to try and use the children and school council to try and persuade their parents to park further away. The Headteacher also stated that some children have reported bullying behaviour at the Lower Rec from older children.

The police have now got a team of four and hoping that this will soon increase to a team of six. They have a new police officer, Paul Fisher, who has the ability to use speed guns and hopefully when they have a full team of six they will have time to look at village issues such as speed checks. Parish Council confirmed that the main areas where speed checks would be of benefit are Kite Hill, Pack Hill and High Street.

The next meeting is due to be held on 30th November. It was confirmed that Mrs Anita Basevi would attend and Mr Andrea Jerome would be her back up.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since the last meeting on 3rd September 2007 was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.25

Date of next meeting – Monday 22nd October 2007