

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on 3rd September 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 A Jerome, Mr G Sumner, Mr A Bennett, Mr C Hayes

In Attendance Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk)

1. Apologies Mr M L Savage, Mr R Whitfield, Mrs A Basevi, Mrs V Wright
2. Declaration of interest: Mrs Andrea Jerome declared a prejudicial interest on the Settlement Boundary review (minute no 6.4.7)
3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd July 2007 had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Settlement Boundary Review – Presentation by Mr S Cains (SBC Forward Planning)

Mr S Cains reported that within the Swindon Core Strategy Swindon Borough Council are now looking at village settlement boundaries and see whether there is any land available that could be potential development land. Parish Council are therefore asked to look at their current settlement boundary and identify if there are any potential changes to the boundary. Parish Council also need to state which areas of land they would like to see protected.

Parish Council asked if Developers will also be putting forward their suggestions for changes to the boundary. Mr S Cains stated that developers will also be consulted, but Parish Council's response will have a great deal of weight when they come to decide on changes.

Mr S Cains confirmed that the next draft of Swindon's Core Strategy of preferred options is due end of December 2007.

Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions

A member of the public raised the issue of uncultivated allotments, particularly the plot next to hers and asked why the Parish Council have not done anything about it. She made reference to the allotment agreement. Parish Council confirmed that there are a few plots that they are monitoring at the moment and they will continue to do so, there is one plot holder who has agreed to split his plot in half.

A member of the public felt that it was a great disappointment to her and the residents of The Marsh that Parish Council have raised no objection to the proposed application at Marsh Farm. The chairman confirmed that Parish Council had received her letter which is on the agenda to be read out later in the meeting. Parish Council confirmed that she would receive a written response.

A member of the Show Society explained the problems they had at the Wanborough Show and suggested an on site meeting on Thursday 20th September at 6pm – 6.30pm Church Meadow to check the condition of the field.

Report from Ward Councillor

Mr Andrew Bennett reported that he attended a meeting at Swindon Borough Council with the Environment Agency to discuss the issue of flooding across the Borough. He stated that the Environment Agency have a gang of three who cover this area. Mr Andrew Bennett also brought a map to show the areas across the Borough that are most liable to flood.

Mr Colin Hayes raised the issue of late night music at Liddington Warren Farm. Mr Andrew Bennett had already looked into this and gained copies of the licence agreement that they have got for events at the farm. Parish Council agreed to monitor the situation.

5 PLANNING

5.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

S/LBC/07/1836KIWA – Sunnydale, Rotten Row – Installation of a new flue. Parish Council raised no objection to this planning application;

S/07/1913NIRO – 2 Southdown – Roof extension over garage including dormer window. Parish Council raised no objection to this planning application;

S/07/2040ROBI – Land Adjacent to 2 Burycroft – Outline application for 1 no dwelling. Parish Council discussed this application and decided that if the piece of land is a brownfield site then Parish Council would have no objection, if however the piece of land is classed as a greenfield site Parish Council would object on the basis that the piece of land is a greenfield site outside the settlement boundary for Wanborough. Clerk to find out from Swindon Borough Council what the land is classed as.

S/07/2058RM – 6 Ridgeway Cottages – Erection of detached garage. Parish Council raised no objection to this planning application.

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

S/07/0722/RM – 1 – 6 Ridgeway Cottages, Foxhill – Amendment to previous permission S//06/2870 for additional demolition (retrospective) and refurbishment, extension and subdivision of existing cottages;

S/07/1292/HECO – 1 Badgers Close – Erection of a single storey front extension;

S/07/1363/MIAL – 7 Grange Close – Erection of single storey side extension;

5.3 To notify the Schedule to the Permission received under Appeal

APP/U3935/E/07/2043077/NWF – Site at, High Street (Bell's Garage) – Demolition of the existing buildings and the erection of 6 dwellings plus associated works.

Mr Bill Suter read out a letter that had been received from Bell's Garage in relation to the decision that has been made under appeal. Parish Council unanimously agreed to continue to support the garage and to write a letter to Hazel Blears MP as suggested in the letter from Bell's Garage. Clerk to copy and circulate letter, Parish Councillors to e-mail Clerk with ideas for content of letter to be sent to MP. Mr Andrew Bennett to gain a copy of the report sent from SBC to Planning Inspectorate.

5.4 To notify the Schedule to the refusal received:

S/07/1476/HECO – Applegate House – Construction of a vehicle access;

- 5.5 Planning Applications to be decided under Appeal
APP/U3935/A/07/2049309/WF – 5 Callas Rise – Erection of a two-storey front extension, a two storey rear extension and a single storey side extension

6. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation

- 6.1.1 Parish Council have signed a contract with Biffa to collect waste from Hooper's Field, the new wheelie bins have been delivered. General waste is collected on Wednesdays, Glass waste on Mondays.
- 6.1.2 Clerk attended an on site meeting with Beacon to discuss the surface condition of the new tennis courts. A representative from Hanson who supplied the aggregate for Beacon also attended. Beacon and Hanson were happy with the court surface; the loose aggregate is as expected. It was agreed that Hanson would write a letter to Beacon confirming their findings which should be forwarded on to David James (Project Manager).
- 6.1.3 David James (Project Manager) has informed Clerk that he has sold his house and plans to move up north by October 2007. He hopes that everything is finalised on the Tennis Court project by this date, but if there is anything outstanding he will not be able to deal with it from October.
- 6.1.4 The condition of the safety surface under the swings at Church Meadow was raised. Clerk agreed to go and look to check if work is needed to be done.

6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments

- 6.2.1 Rachel Ind (SBC Acting Highways Manager) has agreed to meet with Parish Council to run through outstanding Highways Issues. Swindon Borough Council Highways have recently carried out an inspection of the roads and some areas have been marked out. Mr Gary Sumner and Mr Joe Smith asked to attend this meeting, Clerk to arrange.
- 6.2.2 A resident had an accident on Wanborough Road near Horpit junction, she fell over and broke her arm as a result of the poor road surface.
- 6.2.3 Allotment competition went very well, thanks to Mr Gary Sumner and Mrs Val Wright for attending. The winner of the "Best Kept Allotment" was F11 (Covingham Pre-School) and the winner of the "Best New Allotment" was B3a (Mr Jackman).
- 6.2.4 Annual Allotments meeting due to be held on Monday 17th September 2007. Clerk has sent letters to all allotment holders, poster has gone up at allotment site and Clerk will arrange refreshments. It was agreed that Mr Joe Smith would ask Mr Norman Parry from Lotmead Pick your Own to come along as guest speaker.

6.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

- 6.3.1 Mr Colin Hayes stated that the Village Hall roof project is progressing and stated that a builder will be checking the footings to ensure that the foundations are good enough to take a new pitched roof instead of a flat roof.

6.4 Planning and Finance

- 6.4.1 Planning Training for Parish Councils to be held on Wednesday 26th September, at Steam starting at 6pm. Mrs Anita Basevi, Mr Gary Sumner, Mr Colin Offer and Mrs Andrea Jerome have all agreed to attend.
- 6.4.2 Proposed Swindon Gateway Development – Revised outline planning application. Parish Council agreed to object to the proposed plans as they are not in line with

Swindon Borough Local Plan which states that development should only take place at this site if there is to be a University.

- 6.4.3 Planning application at Marsh Farm, The Marsh. Letter received from Mrs Rosemary Savage asking for an explanation as to why Parish Council is not objecting to the planning application at Marsh Farm. Clerk read out letter at meeting. Parish Council agreed to reply to letter stating that Parish Council treat all planning applications fairly and decisions are made for the benefit of the whole village. The reason why Parish Council have not objected to this application is because the site is classed as a brownfield site. The Local Plan does allow development on brownfield sites that are outside the settlement boundary. Parish Council also feel that the number of dwellings and the density of the development is not inappropriate for the area, a site of this size in the middle of the village would have a higher density of houses built on it, and therefore feel that this is to the benefit of The Marsh.
- 6.4.4 Planning application at Marsh Farm, The Marsh. Letter received from SBC and Bower Mapson in relation to S106.
- 6.4.5 E-mail received from Maggie Brown, Bourton Parish Council asking for any photographic evidence of the flooding in July that can be sent to SBC to help support their case against developing east of Swindon. Parish Council agreed to put a note in the Lyden asking residents if they have any photographs.
- 6.4.6 Wiltshire CC & SBC – Consultation on Issue & Options for the Wiltshire and Swindon aggregate minerals site allocations. The actual document is available to be viewed on-line, there are three papers for consultation and the link is as follows: - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning-home.htm
Consultation period ends Friday 5th October 2007.
- 6.4.7 Swindon Borough Core Strategy, Settlement Boundary Review. Parish Council discussed and felt that the settlement boundary should remain the same. The only area that could possibly be considered for housing would be Contact House, Parish Council would consider change of use of the site to allow housing or conversion into smaller employment units. There were a number of areas that Parish Council would like to protect around the village to ensure that there is no further development onto greenfield sites around the village.

7 FINANCE

7.1 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 August 2007 endorsed and the transfers to cover August 2007 expenditure be approved.”

8. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since the last meeting on 23rd July 2007 was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.45

Date of next meeting – Monday 24th September 2007