

## WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **21<sup>st</sup> May 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, Mr C Hayes, Mrs A Basevi

**In Attendance** Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

1. Apologies:- None
2. Election of Chairman:  
Mr Bill Suter was nominated by Mr Gary Sumner and seconded by Mr Joe Smith. Mr Colin Offer was nominated by Mr Joe Smith and seconded by Mr Martin Savage. Mr Bill Suter and Mr Colin Offer left the room while a vote took place. Mr Bill Suter received six votes, Mr Colin Offer received three. Mr Bill Suter was elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr Bill Suter signed the declaration of acceptance of office, witnessed by the Clerk.
3. Election of Vice-Chairman:  
Mr Gary Sumner was nominated by Mr Martin Savage and seconded by Mr Andrew Bennett, no further nominations. Mr Gary Sumner was elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr Gary Sumner signed the declaration of acceptance of office, witnessed by the Clerk.
4. Election of Committees:  
The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were to be members of all committees.  
  
It was unanimously agreed that the Councillors present be elected to committees as follows:
  - 4.1 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments: Mr M Savage, Mr W J Smith, Mrs V Wright and Mr R Whitfield.
  - 4.2 Planning and Finance: Mr A Bennett, R Whitfield, Mrs A Jerome, Mrs A Basevi
  - 4.3 Hooper's Field and Recreation: Mr C Hayes (Chairman), Mr A Bennett and Mr C Offer
5. Appointment of Representative to other bodies:
  - 5.1 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee: Mr C Hayes and Mr M Savage.
  - 5.2 Swindon Area Committee of Wiltshire Association of Local Councils: Mr A Bennett.
  - 5.3 Transport: Mrs A Jerome
  - 5.4 Swindon South Police: Mr C Offer and Mrs A Basevi
  - 5.5 Community Forest Supplement Group: Mr J Smith
  - 5.6 Grants Mrs A Jerome
6. Declaration of interest: none
7. Parish Council Meeting Dates: A list of all the meeting dates was circulated to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting
8. Annual Parish Assembly 2007

Parish Council were very pleased with the number of residents who attended the meeting. Mr Gavin Jones (Chief Executive of Swindon Borough Council) gave a very good presentation and agreed to attend another Parish Council meeting in six months to give an update on what he talked about. Unfortunately Mrs A Snelgrove and the Police were unable to attend meeting.

9. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 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 asked what was happening about the proposed bus shelter along Rotten Row. Parish Council confirmed that they will be applying for planning permission .*

### **Report from Ward Councillor**

*Mr A Bennett reported that Bell's Garage has been refused planning permission at the last Planning Committee meeting. The applicant has now taken the first application for six houses to appeal.*

*Mr A Bennett reported that he is no longer the Chair of Planning at SBC, he will however remain on this committee.*

*Mr A Bennett is currently looking into the issue of the new access onto road at Applegate, The Marsh*

## **10 PLANNING**

### 10.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

**S/AGRI/07/1009RM** – Breach Farm, Horpit – Prior Approval Determination for 2 extensions, either side of agricultural building. Parish Council agreed that further detailed information is required before they can comment on the application.

**S/07/0799/HECO** – 5 Callas Rise – Erection of a first floor rear and side extension and single storey front extension. Planning Committee agreed to have a site meeting to see whether the proposed rear extension would have any visual impact. Meeting to be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 9.30am.

- 10.1.1 Mr Colin Hayes reported that the work at Foxhill Stables has now started, however he thought that one of the conditions on the planning consent stated that the building work should be screened. Clerk agreed that she would check the conditions on the planning consent.

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

**S/07/0553/NIRO** – 2 Ambrose Cottages, High Street – Erection of a garden room

### 10.3 To notify the Schedule to the Refusal received

**S/06/3004STHE & S/06/3007STHE** – Land at High Street – Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 4 no. detached dwellings

## 11 Swindon Rural South Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)

Mr Bill Suter and Mrs Anita Basevi attended a meeting at Wroughton Police Surgery with the aim of forming a neighbourhood tasking group to look at certain problem areas that the police can target across Bishopstone, Wanborough, Liddington, Chiseldon and Wroughton. At the meeting they made a list of priority areas from

each of the villages; for Wanborough they decided to look at the anti-social behaviour at Hooper's Field. A number of other Parish Councillors felt that the anti-social behaviour at Hooper's Field was not too bad and felt that maybe due to everything that has been happening at the Lower Rec, this should be a priority for the village. Mrs Anita Basevi stated that the list of priorities will be reviewed regularly and once new measures are in place at Hooper's Field and it is felt that the anti-social behaviour has decreased a new priority is put forward. She also stated that any anti-social behaviour at the Lower Rec needs to be reported so that the police can keep a record of everything that is happening and this will also help it move up the priority list. These meetings are due to be held every 6-8 weeks and Mrs Anita Basevi agreed that she would be happy to continue to attend.

## **11. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES**

### **11.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation**

11.1.1 Mr Bill Suter, Mr Joe Smith & Clerk met with TH White to discuss the upgrade of CCTV at Hoopers Field. The cost to upgrade the CCTV at Hooper's Field would be in the region of £2,500. Parish Council discussed other options and decided, before spending a considerable amount of money, to invite the Crime Prevention Officer to Hooper's Field to see what he recommends. Parish Council agreed to purchase some CCTV signs to put up at the entrance and on the pavilion.

11.1.2 Clerk confirmed that David James, Tony Robb (Tennis Club) and herself met to discuss any remedial work needed on the tennis courts before the final instalment is paid to Beacon. Clerk confirmed that the Tennis Club were concerned about the amount of loose aggregate on the new courts. David James agreed to meet with Beacon to discuss what might have caused it.

### **11.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments**

11.2.1 Parish Councillors & Clerk met at Lower Rec to reconsider the location of the seats at the Lower Rec. The proposal that was made at the meeting was to move both seats into the middle of the field between the basketball post and fun ball game, one either side of the big goal post, one facing towards top of field, one facing towards playarea. Clerk has sent letters to the residents in Avenell Road and the resident at 1 Dolphin Cottage to see if they would be happy with this new proposal. Clerk has so far received a reply from residents at 15, 17 & 19 Avenell Road and they are all not happy with the proposal. The resident of 1 Dolphin Cottage would be happy with this proposal. Parish Council discussed further and agreed that to remove the seats completely from the Lower Rec is not an option, the Lower Rec is a public open space and they have an obligation to provide seating. Parish Council voted and it was agreed to stay with the proposal to move the seats more into the middle of the field. Clerk to reply to residents.

11.2.2 Parish Council discussed the problem of the graffiti in village; the youth responsible has still not removed the graffiti. It was therefore unanimously agreed that Parish Council would arrange for its removal, a note should be put in the Lyden and once the cost is known a letter should be sent to the youth's parents asking for contribution.

11.2.3 Mrs Annie Ellis (SBC footpaths) has replied in relation to the request from Parish Council for a step over stile at the end of Green Lane. She states that request has been noted, but it will be a while until it can be done. Parish Council requested that the Clerk reply asking for a date as to when it will be done.

11.2.4 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. Any further work that Parish

Councillors would like added to the list of works need to be e-mailed before 13<sup>th</sup> June.

- 11.2.5 Mr Martin Savage asked if Clerk had heard anything from Malcolm Hinton about finishing Green Lane. Clerk confirmed that she had written to him, but received no reply. Mr Martin Savage agreed that he would speak to him.
- 11.2.6 Mr Gary Sumner raised the issue about the car parked on highway verge near the Brewers Arms, which is obviously parked there to advertise his business. Clerk to write to SBC highways to ask if there is anything that can be done.

## 12. Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

- 12.1 May Day Fayre was held on 7<sup>th</sup> May at Lower Rec. Considering the weather at the start of the day, it actually turned out ok for the afternoon. Tessa Lanstein has reported that they hoped to have raised in the region of £2,500 including the scarecrow trail.
- 12.2 Mr Martin Savage reported that Kevin Turner had met with SBC to discuss the plans for the Village Hall roof and new pitched roof at the back. SBC have given pre application approval. Village Hall now need to approach the Church to gain permission from them.
- 12.3 Mr Bill Suter stated that he had been approached by a resident at Somerset Farm who runs a roofing business stating that he would be willing to re-roof the Village Hall free of charge. Details were passed to Mr Martin Savage to follow up.

## 12.4 Planning and Finance

- 12.4.1 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). Clerk has contacted a broker, but not yet received a reply. Parish Council unanimously agreed to renew the policy with Allianz Cornhill unless the broker can provide a cheaper quote.
- 12.4.2 Letter received from SBC stating that the applicant for the planning application at Bell's Garage for the proposed 6 new dwellings has taken the application to appeal. The new reference is APP/U3935/A/07/2043078, and comments need to be sent to The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/19a, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN by 5<sup>th</sup> June 2007.
- 12.4.3 Clerk has finally received a letter from Swindon Borough Council confirming that they own the land next to the school, along with back up documents showing land transfer back in 1970's from the Hinton family to The Rural District Council of Highworth, which is now Swindon Borough Council. This clarifies what Parish Council had originally thought, but now Parish Council has a copy of the paperwork for their files. Parish Council unanimously agreed to write to Swindon Borough Council asking for a lease on this piece of land, Parish Council have already been maintaining the land and this should therefore be considered.
- 12.4.4 Swindon Central Area Action Plan – Preferred Options Draft, a summary leaflet has been received and SBC are asking for comments on their proposals by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2007. Mrs Andrea Jerome agreed to look at document.
- 12.4.5 As agreed the Public Works Loan (a loan taken out for the land next to the Old School House) has now been repaid. This has been repaid out of the unspent budget in 2006/07 and out of Parish Council's contingency fund.

**13 FINANCE****13.1 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 May 2007 endorsed and the transfers to cover May 2007 expenditure be approved."

**14. Other****14.1 Model Code of Conduct for Parish Council**

14.1.1 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 need to formally adopt new code within six months of the document being issued (i.e. no later than 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2007). So far five Parish Councillors & Clerk have received training on the new code; the second training session is on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at Wroughton for the remaining Councillors.

**15. CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence received since the last meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2007 was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.35

*Date of next meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2007*