

## WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **22nd January 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 A Bennett, Mrs A Jerome, Mrs A Basevi. Mr G Sumner, Mr M L Savage, Mr R Whitfield

**In Attendance** Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies:- Mr C Hayes
2. Declaration of Interest : Mr Joe Smith declared an interest on item 5.4.1 as he owns land within the area being discussed. He left the room while the item was being discussed.
3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 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 stated that the hedges at Avenell Road need cutting back, Parish Council stated that this hedge is the responsibility of Swindon Borough Council and agreed to ask them to look at them.*

### **Report from Ward Councillor**

*A resident asked if there were any details of all the S106 payments for Wanborough Parish. Mr A Bennett stated that S106 payments are negotiated at the start of the planning application process and as far as he is aware there haven't been any developments in Wanborough recently that have been subject to S106 due to the size of the development. Within the old rules for S106 you had to build around 12 new dwellings before they were subject to S106, however the rules have now changed and any new dwelling built should be subject to S106.*

## **4 PLANNING**

### 4.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

**S/06/3072JABU** – Somerset Paddock – Change of use from paddock to equine development, including construction of 2no. box stables and associated tack room. Parish Council agreed that a site visit should be requested.

**S/06/3140MACA** – Sunnydale Cottage, Rotten Row – Erection of a single storey rear extension. Parish Council raised no objection to planning application.

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

**S/06/2823/JABU** – Foxhill Stables, Foxhill – Amendments to Planning Approval S/04/1539 – Remodelling of existing 2 dwellings to form 3 no. dwellings. Conversion of and works to existing stables to form 5 no. dwellings. Demolition of existing building for 2 no. replacement carports.

**S/LBC/06/2775/NIRO & S/06/2762/NIRO** – Somerset Farm House, High Street – Replacement of existing windows plus 1 no. new dormer window, replacement of concrete roof tiles with clayplain tiles, internal alterations and new bathrooms.

**S/06/2188/SS** – King Edwards Place, Foxhill – Change of use to hotel with ancillary conference and leisure facilities, erection of single storey extension to leisure building and enclosed link to main building.

**S/06/2870/RM** – 1-6 Ridgeway Cottages, Foxhill – Demolition of single storey rear extensions, erection of 6 no. two storey extensions, 6no. dormer windows to front entrance porch, internal alterations, subdivision of 1 no. cottage to form 2 no. residential units, construction of ancillary parking and associated works.

## **5. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES**

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

5.1.1 Letter received from Mr Michael Smith (Chartered Engineer) who was involved in moving the ventilation flue from plant room to the roof when the bowls conservatory was built. Copy of letter circulated to all Councillors. Parish Council discussed at length and decided that Bowls Club should reply to Mr Michael Smith and forward a copy of his letter to Mr David Hobbs (plumber) for his information. It was agreed that Parish Council are not in a position to be able to claim any re-imburement for the cost of repairing the hot water system.

5.1.2 A water leak in the plant room was reported to Clerk. Mr David Hobbs has looked at it, and the leak is a result of the valve on the hot water cylinder not working properly. He will arrange for this to be replaced, which is expected to cost in the region of £200. Parish Council unanimously agreed that this work should be carried out.

5.1.3 The second Cricket Club sight screen at Hooper's Field has broken in recent bad weather conditions. Parish Council agreed that this should be discussed at the next Hooper's Field Committee meeting, but they are very disappointed that Cricket Club did not tie down the sight screen.

5.1.4 It was agreed that Clerk would arrange a Hooper's Field sub committee meeting for the end of February / beginning of March 2007.

5.1.5 Mr B Suter stated that the sprinkler system for the bowling green will need to be fixed ready for the start of the season. This was discussed at previous meeting, but agreed to leave. He does now feel that Parish Council should be thinking about getting the work done. It was agreed to discuss at Hooper's Field meeting.

5.1.4 Play Area inspection report received, a few minor repairs needed on chain links in adventure play area. Clerk will arrange for a quote

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

5.2.1 Clerk has met with Mr Colin Lawrence (SBC Arboricultural Officer) to discuss a number of trees at the Lower Recreation Field. He has recommended the following work:-

- Ash Tree, northern boundary (near Mrs Reynolds' garden) – To pollard 12 stems nearest fence to 4m, to reduce limbs growing towards swings by 50%, to reduce main trunk by 30% and to remove all broken branches;
- Ash Tree, northern boundary (behind play area) – remove ivy first so that the tree can be re-inspected for faults. This tree may need to be completely removed.
- Horse Chestnut (near adventure play area) – crown cleaning.
- Willow trees next to Chapel Lane – Pollard all willows, these trees should be pollarded every two to three years to ensure no further damage to main trunk of tree.

He suggested filling the gaps in the tree line behind the play area with rooted trees that can be purchased at the end of the season, the roots will then get a chance to establish first making harder for them to be vandalised.

Clerk has written to three tree surgeon companies asking for quotes for the above work. Parish Council agreed to wait for the quotes before making any further decision on this.

- 5.2.2 Swindon Services have recently carried out two weeks of minor maintenance work on footpaths and roads in the village. Although Clerk compiled a list of works to be done and a pre-meeting took place to discuss works, Clerk was not very pleased with the amount of time they spent in the village. The first week there was only one person instead of two and the second week they only worked until the Wednesday. Parish Council agreed that Clerk to write to SBC following these issues up with them.
- 5.2.3 Village Maintenance sub committee went on a footpath walk and met with the owner of the new equestrian centre at Horpit to discuss the issue of footpath 33. Mr Gary Sumner stated that the new training arena has been constructed over footpath 33 and after seeing it he feels that it would unrealistic to ask them to move the arena. Mr Gary Sumner therefore agreed with the owner that they would come up with a proposal to divert footpath 33, which Parish Council will be consulted on. The cost of diverting the footpath will be borne by equestrian business. To date Parish Council have not received any proposal, it was therefore agreed that Clerk would write to owner chasing for this proposal.
- 5.2.4 Mr Martin Savage felt that the pile of scalplings at the end of Green Lane has sat there for a while now and it would be good to get this job finished. It was therefore agreed that Clerk would write to Mr M Hinton asking him realistically when he will be able to complete this work and whether he thinks he might need any more materials.
- 5.2.5 Mr Gary Sumner suggested holding a Village Maintenance sub committee meeting to start looking at Parish maps and marking out who is responsible for the maintenance of land, trees, hedges etc around the village. Date set for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at Hooper's Field Pavilion.
- 5.2.6 Mr Martin Savage stated that he would like the village clean up weekend to be earlier this year. Parish Council agreed to hold this on the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2007. This will tie in with the Hooper's Field clean up day and a skip will be located in the car park. Clerk to arrange article in Lyden and to put posters up around the village.

### 5.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

- 5.3.1 Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007. Mr Martin Savage reported that he has received a quote from Mr Kevin Turner (Archways) for compiling the plans for the Village Hall roof; he has quoted £500, although previously suggesting the cost would be in the region of £300. He will therefore follow this up with Mr Turner. It is the aim that the work on the roof will be carried out during August 2008.
- Mr Martin Savage reported that Mr Mark Ayres will be carrying out a few odd jobs around the Hall and stated that Playgroup will be writing to Parish Council asking for a grant towards the cost of replacing the radiator covers.

### 5.4 Planning and Finance

- 5.4.1 Consortium of Parish Councils' meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at Bourton Village Hall to discuss the RSS (Regional Spatial Strategy) and EiP (Examination in Public). Mr Colin Offer attended meeting and had circulated two documents to be discussed at this meeting. Parish Council discussed the "Memorandum of Articles". Parish Council agreed to the document, but they felt that Parish Councils should be given sufficient time to respond to any major issues that relate to the Parish. Mr Colin Offer reported that so far a total of £11,000 has been

raised for the "Fighting Fund" and their aim is to raise £15,000. It was agreed that Mr Colin Offer would write an article for the Lyden magazine.

The next meeting is to be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2007, Mr Colin Offer, Mr Gary Sumner and Mrs Andrea Jerome agreed to attend meeting, Mr Martin Savage and Mrs Anita Basevi would be a back up in case someone could not attend.

- 5.4.2. VAT inspection was carried out on Parish Council's VAT records. The Inspector was very pleased with the records and had nothing to report; he looked at current year and two previous years' records. He stated that there probably will not be another inspection for at least another six years.
- 5.4.3. Planning application at King Edwards Place has been granted with conditions. The conditions state that they must install appropriate signage so that hotel traffic is directed via the most suitable road network, plus they must upgrade the current bus stops at Foxhill, one of these belonging to Wanborough Parish Council. Parish Council agreed to write to Planning Officer to make them aware that the bus shelter belongs to Parish Council and confirm that they would like to be consulted if the bus shelters were to be changed.
- 5.4.4 Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November at Steam to discuss Swindon Gateway (land next to Coate Water). Mr Andrew Bennett attended the meeting, Parish Council have received a copy of the minutes of meeting. Mr Andrew Bennett reported that this was merely a meeting when the developers were consulting with the public; no decisions were made at the meeting. There has not yet been any formal planning application submitted for this area.

*Mr Andrew Bennett left the meeting*

- 5.4.5. Planning Application S/06/0630TB (new ref:APP/U3935/A/06/2029804) – Land adjacent to Disney Cottage, 54 Church Road – Erection of 1 no. dwelling has gone to appeal. DPDS have sent a new set of plans outlining slight changes to the application. Clerk has spoken to SBC's Planning Officer they are still recommending refusal even after the changes. The decision will be made by the Planning Inspector Mr Dixon at Bristol office.
- 5.4.6. Swindon Borough Council's Statement of Community Involvement. This document has now been formally adopted and agreed at full Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2007.
- 5.4.7. SBC has published a draft supplementary planning document (SPD) on "Swindon Sustainable Building Design and Construction". Comments on this document need to be submitted by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007.

## **6 FINANCE**

### **6.1 Financial Statement**

The monthly statement was circulated. It was proposed by Mr Colin Offer and seconded by Mr Martin Savage 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 January 2007 be endorsed and the transfers to cover January 2007 expenditure be approved."

## **7. Others**

### **7.1 Parish Plan**

- 7.1.1 Parish Councillors have now had a chance to look through examples of Parish Plans and unanimously agreed that it would be a good idea to compile a Parish Plan

for Wanborough. Clerk will apply for a grant, and it was agreed to set up a small sub committee comprising of Mrs Anita Basevi, Mrs Andrea Jerome, Mr Colin Offer and Mr Gary Sumner.

7.2 Grants

- 7.2.1 Cricket Club have asked if they can have a grant to pay for new sight screens. It was agreed to leave this until after the matter had been discussed at the Hooper's Field Committee.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence received since the last meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2006 was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.45

*Date of next meeting – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007*