

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **26th March 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 C Hayes, Mrs A Jerome, Mrs A Basevi. Mr G Sumner, Mr A Bennett

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

1. Apologies:-, Mr M L Savage, Mr R Whitfield
2. Declaration of Interest : Mr Gary Sumner declared a prejudicial interest in planning application S/07/0533NIRO – 2 Ambrose Cottages;
Mr Colin Offer declared a prejudicial interest in planning application S/07/0352CAPY – 5 Oakapple Close;
Mr Bill Suter declared a prejudicial interest in item 7.2.1.
3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th February 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

No public questions

Report from Ward Councillor

Ward Councillor reported Swindon Borough Council's new proposals for recycling. From June 2007 Swindon Borough Council will be introducing wheelie bins: normal waste will be collected every two weeks, recycling collection will be increased to weekly collections with the introduction of plastic bottle collection. It is the aim that all residents will have a wheelie bin by January 2008.

Ward Councillor reported that the building work at Ridgway Cottage, Foxhill has stopped. The builder is due to submit another planning application as they have demolished more of the original building than they were permitted to do.

4 PLANNING

4.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

S/07/0422RM – 6 Ridgeway Cottages, Foxhill – Erection of a garage to side. Parish Council has considered this application and do not wish to raise any objection.

S/07/0345CAPY – Pebblestones, Rotten Row – Conversion of garage into habitable space and erection of new garage. Parish Council has considered this application and do not wish to raise any objection.

S/07/0352CAPY – 5 Oakapple Close – Erection of single-storey rear and side extension. (*Mr C Offer left the room during discussion of this application*). Parish Council has considered this application and raise concern about the loss of driveway space as a result of moving the garage forward.

S/07/0553NIRO – 2 Ambrose Cottages, High Street – Erection of a garden room. (*Mr Gary Sumner left the room during discussion of this application.*) Parish Council has considered this application and although in principle they have no objection, they made one comment:- The neighbouring property has already extended at the rear, the rear view of the properties would look far better if this extension was designed in a similar way i.e. slopping roof rather than a pitched roof.

- 4.2 To consider Revised Planning Applications received:
S/06/3072/JABU – Somerset Paddock, High Street – 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 Permission/Consent received:
S/06/2938/STHE – 2-3 Victoria Cottages, High Street – Erection of joint second-storey rear extensions;
S/06/3140/MACA – Sunnysdale Cottage, Rotten Row – Erection of a single storey rear extension;
S/07/0147/MACA – Loe Dakka, Kite Hill – Erection of a two storey side/rear extension and single storey rear extension;

5. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

5.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation

- 5.1.1 Hooper's Field Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2007, main points from meeting:-
- Football Club confirmed that four teams using the football pitches this season has worked with no problems, therefore keep the same next season.
 - The possibility of another Cricket Club using the facilities this season was discussed with Cricket Club and they were going to consider further;
 - Tennis Club official opening of courts was due to take place on 25th March 2007, Mr Colin Offer confirmed that the event went very well and Louise Hunt carried out the official opening.
 - Car parking on Tennis Court side, cars are getting stuck due to not knowing where car park finishes;
 - Tennis Club need to monitor the electric usage for the floodlights as at the moment the hourly charge does not seem to cover the cost.
 - It was agreed that Mr David Hobbs would be asked to repair the Bowls Club Sprinkler timer at a cost of £375, Parish Council unanimously agreed to this cost.
 - The water heater in the ladies toilet is not working and needs replacing. Parish Council agreed to gain a quote from Mr David Hobbs for it to be replaced.
 - The clubs agreed that between them they would decorate the interior of the pavilion, provided Parish Council supply all paint etc. Parish Council unanimously agreed.
 - It was agreed that Parish Council would supply no smoking signs ready for the new rules which come into effect on 1st July 2007.
- 5.1.2 Hooper's Field Clean up day was held on Saturday 24th March 2007. New stones for driveway were delivered and spread. It was agreed to put a note in the Lyden thanking everyone who attended.
- 5.1.3 Mr Bill Suter raised at last meeting that a resident from 1 Dolphin Cottage had made a complaint about the seat at the Lower Rec. The village maintenance sub committee were asked to look at it at their meeting. It was felt that the seat closest to 1 Dolphin Cottage has been there for a long time, the other seat that has been moved to the top of the Rec recently and is located further away. Parish Council agreed that more hedgerow planting could be carried out along the bank to help screen his property of the Lower Rec. Clerk to write and confirm Parish Council's decision.

5.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments

- 5.2.1 The tree works at the Lower Rec were due to commence on 14th March, but the contractor did not turn up and Clerk has been chasing him about it since. He has confirmed that work will be carried out this week. There is a tree along the edge of the footpath that has split and is hanging, the contractor has confirmed that he will remove this tree at the same time.
- 5.2.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments sub committee met at Lower Recreation field to look at hedging and trees. It was noted by committee that a number of residents who live next to the field have put gates in their back fence in order to have direct access to the field from their gardens. It was suggested that an article should be put in the Lyden stating that although Parish Council have not got an objection, the residents must be aware that they do not have "permitted access" to the field and they should not use this access to dump their garden waste onto the field. Parish Council agreed that individual letters should also go to residents stating that they should not clear trees, hedgerow or shrubbery from the Lower Rec, this should only be carried out by Parish Council.
- 5.2.3 Village Clean up weekend was held 23rd – 24th March 2007, this went very well and a note of thanks to Parishioners to be included in the Lyden.
- 5.2.4. Graffiti in village. A resident asked if Parish Council could arrange for graffiti to be removed. Clerk has contacted SBC who have stated that as graffiti is on private property they can not remove it without their individual consent, plus there is a charge. It was unanimously agreed that Parish Council would arrange clean up of graffiti and take the charge, although individual consent will still need to be gained.
- 5.2.5. PC Melonie Neal has asked the Clerk whether she knows of anybody who would be interested in starting up a Neighbourhood Watch within the village. It was agreed that this was something that could be raised at the Annual Parish Assembly.
- 5.2.6 A number of issues were raised in relation to Highways as follows:-
- Sign at Foxhill still has graffiti on it;
 - A large amount of rubbish along the highway verge between Wanborough and Foxhill;
 - Condition of the road at Horpit crossroads, and Pack Hill;
 - Tree at the corner of Magdelan Road leaning over;
- It was agreed to compile one letter to Swindon Borough Council Highways, and Mr A Bennett agreed to arrange for Mr Denis Cole (SBC Highways) to come and look at all problems. If there are any other items to be included on the list then to e-mail Clerk with details.

5.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

- 5.3.1 Meeting held Monday 19th March 2007. Mr Colin Hayes reported that the fire exit door in the kitchen is due to be replaced. He also stated that as Parish Council are unable to reclaim VAT on behalf of the Village Hall this will mean that the cost of replacing the roof will cost 17.5% more than anticipated. Clerk confirmed that as Parish Council does not own the Village Hall, Parish Council can not therefore reclaim the VAT; Clerk suggested that the Village Hall Committee look into the possibility of registering for VAT themselves, or another option would be to contact the Bristol Diocese.

5.4 Planning and Finance

- 5.4.1 Planning Application for a new dwelling next to Disney Cottage, Church Road – Appeal decision – Refusal, copy of appeal decision available at meeting.

- 5.4.2. Planning Application for four new dwellings at the site of Bells Garage. The decision for this application has been deferred until the next Planning Committee, which is due to be held on 10th April 2007. Mr Andrew Bennett confirmed that the application was deferred so that SBC could assess the proportion of users within and outside the village who use the garage to see whether the garage is a major community facility (policy CF6). Parish Council had a lengthy discussion about the manner in which the planning application was handled at the Planning Committee meeting, the fact that there was no ward representation for the application and the amount of Developers Contributions that had been agreed. Parish Council agreed that Mr Gary Sumner and Mrs Anita Basevi would attend the next Planning Committee meeting, Mr Andrew Bennett was asked to keep Parish Council up to date and was asked to step down as Chair of the meeting and act as Ward Councillor supporting Parish Council's objections on the application.
- 5.4.3. SBC has published the following planning documents for public consultation:-
- Draft Swindon Backland and Infill Development Supplementary Planning Document
 - Draft Swindon Nature Conservation Guidance Note
- Consultation period for this document runs until Monday 2nd April 2007. Parish Council strongly supported these two new planning documents
- 5.4.4. Clerk has received a number of cheques from residents for the "Western Vale Fighting Fund". These cheques are currently being held and will not be banked until residents have seen the article in April's Lyden

6 FINANCE

6.1 Financial Statement

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

7. Others

7.1 Revised Model Code of Conduct for Parish Council

- 7.1.1 The Government have issued a consultation paper which seeks views on a draft of a proposed new model code of conduct for Parish Council members.
- 7.1.2 Mr Stephen Taylor will be running two training sessions on the Model Code of Conduct, details of these training sessions have already been e-mailed. All Councillors and Clerk are booked onto training session on either 10th May or 24th May apart from Mr Martin Savage.

7.2 Grants

- 7.2.1 Wanborough Bowls Club has asked for a contribution towards the cost of installing solar insulation into the conservatory at Hooper's Field to prevent the conservatory becoming overheated during the summer. They have received a quote for £2,042.56. (*Mr Bill Suter left the room during this discussion*). After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Parish Council would give a grant of £600 towards the cost of installing the solar insulation, this cost would come out of the remaining budget left in 2006/07 precept.
- 7.2.2 Wanborough Cricket Club has asked for a grant towards the cost of new sight screens, they will need at least one ready for the start of the season on 1st May 2007. (*Mr A Bennett left the room during this discussion*). After a lengthy discussion

it was agreed that Parish Council would give a grant of £600 towards the cost of one sight screen, this would use up the remaining balance in the grant budget for 2006/07.

7.3 Standards Board Hearing Decision

7.3.1 The Standards Board hearing was held on Friday 23rd March 2007. A copy of decision was made available to all Councillors.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since the last meeting on 26th February 2007 was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 22.00

Date of next meeting – Monday 23rd April 2007