

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **16th December 2013** in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19.30.

PRESENT: Mr G Sumner (Chairman) Mr C Offer (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Hayward, Mr B Biggs, Mr P Warensjo, Mr A Bennett (arrived late), Mr C Hayes, Mr W J Smith Mr R Whitfield, Mrs D Stalker

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

1. Apologies: None
2. Declaration of interest: David Hayward and Colin Hayes declared a personal interest in item 6.2 as they both own an allotment.
3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th November 2013 were circulated to all Parish Councillors. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Gary Sumner said a few words in memory of Bill Suter who had recently passed away; he served on the Parish Council for over 20 years, including a period as Chairman to the Council. He was heavily involved in the village life; he was the chairman of the Bowls Club and will be greatly missed by many in the village. It was agreed that Parish Council would like to recognise his contribution to the village with some sort of memorial, to be decided at a later date.

Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions

A member of the public provided details on how drainage could be improved in the Burycroft area to solve some of their flooding problems. Gary Sumner confirmed that these details would be passed on to Carl Collins (Flood Consultant).

4. Report from Ward Councillor
Andrew Bennett reported that the main area of discussion at Swindon Borough Council is the council tax; he confirmed that at the moment the Borough are expected to increase the council tax by 1.9%. The Borough are also considering passing on the grant received from government, for the change in precept calculations, to the Parish Councils this year.
A question was raised in relation to Swindon Borough Council's Local Plan and EiP. Andrew Bennett confirmed that Swindon Borough Council are due to send a letter to the Planning Inspector by 20th December 2013 providing them with further information.
Andrew Bennett stated that it had been reported to him that there have been a couple of burglaries within the village recently. Parish Council discussed the fact that information about crimes around the village are not being circulated as they used to be via a Neighbourhood Watch newsletter. It was agreed to look into this to try and see if this newsletter can be reinstated.

5.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

S/13/1827 – Green Gates, Ham Road – Side and rear extensions, front porch and two new dormer windows to existing house and associated works. Parish Council raised no objection to these plans.

S/13/1647 – Warneage Wood, Woodland Trust – Repair existing stone building, to replace information board and install a second new information board. Parish Council raised no objection to these plans.

S/EIA/13/1770 – Lotmead Farm – Request for environmental impact assessment scoping opinion for proposed development. Parish Council considered this application and raised the following concerns:-

- The report states that the applicant will consider the impact of the proposed development on the Ridgeway Ward; they should be considering the impact on Wanborough Parish, not just the Ridgeway Ward, as Wanborough Parish will be severely impacted by this proposed development.
- The report states that Wanborough Road will be used as an access to this development. Wanborough Road clearly would not cope with a development of this scale.
- The proposed area for development is currently being considered as part of Swindon Borough Council's Local Plan, but this plan has not yet been agreed; therefore considering this site for development is very premature.
- The proposed number of dwellings proposed for this site is considerably higher than that proposed within the Local Plan. Plus within the Draft Eastern Villages SPD this proposed area is within "Phase 2" of the Eastern Villages development, so once again considering this area for development is premature.
- The report does not mention anything about how they plan to prevent traffic "rat running" through Wanborough village; this needs to be included and properly assessed.
- Flooding is a huge problem within this proposed site due to the close proximity of the River Cole, Dorcan Brook and Liden Brook. Parish Council would like the report to include a full study of the potential flood risk of the site and the impact on the surrounding area as a result of this proposal.

Colin Hayes asked if Parish Council had sent a letter in relation to the Rowborough planning application. Gary Sumner stated that Swindon Borough Council have allowed an extension to this application and comments can now be sent up until 20th January 2014.

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

None

5.3 To notify the Schedule to the refusal received.

None

6 COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation

- 6.1.1 The next Hooper's Field meeting will be held on Monday 13th January 2014.
- 6.1.2 E-mail from Bowls Club to say that the bowls green is getting damaged due to foxes. They have asked for permission to install an electric fence along the inside of the hedge. After a discussion it was agreed to gain further information i.e. the voltage of the electric fence, and then discuss further at the next Hooper's Field meeting.
- 6.1.3 Joe Smith asked if anything further had been heard about the Supermarine FC incident at Hooper's Field. Clerk confirmed that she had not heard anything but would chase Wilts FA.
- 6.1.4 Gary Sumner confirmed that Community Payback have agreed to clear some ditches on the Woodland Trust land and confirmed they will be at Hooper's Field on Wednesday 18th and Saturday 21st December.
- 6.1.5 Church Meadow play area installation is due to start in February 2014. Clerk confirmed that the grant from Landfill Tax is due to be considered at the end of January 2014.

6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments

- 6.2.1 Annual allotment charge to Covingham needs to be agreed. Clerk to provide details of income and expenditure for the allotments over the past years so that the allotment committee can decide what to charge.
- 6.2.2 Lee Wells needs more jobs for the New Year; Parish Councillors to e-mail Clerk with any work they would like added to Lee's list.
- 6.2.3 Dave Hayward and Bob Biggs agreed to restart the footpath walks and agreed to put an article in the next Lyden magazine to get this started.

6.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

- 6.3.1 No meeting held since the last report.

6.4 Planning and Finance

- 6.4.1 Precept meeting will be held on Monday 20th January 2014 at Hooper's Field starting at 7.30pm. All precept details have now been received from Swindon Borough Council. There is also a possibility that Swindon Borough Council will pass down half the money received from the government to help Parish Councils with the change in the way the precept is calculated; this will be confirmed in February.
- 6.4.2 E-mail received from Thames Water in relation to Stanley Close development. Dave Hayward felt that the issue at Kimber's Field has still not been resolved but it is difficult when there isn't any specialist data available. Gary Sumner suggested seeking advice from Carl Collins (Flood Consultant). Joe Smith asked whether Parish Council had heard anything from Taylor Wimpey in relation to an assessment of the bund behind Springlines; Clerk to chase a response from Taylor Wimpey.
- 6.4.3 Gary Sumner confirmed that a meeting had been arranged between all the transport specialists from SBC (Halcrow), Oxford County Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and Hindhaugh (Transport Consultants for Western Vale Villages) to discuss transport issues and to agree baseline figures. Representatives from Swindon Borough Council Forward Planning

will also be attending. This meeting is due to be held on 7th January 2014 at County Hall in Oxford.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Financial Statement

The monthly statement was circulated. It was proposed by Colin Hayes and seconded by Colin Hayes 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 December 2013 endorsed and the transfers to cover December 2013 expenditure be approved.”

7.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement

The monthly cash flow statement was circulated. It was proposed by Colin Offer and seconded by Colin Hayes that the statement be accepted

8. OTHER

8.1 Transport

8.1.1 Nothing to report

8.2 Grants

No requests received

8.3 Flooding

8.3.1 Telephone call from Mr Yeandel in reply to the letter recently sent to him. He is more than happy to meet on site with Parish Council to discuss what ditches, etc need sorting. He specifically also raised concerns about a resident’s septic tank and ditches. It was agreed for the Clerk to arrange a meeting with him in the New Year, also inviting Simon Masters (Swindon Borough Council) to attend.

8.4 Neighbourhood Plan

8.4.1 The Neighbourhood Plan has gone out for consultation, which is due to end on 22nd January 2014.

8.5 Wanborough Post Office

8.5.1 Rob Spurr (Oaktree) has supplied Parish Council with a quote to provide Post Office plans for submission to SBC in order to gain planning permission at a cost of £275 plus planning fee. Parish Council unanimously agreed to this cost. Parish Council suggested asking Rob Spurr to do a quote for the building work as well and whether he would be able to carry out this work during the school summer holidays in 2014.

8.5.2 Gary Sumner confirmed that the Vicar had a meeting with the Bristol Diocese and they are very positive about Parish Council purchasing the Village Hall. The Vicar now needs to take this proposal to the next PCC meeting for their agreement.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 All correspondence listed on Clerk's notes was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.30

Date of next meeting Monday 27th January 2014