

## WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **18<sup>th</sup> December 2017** in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19.30.

**PRESENT:** Mr C Offer (Chairman), Mr J Sinclair, Mr R Whitfield, Mr D Hayward, Mr J Smith, Mr C Hayes and Mrs D Stalker

**In Attendance:** Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk) and 7 members of public, Mr G Sumner (Borough Councillor, left at 21.00).

1. Apologies: Mr M Simpson, Mr B Biggs (Vice-Chairman)
2. Declaration of interest:  
David Hayward and Colin Hayes declared a personal interest in item 6.3 as they each rent an allotment. Joe Smith declared a prejudicial interest in items 6.5.1 as he owns land within the NEV. Donna Stalker declared a prejudicial interest in item 6.2.1 as she is the landowner.
3. Minutes:  
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were circulated to all Parish Councillors. Roger Whitfield stated that as part of his Community Safety report he thought he had asked for "Community Safety" to be added to the agenda for each monthly meeting. After a discussion Parish Council agreed to try for a period of 3 months.  
Colin Offer queried item 6.1.1 stating that he was aware that Parish Council discussed the maintenance of the conservatory but did not think Parish Council made a decision. After a discussion, it was agreed to check the recording especially as the Councillor who put this forward was not present at the meeting.  
The minutes were signed by the Chairperson as a true record.
3. Co-Option of Parish Councillor  
Two residents John Emmins and James Naylor both introduced themselves and said a bit about themselves. Both candidates left the meeting while Parish Council discussed and voted.  
Parish Council unanimously agreed to co-opt John Emmins and James Naylor onto the Council. They duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### **Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions**

*A Resident from The Marsh spoke in relation to footpath modification order 44; he confirmed that there is a permissive footpath that cuts the corner from Burycroft to The Marsh (across the Ducksbridge development site, which was previously a caravan park), the route then continues from there across the field next to Honeyfield Farm. He is requesting that the permissive route be changed to an actual route.*

*He confirmed that there are over 20 witness statements from residents who have used the footpath for well over 30 to 40 years, and he has accumulated a large number photographic evidence including aerial photos.*

*He confirmed that under the Countryside Act he has submitted an application to SBC to request for this permissive path, which is a long established route, to be added to the definitive map. He outlined and confirmed the reasons that an objection can be made to the modification order.*

*He hoped that Parish Council would support his application for this long established footpath to be changed to an actual path.*

*A resident from The Marsh spoke in relation to the footpath 44 modification order. He confirmed that the footpath that was put in across the land after discussion with Annie Ellis (SBC RoW Officer at the time) on the basis that it was temporary basis until the definitive route (footpath 25) was put back in.*

*They have evidence that confirms that the permissive route across the land was not in existence prior to the development work. He also felt that the resident who has submitted the application only wants this new permissive footpath put in so that footpath 25 which goes across his garden is not used.*

*If this goes through that will result in two footpaths going across the land within close proximity to each other; it will also mean there will be a small piece of land the residents will not be able to use.*

*They do not object to footpaths going across the land, as they have always maintained their footpaths, however having two footpaths going to the same place is just not on.*

*A resident from The Marsh spoke in relation to the footpath 44 modification order confirming that this is not a personal issue, it is not about whether the footpath should go across one person's land or another's it's about a footpath that has been used for many years to cut off the corner from Burycroft to The Marsh and he confirmed that as a resident he had used this permissive footpath for a long time.*

*A resident attended who is the applicant for the planning application at Ivydene. The site was selected as part of the Neighbourhood Plan, however the Neighbourhood Plan hasn't progressed any further which is why they have put forward the planning application. They are proposing to build one new dwelling between their own house and Jubilee cottages, the design is in keeping with Jubilee cottages and will be a three bedroom detached house. She hoped that Parish Council would support this application.*

*Joe Smith confirmed that he had been approached by someone from Horpit about someone who is running a waste transfer plant. After a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would forward the SBC Planning Enforcement form to Joe Smith to review and provide the relevant information.*

#### 4. Report from Ward Councillor

Gary Sumner confirmed that he had attended a meeting with Thames Water. Thames Water are seeking contributions from the developers towards a modelling study to see if there is any capacity in their current network to supply water to the NEV. He has asked the Planning Officer if, for an interim measure, whether the Borough could help fund this study.

For sewage they do now have a site in mind for the pumping station south of the A420, however all the development sites would have to put their own infrastructure in place to access this pumping station within the NEV.

Going forward Thames Water have agreed to meet quarterly

The Southern Connector Road (SCR) open drop in event: Gary Sumner confirmed that he has expressed his concern about the road only being proposed as a single carriageway road; he questions the number of users that they are expecting and the proposed modelling for the SCR.

M4 Junction 15: Highways England are currently carrying out further modelling; there will be a further consultation once they have carried out this process.

Colin Offer confirmed that SBC seems to follow National Guidelines and models for the Borough highways and they don't look at the local issues.

Broadband: the mast needs to be adjusted slightly so that coverage to all houses is better.

Colin Hayes asked for an update on Stanley Close. Gary Sumner confirmed that further action is still needed and he confirmed that he will chase SBC on this.

Swindon Challenge to save 30million in 30 months: Gary Sumner confirmed that a draft budget is due in the New Year. He will have a better idea then as to how this target will be reached.

Joe Smith asked if Gary Sumner was aware of the pre-application for a Science Park on The Marsh. Gary Sumner confirmed that he is aware of a number of sites coming forward within SBC's SHELAA, but he confirmed that he was not aware of a pre-application for a Science Park.

Roger Whitfield asked Gary Sumner what dealings he has had with the footpath 44 modification order. Gary Sumner confirmed that he has received e-mails on the subject but he has just passed this information onto SBC.

## 5. PLANNING

### 5.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

**S/17/1664** - Land Adjoining Ivydene High Street - Erection of 1 no. dwelling and creation of new access.

Parish Council discussed this application and agreed to raise the following concerns:-

- Parish Council are concerned about the safety of the proposed new access onto the High Street due to the speed of traffic along this stretch of road and the close proximity of the chicane. In particular Parish Council are concerned about the construction traffic gaining access to the site.
- The proposed development is outside the settlement boundary, next to the Lower Wanborough Conservation Area and within the Area of Non-Coalescence. Parish Council are concerned that allowing this application would set a precedent for other developments within the area.
- Parish Council are concerned that, in order to gain enough visibility for the proposed new access, a considerable amount of hedging will need to be removed, which will have an impact on the Lower Wanborough Conservation Area and the view and setting of the village as you approach from Swindon direction.

Parish Council also confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan has been put on hold and therefore should not be a consideration for this application.

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

None

### 5.3 Planning Application that has been withdrawn

**S/HOU/17/0651** – 8 The Gallops, Foxhill – Erection of a two storey side extension – Parish Council asked if a reason was given for the application to be withdrawn; Clerk confirmed that she hadn't been informed.

## 6. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

### 6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation

6.1.1 Bowls Club have confirmed that they will pay for the installation of the new heaters for the conservatory, plus the cost of installing a separate meter.

6.1.2 PAT testing has now been carried out at Hooper's Field.

6.1.3 Chubb Fire have carried out the annual service of the fire alarm system.

- 6.1.4 With all the recent bad weather, footpaths around Hooper's Field and entrance to Hooper's Field have become very dangerous. Clerk asked the Parish Council if they would consider purchasing a salt box. After a discussion it was unanimously agreed to gain quotes for this.
- 6.1.5 Letter received from Wanborough Junior Football Club circulated to all Councillors. Parish Council agreed to discuss the letter at the Hooper's Field meeting to be held to discuss the questionnaire on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- 6.1.6 Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to discuss Hooper's Field questionnaire results and next Hooper's Field. The next committee meeting is due to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## 6.2 Footpaths and Village Maintenance

### 6.2.1 *(Donna Stalker left the meeting while this item was discussed)*

Notice of Modification Order – Footpath 44 to be added to Definitive Map. After a discussion Parish Council agreed:-

- To object to two sections of the footpath order: one from point G to Point D and one from Point E to Point F on the modification map. The reason for objection is that these two sections have not be used for more than 20 years as per the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

- 6.2.2 Rights of Way Liaison meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Bob Biggs attended this meeting and circulated notes from the meeting.
- 6.2.3 Tree works at Lower Rec, Church Meadow, The Beanlands and Callas Hill footpath have now all been done. Resident at The Woodlands has raised concern about the hedge; Clerk has spoken to the contractor about his concerns.
- 6.2.4 Clerk has reported overhanging tree branches along Kings Lane (footpath 9) to SBC. They have now confirmed that work will be carried out once weather conditions improve.
- 6.2.5 The planting of shrubs in the gap and taping area off hasn't solved the problem with the cut-through from the footpath at the top of the Lower Rec. Parish Council agreed to confirm to resident that they had tried but there is nothing further they can do on this.

## 6.3 Allotments

- 6.3.1 Meeting with Thames Water on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 10.00. Bob Biggs and Clerk to attend to discuss installing a new entrance gate to the allotment site.

## 6.4 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

- 6.4.1 No meeting, nothing to report.

## 6.5 Planning and Finance

### 6.5.1 *(Joe Smith left the room while this item was discussed)*

SBC Southern Connector Road presentation. Parish Council discussed and agreed to send a letter raising a number of questions as they felt the presentation was very vague about the following:-

- How the SCR will connect to Commonhead Roundabout; what will happen to Pack Hill and The Marsh. Detailed plans for this proposed junction are needed.
- How the SCR will cross over Wanborough Road; Parish Council would like more detail on the proposed junction and how SBC will prevent rat running through the village.
- The SCR ends within the NEV but there is no confirmation as to how the road will connect to the NEV; again more detail needed.
- Will the SCR be a single or double carriageway, will there be a cycle & footpath along the edge?

- 6.5.2 SAC & WALC meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Colin Offer attended the meeting and raised the following main points:-

- All the roads that are not on a main bus route are no longer gritted, including roads around schools. Gary Sumner had said previously that The Beanlands and the route around the school would still be included. Colin Offer agreed to check with Gary Sumner.
- Colin Offer gave an example of an area in Swindon (Redhouse) which was built over 12 years ago using the national guidance for parking and is now struggling with lack of parking spaces.
- The Parish Precept should be used for the local community. This is significant especially with Hooper's Field where there are a number of outside users.

Parish Council discussed appraisals and confirmed that the Clerk and Village Lengthsman should have an annual appraisal. It was agreed to carry out the Village Lengthsman's in the New Year. Joe Smith, Colin Offer and Bob Biggs agreed to carry out the Clerk's appraisal.

- 6.5.3 To ratify comments submitted on SBC's Local Plan Review & Joint Spatial Framework. After a discussion Parish Council unanimously agreed to submit the comments received from the Councillors.
- 6.5.4 Fibre broadband. Clerk confirmed that she had received a reply from the Head of Wanborough Primary School; Clerk has also put an article in January's Lyden. After a discussion it was agreed to write to PGL to see if they would be interested.
- 6.5.5 Finance meeting to discuss Precept & Budget for 2018/19 to be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Clerk has now received the tax base information from SBC and the tax base has slightly reduced. Clerk is currently meeting with contractors to gain quotes for the main grass cutting contracts

## **7. FINANCE**

### **7.1 Payment Schedule for December 2017**

Colin Hayes proposed and Joe Smith seconded; Parish Council unanimously approved the payment schedule for December 2017.

### **7.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement**

Colin Hayes proposed and Roger Whitfield seconded; Parish Council unanimously approved the Cash Flow Statement for December 2017.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

*All other correspondence since the last meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 was available at the meeting.*

*Meeting closed at 22.10*

*Date of next meeting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018*