



WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **18th May 2020** starting at 7.15pm.

PRESENT: Mr Bob Biggs (Chairperson), Mr Roger Whitfield (Vice Chairperson), Mr Colin Hayes, Mr David Hayward, Mr John Emmins, Mr Colin Offer, Mr Mark Simpson, Mr James Naylor and Mrs Donna Stalker

In Attendance: Mrs A Raymond (Clerk) and 3 members of public

- 1 Apologies: Apologies received from Mr Jon Beeden, Mr Joe Smith and duly accepted.
- 2 Virtual meetings Protocol and Procedures
Clerk circulated new protocol and procedures for virtual meetings as per new legislation.
Resolved: Parish Council unanimously agreed to adopt new procedures.
- 3 Election of Office
Due to Covid-19, Government agreed that Councils can carry forward their current Council format for another year.
Resolved: Parish Council unanimously agreed to keep the current Council format for 2020/21.
Roger Whitfield proposed, Colin Hayes seconded and Parish Council unanimously agreed for Bob Biggs to remain as Chairperson of the Council. Colin Hayes proposed, Mark Simpson seconded and Parish Council unanimously agreed for Roger Whitfield to remain as Vice Chairperson of Council.
4. Acceptance of Office
Acceptance of Office documents will be signed once Covid-19 restrictions allow.
5. Declaration of interest: David Hayward and Colin Hayes declared an interest in item 11 as they both rent an allotment.
6. Minutes
Resolved: The minutes of the full council meeting held on 23rd March 2020 were unanimously approved, minutes to be signed by Chair at a future date when face to face meetings can be held.
7. Meeting Dates 2020/21
List of proposed dates was circulated to all Councillors.
Resolved: Parish Council unanimously agreed Parish Council meeting dates for 2020/21. These meeting will be held virtually via Zoom until face to face meetings can be held again, meetings will then return to the Village Hall.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

No public questions

8 PLANNING:

8.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

To ratify decisions made on planning applications via e-mail under delegated powers due to Covid-19 and in order to meet SBC's deadline for comments as follows:

S/20/0274 - 1 South View Cottage, The Marsh - Erection of a detached house and garage – **Objection**

S/HOU/20/0333 - 25 Springlines - Erection of a single storey rear extension – **No Objection**

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S/OUT/19/0582 (Revised) - Lotmead Site New Eastern Villages - Outline Planning Application (means of access off Wanborough Road not reserved) for demolition and/or conversion of existing buildings and redevelopment to provide up to 2,500 homes – **Objection and concerns**

S/20/0384 - Kings Lane Farm, Kite Hill - Erection of 1no. dwelling and associated works – **Objection**

Resolved: Parish Council unanimously agreed comments already submitted to Swindon Borough Council for the above applications

Planning applications to be considered at the meeting as follows:

S/OUT/18/1943 (Revised) - Inlands Farm, The Marsh - A Hybrid Planning Application for a Science Park and associated works to include full details of 33,507 sqm (GIA) of Use Class B1c (light industrial), with associated access, parking, landscaping and drainage and an outline proposal for up to 32,281 sqm (GIA) of Use Class B1b (research and development) and up to 16,400 sqm (GIA) B1c (light industrial)

Resolved: Parish Council unanimously agreed to strongly object to this application.

Action point: Clerk to circulate draft letter of objection to Councillors for agreement before submission to SBC. Clerk confirmed an article on this has been included in June's Lyden Magazine and will be added to the Parish website.

S/20/0482 – Woodlands, Callas Hill - Conversion and extension to garage to create 1no. dwelling.

Resolved: Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to this application for the following reasons:-

- The previous application S/19/1135 was refused by SBC and then dismissed at appeal. Parish Council do not feel that this new application overcomes the reasons for dismissing at appeal and the Inspector's comments for the previous appeal still apply to this new application.
- The application is outside the settlement boundary for Wanborough;
- The proposed new dwelling will have a detrimental impact on Lower Wanborough Conservation Area, contrary to SBC's Planning Policy EN10.
- The current building line along Wanborough High Street is clearly linear, as mentioned within the Lower Wanborough Conservation Area report. Building on a site behind Woodlands would set a precedent for further properties along the High Street which also have long back gardens and for this reason the application should not be allowed.

S/19/1732 (Revised) - Land at Croft Yard, Ham Rd - Erection of 9no. dwellings and associated works.

Resolved: Parish Council raised no objection to development at this site in principle but raised the following concerns in relation to the proposed new layout:-

- Plot 1 - The plans provide parking for two vehicles but Parish Council are concerned that it will be difficult and tight to get into the parking area proposed for this plot. Also as there is no room to turn around, cars will need to reverse out in front of plots 2 & 3 and then onto the road.
- Tandem parking provision as shown for plot 6&7 can often result in cars parking on the road as it is never easy manoeuvring cars around when parking provision is provided like this. Parish Council are concerned that with only 1 car parking space on the road there will not be sufficient parking on site to meet the parking needs for this proposed development.
- The additional community benefit of the parking bays for Wanborough Surgery would provide much needed additional parking for those visiting the doctors, but there needs to be an agreement put in place to ensure these parking bays are not used as overflow spaces for the residents living in the houses

S/HOU/20/0487 - 4 The Lynch Field - Conversion of part of garage into habitable space and installation of skylight in garage roof.

Resolved: Parish Council raised no objection to this application.

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S/OUT/20/0533 - Land At Foxbridge Village North - Outline application for the erection of up to 299no. dwellings, commercial facilities up to 300 sq.m. (Use Classes A1/ A2/A3/A4/A5/ B1 & D1) with associated parking, landscaping, drainage and heritage trail - Access not reserved.

Resolved: Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to these proposed plans.

Action: Clerk to circulate letter to all Councillors after NEV Liaison Meeting so that questions can be asked prior to letter being sent to SBC.

S/OUT/17/1990 (Revised) - Great Stall East - Land South Of The A420 South Marston. Outline planning application (with means of access to the A420 not reserved) for up to 1,550 homes; education provision including a 10 form entry secondary school and a 3 form entry primary school with attendant sports pitches; a sports hub and open space; a park and ride; a local centre up to 1,000sqm

Resolved: After a discussion it was agreed to wait until after the NEV Liaison meeting before submitting comments on this application.

9. Covid-19

9.1 To receive report and update on facilities and services within the village that are impacted by Covid-19.

Clerk circulated information confirming:-

- Play areas are closed, signage has been put up.
- Goal posts are open for use and can be used subject to social distancing.
- Open spaces are open, contractor has been maintaining these areas and cutting the grass every two weeks.
- Litter bins are being emptied, however there is an increase in the amount in the bins and a few complaints about overflowing bins.
- Fly tipping increased, contractor clearing as and when reported.
- Hooper's Field – Pavilion closed. Tennis & Bowls Club partial re-opening following strict guidance, car park gate has now re-opened to allow access for these club members. Cricket are unable to start just yet but continue to monitor.
- Handyman – Keeping on top of as much as possible.

10. Hooper's Field

10.1 Annual Licence Fee for Football Clubs. Due to Covid-19 the football season ended early, Clerk circulated a report confirming the impact on the football clubs using Hooper's Field.

Resolved: Parish Council unanimously agreed to reduce the annual licence fee in proportion to the number of games they were not able to play.

Action: Clerk to send confirmation and details to Priory Vale FC and Wanborough JFC.

10.2 Annual Licence Fee for Bowls Club, Tennis Club and Cricket Club. Clerk circulated a report confirming the current impact on these clubs, however the full picture is unknown until restrictions are completely lifted.

Resolved: Parish Council agreed to defer the decision on this.

11. Allotments

11.1 **Resolved:** Parish Council unanimously agreed to ratify the minutes of the virtual committee meeting held on Monday 11th May 2020.

11.2 Parish Council received confirmation of an offer from Thames Water for a goodwill gesture of £1.5k as a result of a leak at the allotment site.

Resolved: Parish Council unanimously agreed to accept the goodwill gesture of £1.5k from Thames Water as recommended by the Allotment Committee.

12. FINANCE:

12.1 Grants

12.1.1 Parish Council unanimously agreed to ratify Parish Council decision made via e-mail to give a grant to a resident to cover material costs of making visors for Covid-19 protection.

Resolved: Grant agreed for £120.

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12.1.2 A request for a grant had been received from Priory Vale FC and Wanborough JFC towards the replacement of football goal posts at Hooper's Field. Clerk confirmed that the total cost of the new goal posts is £2,582. Priory Vale FC are able to gain an external grant for £1,450. Wanborough JFC have agreed to contribute £300, Priory Vale FC £150, leaving a balance of £632 that the football clubs have asked Parish Council to contribute.

Resolved: After a discussion Parish Council unanimously agreed to pay a grant of £632 towards the purchase of the goal posts.

Action: Clerk to write to the clubs confirming that the goal posts will become an asset of Hooper's Field and will be insured by Parish Council.

12.1.3 A request for a grant had been received from St Andrew's Church flower club. Clerk confirmed that this is a general request with no specific amount asked for.

Resolved: After a discussion Parish Council unanimously agreed to pay a grant of £100.

12.2 Financial statements for the financial year ended 31st March 2020

Resolved: Parish Council unanimously approved the financial statements for the financial year ended 31st March 2020.

12.3 Financial Payment Schedule for April and May 2020

Colin Hayes proposed and Roger Whitfield seconded; Parish Council unanimously approved the payment schedule for April and May 2020.

April

Parish Council total payments £7,238.57

Parish Council direct debits £61.38

Hooper's Field total payments £4,291.80

May

Parish Council total payments £5,279.23

Parish Council direct debits £16.38

Hooper's Field total payments £5,806.40

13. Highways Improvements

13.1 Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). Clerk circulated report of three quotes for a new Speed Indicator Device (SID), along with details of each product. The VAS on Callas Hill has now not been working for a very long time; SBC have tried on several occasions to fix the problem but each time this has proven unsuccessful.

Parish Council discussed all options.

Resolved: Bob Biggs put forward a proposal for Council to accept the quote received from Evolis at a cost of £1,891.

Councillors voted 7 in favour, 2 against (as they preferred a different option). Parish Council agreed to purchase one SID from Evolis as per quote for £1,891.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Next meeting 22nd June 2020