

## WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010** in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19:30.

**PRESENT:** Mr W Suter (Chairman), Mr G Sumner (Vice-Chairman), Mr C Hayes, Mr D Hayward, Mr C Offer (arrived at 7.40pm), Mrs K Pearson,

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs H Craven-Jones (Clerk).

**1** Apologies: Mr A Bennett, Mr B Biggs, Dr A Philipson, Mr W J Smith, Mr R Whitfield.

**2** Declaration of interest: Mr C Hayes, Mr D Hayward, and Mrs K Pearson declared a personal interest in agenda items 6.2, Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments, if any discussion were to take place relating to the allotments, as they rent allotments.

Mr G Sumner declared a personal interest in agenda item 6.6, Eastern Development Area, as he is a Western Vale Villages (WVV) Steering Group committee member, Wanborough Action Group Chairman and Chairman of the East of Swindon Communities Group.

**3** Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

***The meeting was adjourned to allow Rory Draper, Community Beat Manager and Mark Cooke, Community Support Officer to provide an update on neighbourhood policing in the rural south area.***

*Rory and his team are responsible for neighbourhood policing in Wroughton, Chiseldon, Great Western Hospital, Wanborough, Liddington, Hinton Parva and Bishopstone.*

*The team distribute newsletters on a regular basis. These are placed in the Village shop and also on the Parish Council noticeboards. Rory and his team also hold*

*“drop in” centres on a regular basis and welcome the attendance of local residents. Dates of this are also advertised on the Parish Council noticeboards.*

*Rory confirmed that there has been a 50% decrease in reported crimes in Wanborough during 2009. He also acknowledged that anti-social behaviour is something that does increase in the summer months and police patrols will play an important role in attempting to prevent anti-social behaviour. In 2008/2009, there were 14 reports of anti-social behaviour compared with 7 in 2009/2010. In 2008/2009, there were 6 burglaries on private dwellings, and also 6 burglaries on private dwellings in 2009/2010. There were 26 cases of reported vehicle crime in 2008/2009, compared with 20 cases on 2009/2010.*

*Rory did point out that these are only the crimes he is aware of and he does rely on residents reporting the crimes to him.*

**Questions raised by Parish Council:**

- *What approach do you take with raves? Are you likely to stop them or contain them?*  
*There are two sites where raves take place, The Barn off the Ridgeway and the hollow by the hotel. Generally we would make an attempt to stop the rave and prosecute those involved. We would also seize any equipment, although it does have to be risk assessed.*
- *Is there a reluctance by local residents to report minor anti-social behaviour?*  
*Yes, many feel it is laborious, long drawn out process, but people need to persevere.*
- *There seems to be alot more dog fouling as well as smashed beer bottles from youths hanging around at the Lower Rec. Is dog fouling something we could report to you? The perception from many residents is that some issues may be too minor to report. However that should not be the case, as even if it is not a police matter, we have partnerships with lots of other agencies and would be able to refer the matter to the appropriate organisation.*
- *With regard to the anti-social behaviour, people just need to see you and know that you are doing patrols. Is this something you will continue to do as people are then aware that you are dealing with the issues. We need to show a presence earlier in the evenings, seize the alcohol from the 15 to 20 year olds. This usually nips it in the bud.*

**Questions raised by the Public:**

- *Many people who own dogs seem to think that they do not have to clear up their dog mess. However, surely this is an anti-social behaviour issue. The dog owners need to be spoken to about this, given bags for their dogs' mess and the matter taken further if people don't take notice. There is one dog owner in the village who does not keep their dog under control and has been known to bite other dogs. What are your views on this? We have spoken to dog owners in the past and will do if we need to. There is a dog warden at Swindon Borough Council who can educate, if not we would have no alternative but to fall back on enforcement. Again, we can work with other agencies who would resolve this.*
- *Is there someone on the Council still looking into a Youth Community Support Group? This is something the village need to take forward, Rory is happy to act as a liaison with this.*

**Meeting was adjourned for public questions:**

*A resident attended to give details of issues they have been experiencing outside of their house, which is located next to the Church car park. The issues have been ongoing for 2 years, but seem to have become alot worse in recent weeks – evidence of drug use, litter, used condoms being left in the area and increased noise levels from groups of youths in and out of their vehicles. The resident asked for increased police presence. Rory is happy to provide this and has passed his contact details to the resident. WPC have agreed to supply 2 litter bins for the Church car park. Clerk to order these. The resident has also suggested that a gated entrance to the car park may act as a deterrent and reduce the problems. WPC are considering this request and are going to seek views from Rev. Robin Cardwell about a gate and also seek views of local residents by putting an article in the Lyden magazine.*

- *Has any progress been made with regard to new equipment being supplied at the Upper Rec. Play area in Wanborough? We have had quotations for this which are all in the region of £18 – £25k. We do have some money set aside for this, but we are a long way from these amounts.*
- *Is it something that could be put forward to the Parish Plan? It has not been put forward to the Parish Plan yet, however this is something that could be*

*raised with them.*

- *Do we have a Contingency Plan in place if the village were cut off due to bad/severe weather? There is a panel looking into this and a questionnaire is to be issued. We would like to hold a register of vulnerable, elderly people so that in such a situation WPC could provide support and help to those in need. This would be linked with neighbourhood watch.*

#### **4** Report from Ward Councillor:

Nothing to report.

### **5 PLANNING**

#### **5.1** To consider Planning Applications Received:

**S/10/0119CLMC** - Marsh Lea, The Marsh, Wanborough, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 0AR – Erection of a ground floor rear and side extension and roof alteration. No objections.

**S/09/2254/KIWA** – 10 Jenner Close, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 0FA – Conversion of garage into living accommodation. Object, Clerk to write to SBC with objections.

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

**S/09/1774/RM** – Lotmead Farmhouse, Lotmead Farm, Stratton Road, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0SN – Erection of a single storey extension.

**S/09/2271/KIWA** – Ashview, Kite Hill, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AW – Erection of a single storey rear extension and 2 no. rear dormer windows.

**S/09/2029/ROBI** – The Liddington, King Edwards Place, Ermin Way, Foxhill, Swindon – Change of use from a hotel (Class C1) to a children’s educational activity centre (Class 2) and erection of building for sports use, extension to outdoor training building and former training centre building, conversion of stables to staff accommodation, creation of a lake, enlargement of existing lake and associated works.

#### **5.3** To notify the Schedule to the Refusal of Planning Permission/Consent:

None.

#### **5.4** To notify Conservation Area Consent received:

None.

#### **5.5** Planning Inspectorate Appeal:

**APP/U3935/A/09/2114971/NWF** – Site at The Black Horse, Upper Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0DQ – Copy of Inspector’s decision on this appeal was brought to the meeting.

## **6 COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES**

### **6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation:**

A Hooper's Field Management Committee meeting was held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Wanborough JFC would like to request an additional pitch for the coming season – either for a Sunday am or pm. Some people have raised some issues about Southgate FC and that they are leaving the changing rooms in a bad state. Clerk has given B Suter the date when Southgate are next playing at home and he is going to check on this. Clerk is to confirm HFMC meeting dates for 2010. The Clerk has been asked to order gravel for the drive at Hoopers Field in preparation for the Village Clear up. Sansums delivered the gravel last time, so Clerk will contact them.

### **6.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments:**

Village Highway maintenance dates have been confirmed for 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and 8<sup>th</sup> November to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010. B Biggs is to liase with SBC with regard to this.

6.2.1 B Biggs has made SBC aware of some potholes around the village that need dealing with immediately. The Village Clear up will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 9.30am at Hoopers Field. Clerk is to place a notice in the Lyden, on the website and also on all Parish Council noticeboards about this. Clerk is also to arrange for a large skip to be delivered to Hoopers Field prior to the clear up.

6.2.2 D. Hayward reported that the cross roads sign, near Jubilee Cottage on the left hand side is badly damaged. Clerk to report to SBC.

6.2.3 Gary Sumner attended a meeting with Covingham PC's Chairman and has made them aware that no more plots will be offered to Covingham residents. The Councillor for Covingham is Derek Benfield and G Sumner has suggested that B Biggs contact Derek. Derek has been tasked with dealing with the allotment problems. G Sumner has suggested that a sub-committee meeting should be arranged in order to agree wording for the letters that will be sent to the Covingham residents.

6.2.4 Following a complaint from a Wanborough resident about dog fouling, the Clerk has been asked to price up the cost of signage, which would be placed at the Lower Rec, fields at the side of the school, the Upper Rec, Green Lane and Rodway.

The Clerk will also establish the cost of dog waste bins and inform WPC at the next meeting. Articles on this matter are also to be included in the next village newsletter, Lydin magazine and also on the website.

6.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee:

The next meeting will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

6.4 Planning and Finance:

Nothing to report.

6.5 Civil Protection Emergency Group:

There is going to be a further meeting arranged in order to take this to the next stage. B Biggs to confirm meeting date.

6.6 Eastern Development Area:

There was a meeting at Covingham in February in relation to the EDA. Rod Bluh attended. EDA and Core Strategy documents are likely to be deferred to the summer at the earliest.

## **7 FINANCE**

7.1 Financial Statement:

The monthly financial statement was circulated. It was proposed by Mr G Sumner and seconded by Mr C 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 February 2010 be endorsed and the transfers to cover February 2010 expenditure be approved."

7.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement: The monthly cash flow statement was circulated. It was proposed by Gary Sumner and seconded by Dave Hayward that the Statement be accepted. The meeting scheduled in order to review the cash flow statement did not take place. It will take place at a later date.

## **8. OTHERS**

8.1 Transport:

B Biggs has confirmed the potholes on Wanborough Road and informed SBC.

## 8.2 Wiltshire Association of Local Councils:

Nothing to report.

## 8.3 Neighbourhood Tasking Group:

Nothing to report.

## 8.4 Grants:

Rev. Robin Cardwell has requested a grant to help repair the church organ. The organ is over 100 years old and has only had one major overhaul. The Parish Council agreed that they would like to offer a grant of £300.00 in order to help with the costs of repairing the church organ. Clerk to inform Rev. Robin Cardwell of this. Victim Support request was considered, but WPC have not offered a grant to Victim Support.

## 8.5 Parish Plan:

Ray Pethick attended the meeting in order to provide an update on the Parish Plan. The Parish Plan was set up during the middle of 2009, Ray is the Treasurer of the Parish Plan. The Parish Plan has received a lot of guidance and support from "Community First", which is funded by the Government. Parish Plan are hoping to hold an Open Parish Committee meeting on the evening of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May, this would be a fairly informal meeting and would be followed by a more formal session on the morning of Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, where residents would have the opportunity to ask questions about any issues they have. There will be a flier issued to confirm these meeting dates.

Parish Plan may also attend the Annual Assembly in May in order to explain to residents what they do and answer any questions. Community First have suggested that they should have more representation from Parish Council on the Parish Plan. They wondered if W J Smith would be interested in getting involved, as they do not have a farmer from the local community. Clerk to contact W J Smith and inform him of the date of the next Parish Plan meeting. Parish Plan are going to make a formal request to WPC for a grant as they will need money in order to fund the fliers, and other things in the future.

## 9. Vehicle activated signs:

Emily Sykes has confirmed the total costs for the VAS. This is £5384.00. Clerk to check that this figure is in line with what WPC had allowed to be spent on the VAS. To be finalised at the next meeting.

10. Governance:

Nothing to report.

11. Flooding:

Carl Collins should have a draft of the Flood Management Report by the middle of March. The Clerk is going to invite him to the next Parish Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010. Carl will present his findings and answer any questions. Following this, Carl will then finalise the report.

12. WPC Newsletter:

Articles have been forwarded to the Clerk. Clerk to collate articles/prepare layout in order for Cats Solutions to print the newsletter, 850 copies.

The newsletter will be distributed by the middle of March 2010.

13. Clerk's Gratuity Fund:

Agreed that this would be given to Louisa Adams as she did not have a pension scheme set up and also this is in recognition of her contribution to WPC. Clerk to contact Louis Barnes and inform her, and also confirm in writing.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

All correspondence received since the last meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 was listed in the Clerk's notes and was available at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 21:45.

***Date of next meeting is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010.***