

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **22nd January 2018** in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19.30.

PRESENT: Mr C Offer (Chairman), Mr B Biggs (Vice-Chairman), Mr J Sinclair, Mr R Whitfield, Mr D Hayward, Mr M Simpson, Mr J Smith, Mr C Hayes, Mrs D Stalker, Mr J Emmins and Mr J Naylor.

In Attendance: Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk), Mr G Sumner (Ward Councillor, left at 21.00) and 45 members of public.

1. Apologies: None
2. Declaration of interest:
David Hayward and Colin Hayes declared a personal interest in item 6.3 as they each rent an allotment. John Emmins declared a personal interest in item 6.1.6 as he is a member of the Bowls Club. Joe Smith declared a prejudicial interest in item 6.5.4 as he owns land within the NEV. Donna Stalker declared a prejudicial interest in item 6.2.2 as she is the landowner. Colin Offer declared a prejudicial interest on planning application at 6 Oakapple (item 5.1) as he is a close neighbour.
3. Minutes:
Resolved the minutes of the full council meeting held on 18th December 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairperson as a true record.

Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions

Colin Offer introduced public questions by stating he would like Gary Sumner (Ward Councillor) to open. Gary Sumner spoke in relation to footpath modification order 44 and the decision Parish Council made at their December 2017 meeting. He felt that Parish Council had made a decision without all the evidence in front of them and therefore Parish Council should reconsider. He confirmed that he had spoken to SBC's Rights of Way Officer who confirmed that Parish Council's proposed compromise would result in three footpaths. He then confirmed that he would like to hand over to the applicant to speak.

A resident (also the applicant of footpath 44 modification order) gave a statement in relation to footpath 44 modification order, confirming that he was horrified to hear that Parish Council had raised an objection to the proposed order at the last meeting. His statement referred to sections of Parish Council's letter, maps and other evidence that he circulated to Councillors. Seven other residents gave statements in favour of footpath 44 modification order, some reading out statements on behalf of other residents.

A resident questioned Parish Council's due diligence, stating that with all the evidence received Parish Council should reconsider their decision.

Colin Hayes confirmed that footpath 44 actually already exists.

Bob Biggs confirmed that footpath 25 is open and this is the footpath that everyone used over the past years. He confirmed that, as the scout leader who used to walk the footpaths in the area, he would have walked footpath 25 and felt that there is currently confusion between the footpaths.

A resident made a statement and reasons for opposing footpath 44 modification order, however he was interrupted and was unable to finish.

Colin Offer stated that Parish Council had made their decision at the last meeting. He did not have the support from Council members to add the item to the agenda for this meeting, therefore Parish Council will not be discussing further. He confirmed that this matter is now closed and asked if there were any further questions on anything else other than footpath 44.

A resident stated that he never receives a reply when he sends anything to SBC. He confirmed that he has had a problem with water pooling on his driveway ever since the developer resurfaced it, however SBC never reply, so what is he supposed to do?

A resident asked if the footpath that runs along the edge of the new development at Stanley Close and by Springlines can be improved and included as part of the footpath improvements that are on the agenda this evening.

Residents continued to question Parish Council as to whether they would reconsider the opposition to footpath 44 modification order based on the information received this evening. Parish Council confirmed that they cannot be forced to reconsider their decision during public questions and confirmed that they will be meeting with SBC's Rights of Way Officer.

4. Report from Ward Councillor

Gary Sumner continued to speak about footpath 44 modification order confirming his disappointment.

Gary Sumner updated Parish Council on broadband.

He confirmed that he had received complaints about a number of potholes around the village which he has reported and they are now all marked with yellow paint.

SBC have now forwarded a letter to the Clerk from Taylor Wimpey confirming that the outstanding ditch work will start in February.

Joe Smith raised a question about Green Lane entrances. Gary Sumner confirmed that, until residents stop parking and driving over them, they will remain muddy.

A question was also raised about the pool of water outside the entrance to Sharpes Farm. Gary Sumner confirmed that the entrance is far better than it was previously, indicating that a look at Google Maps shows the entrance in a far worse state, with large potholes; what is there now is an improvement.

Parish Council asked Gary Sumner if the grips along Wanborough Road can be cleared; he confirmed that he would report them to SBC.

(Gary Sumner left the meeting)

(Members of the public, apart from 4, left the meeting)

5. **PLANNING**

5.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

(Colin Offer left the meeting while this item was discussed)

S/HOU/18/0081 - 6 Oakapple Close - Erection of a single storey side extension, a front porch and 3no. front dormer windows.

Parish Council discussed this application and agreed to raise no objection.

S/18/0052 - Herriefts, Ham Road - Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 1no. dwelling and double garage, plus a new vehicular access

S/18/0051 - Fenny Compton Ham Road - Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 1no. dwelling and double garage.

The above two applications have already gained permission, however the application has been split into two to allow construction work to commence on the two applications at different times. Parish Council's comments remain the same as for the original application.

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

None

5.3 Planning Application that has been withdrawn

None

6. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

6.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation

- 6.1.1 Parish Council discussed the Hooper's Field Questionnaire results, agreeing that there were some positive results. Clerk has put a summary of the results on the website, plus an article in the Lyden.

Parish Council unanimously agreed to wait and see if anyone comes forward from the village who is able to help with this project first.

Clerk confirmed that if Parish Council want to consider a new committee responsible for Hooper's Field expansion project then this will need to be agreed at a Parish Council meeting, along with "Terms of Reference" for this committee. **ACTION Parish Councillors**

- 6.1.2 Clerk reported that Chubb have now repaired the fire alarm system at Hooper's Field pavilion.
- 6.1.3 Pump Services Ltd are currently repairing the sewage pump, which will take at least two weeks.
- 6.1.4 The entrance sign has fallen down, due to the wind. Clerk has removed and put in the storage cupboard to keep it safe until it can be put back up.
- 6.1.5 The next Hooper's Field meeting has been postponed until Monday 19th February 2018, Clerk has notified all clubs.
- 6.1.6 *(John Emmins left the room while this item was discussed)*

Parish Council discussed the maintenance costs of the Bowls Club conservatory and the cost of cleaning the external roof.

Resolved that Parish Council agree to pay for the maintenance costs of the conservatory. Parish Council to arrange a meeting with the Bowls Club to discuss their direct costs in more detail (as agreed at Finance committee meeting).

6.2 Footpaths and Village Maintenance

- 6.2.1 Proposed footpath improvement from Hooper's Field to Church Road. Clerk has circulated new plans for the footpath improvements. SBC have since confirmed that the owner of Pebblestones (Rotten Row) has raised an objection to the footpath next to their property being changed to tarmac. Parish Council raised a concern about the maintenance of the footpath if it isn't tarmac. **ACTION Clerk to check with SBC**

- 6.2.2 *(Donna Stalker left the room while this item was discussed)*

To ratify Parish Council's comments to SBC in their letter dated 8th January 2018 re footpath modification order 44.

Parish Council voted 8 in favour, 2 against; Parish Council **resolved** to ratify the letter to SBC.

Parish Council unanimously agreed to arrange a meeting with SBC's Rights of Way Officer – **ACTION Clerk**

- 6.2.3 Parish Council have received a number of concerns from residents in relation to the state of Green Lane entrances. After a discussion it was agreed to ask SBC Highways whether they would consider hard-standing matting that grass can grow through or to lay some scalping's to help improve how muddy the area is. **ACTION Clerk**
- 6.2.4 Next committee meeting is due to be held on Monday 5th February 2018. Colin Offer confirmed his apologies for this meeting.

6.3 Allotments

- 6.3.1 Meeting with Thames Water on 10th January 2018. Clerk attended this meeting and confirmed that one of the allotment holders has dug out around the fence posts between the Thames Water and allotment site that need to be re-instated. Thames Water also raised no objection to a new entrance gate, provided there is enough room for their vehicles to leave the main road before having to open the gate. It was agreed to gain quotes for new entrance gate. **ACTION Clerk**

6.4 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

6.4.1 Mark Simpson confirmed that the Committee meeting in January 2018 was cancelled

6.5 Planning and Finance

6.5.1 **Resolved** to ratify minutes of Planning and Finance meeting held on 15th January 2018

6.5.2 Parish Council discussed the proposed increase in the Precept for 2018/19; a proposed increase of 3%, giving a total precept of £63,956.44, which is equivalent to £70.42 per band D per dwelling.

Resolved To agree a 3% increase in the Precept for 2018/19.

6.5.3 To appoint an Internal Auditor. Clerk put forward a proposal to use the same Internal Auditor as last year: Darkin Miller (Chartered Accountants) who specialise in Internal Audits for Parish Councils. They charged £410 last year, but the charge for this year will be slightly less, as it always takes longer in the first year of an audit.

Resolved to appoint Darkin Miller (Chartered Accountants) as Parish Council's Internal Auditor for 2017/18.

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

NEV Liaison meeting held on 22nd January 2018.

Main points from the meeting:-

- Rowborough outline planning application approved. SBC are expecting the design and reserved matters application soon, which will mean this site can move forward. SBC expect the 500 new dwellings at South Marston to be built first.
- Symmetry Park Unit 1 complete.
- Great Stall East planning application – SBC agree and raise all the concerns that Parish Council stated in their letter. They are expecting a revised application soon.
- Lotmead Inquiry – SBC expect the Inspector to submit their report to the Secretary of State in February 2018 and then SBC should hear the outcome 6 to 8 weeks after that.
- SBC are due to meet with Thames Water again. They have a site agreed for the pumping station. Waste water for NEV is sorted, it's just the fresh water supply that needs to be agreed.

There is another "drop in" session to view plans for the White Hart Junction, Great Stall Bridge and Southern Connector road on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 from 3.30pm to 6.30pm at Coleview Community Centre.

6.5.5 To review and consider parking complaints within the village. Parish Council discussed and agreed to put an article in the Lyden asking residents if they would support making areas such as the land next to the Church into a car park for the use of residents of Church Road.

6.5.6 To review layout of minutes. Parish Council discussed and agreed to keep the same.

6.5.7 Rosemary Heath (SBC Legal Department) has provided an update on the ditch along Springlines Meadow. Taylor Wimpey have confirmed that they will carry out the tree clearance works to allow access to the ditch in the next couple of weeks.

6.5.7 Defibrillators – The code to the defibrillator cabinet was released on a Facebook page. Clerk has contacted Community Heartbeat to report this and is currently waiting for a reply as to whether the code should be changed. This has also resulted in the resignation of one of the volunteers who used to carry out the weekly checks. Clerk is currently covering until a new volunteer can be found.

6.5.8 Clerk has received a few more e-mails confirming interest in fibre broadband bringing the total up to 21. Colin Offer has put another article in Lyden to try and gain further interest.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Payment Schedule for January 2018

Colin Hayes proposed and Mark Simpson seconded; Parish Council unanimously approved the payment schedule for January 2018.

7.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement

Jim Sinclair proposed and Mark Simpson seconded; Parish Council unanimously approved the Cash Flow Statement for January 2018.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

All other correspondence since the last meeting on 18th December 2017 was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 22.10

Date of next meeting Monday 26th February 2018